



TOUCHSTONE ANNOUNCES EXPANSION OF CREDIT FACILITY TO US\$30 MILLION

CALGARY, ALBERTA (December 22, 2021) - Touchstone Exploration Inc. ("Touchstone", "we", "our", "us" or the "Company") (TSX, LSE: TXP) is pleased to announce that it has entered into an amended and restated loan agreement with its Trinidad based lender providing for a \$10 million increase in the principal balance to \$30 million (the "Amended Loan Agreement").

Touchstone currently has \$15 million of the loan principal balance drawn and anticipates withdrawing the remaining \$15 million available balance prior to the end of 2021. The Amended Loan Agreement provides enhanced financial flexibility at attractive after tax pricing.

The Amended Loan Agreement did not alter any material terms of the Company's prior loan agreement, save for an additional underwriting fee of \$50,000 payable to the lender, equivalent to 0.5% of the increased principal amount. The following material terms and conditions of the original loan agreement remain applicable:

- Borrower Touchstone Exploration (Trinidad) Ltd.
- Facility type Senior secured syndicated loan, with Republic Bank Limited acting as initial lender, arranger and administrative agent
- Revised facility amount US\$30 million
- Principal availability period Principal may be withdrawn prior to January 1, 2022
- Term June 15, 2027 - seven years from the initial closing date
- Fixed interest rate 7.85% per annum, payable quarterly in arrears
- Principal amortization schedule Twenty equal and consecutive quarterly principal repayments commencing on September 15, 2022
- Prepayments Currently permitted with a 1.0% penalty and a 90-day notice period, no penalties payable after June 15, 2023
- Collateral Senior mortgage over fixed assets of the Borrower and its subsidiaries and a corporate guarantee from Touchstone Exploration Inc.
- Financial covenants (to be initially tested for the year ended December 31, 2022) Net Senior Funded Debt to EBITDA less than 2.5 times
Net Senior Funded Debt to Book Value Equity less than 0.7 times
Debt Service Coverage Ratio greater than 2.5 times
- Cash reserve balance Maintain a balance of not less than the equivalent of two quarterly interest payments due

Touchstone Exploration Inc.

Touchstone Exploration Inc. is a Calgary, Alberta based company engaged in the business of acquiring interests in petroleum and natural gas rights and the exploration, development, production and sale of petroleum and natural gas. Touchstone is currently active in onshore properties located in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. The Company's common shares are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange and the AIM market of the London Stock Exchange under the symbol "TXP".

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Forward-Looking Statements

Certain information provided in this news release may constitute forward-looking statements and information (collectively, "forward-looking statements") within the meaning of applicable securities laws. Such forward-looking statements include, without limitation, forecasts, estimates, expectations, and objectives for future operations that are subject to assumptions, risks, and uncertainties, many of which are beyond the control of the Company. Forward-looking statements are statements that are not historical facts and are generally, but not always, identified by the words "expects", "plans", "anticipates", "believes", "intends", "estimates", "projects", "potential" and similar expressions, or are events or conditions that "will", "would", "may", "could" or "should" occur or be achieved.

Forward-looking statements in this news release may include, but is not limited to, statements relating to the Company's expectation and timing of withdrawing the Amended Loan Agreement available principal balance. Although the Company believes that the expectations and assumptions on which the forward-looking statements are based are reasonable, undue reliance should not be placed on the forward-looking statements because the Company can give no assurance that they will prove to be correct. Since forward-looking statements address future events and conditions, by their very nature they involve inherent risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from those currently anticipated due to a number of factors and risks. Certain of these risks are set out in more detail in the Company's 2020 Annual Information Form dated March 25, 2021 which has been filed on SEDAR and can be accessed at www.sedar.com. The forward-looking statements contained herein are made as of the date hereof, and except as may be required by applicable securities laws, the Company assumes no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statements made herein or otherwise, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.