



Vortex Energy Commissions Hydrogen and Helium Study at Robinsons River Salt Project

Desktop study will use existing geological, geophysical and well data to assess natural hydrogen and helium potential

Vancouver, British Columbia, October 5, 2026 – Vortex Energy Corp. (CSE: VRTX) (OTC: VTECF) (FSE: AA3) (“**Vortex**” or the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce that it has commissioned Lonquist Field Service (Canada), ULC (“Lonquist”) to conduct a desktop geological study to evaluate the potential for naturally occurring hydrogen and helium at its 100%-owned Robinsons River Salt Project in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The study will review existing geological, geophysical, and well data and compare the data against the expected conditions for potential hydrogen and/or helium generation, migration and trapping. Lonquist will evaluate the available information and recommend further investigation where warranted, providing a basis for the Company to determine its next steps. Vortex will provide an update following completion and review of the study.

“We want to make appropriate use of the information already available at Robinsons River,” said Paul Sparkes, Chief Executive Officer of Vortex Energy. “Lonquist’s review will help us determine whether natural hydrogen and helium warrant further exploration and where follow-up work could be most useful.”

Qualified Person

The scientific and technical information contained in this news release has been reviewed and approved by Jared Suchan, Ph.D., P.Geo., Vice President of Exploration of the Company and a “Qualified Person” as defined by National Instrument 43-101.

For additional information concerning the Project and the Company’s data-verification and quality-assurance procedures, readers are referred to the Company’s technical report entitled Independent Technical Report on the Robinsons River Salt Property, dated July 31, 2023, available under the Company’s profile on SEDAR+.

About Vortex Energy Corp.

Vortex Energy Corp. is an exploration stage company engaged principally in the acquisition, exploration, and development of mineral properties in North America. The Company is currently advancing its Robinsons River Salt Project, located approximately 35 kilometres south of the town of Stephenville in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. The Robinsons River Salt Project is prospective for salt and potential hydrogen storage in salt caverns. The Company has also acquired the Meadows Project, comprising approximately 21,609 hectares across 338 Crown parcels in west-central Saskatchewan near the Alberta border, which it intends to explore for salt with potential applications for compressed air energy storage and hydrogen storage. In addition, the Company holds its Fire Eye Uranium Property in the Wollaston Domain of northern Saskatchewan.



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Various assumptions or factors are typically applied in drawing conclusions or making the forecasts or projections set out in forward-looking information, including, in respect of the forward-looking information included in this press release, assumptions that Lonquist will complete the study as contemplated; that the existing geological, geophysical and well data are sufficient and reliable for the purposes of the study; and that the Company will have the resources to carry out any follow-up work it determines to be warranted.

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