



Vortex Energy Receives Government Approval for Ground Gravity Survey at Robinsons River Salt Project

Approximately 22-day field program to be managed by Lonquist, with results to feed 3D gravity inversion and 2D modelling along key seismic profiles

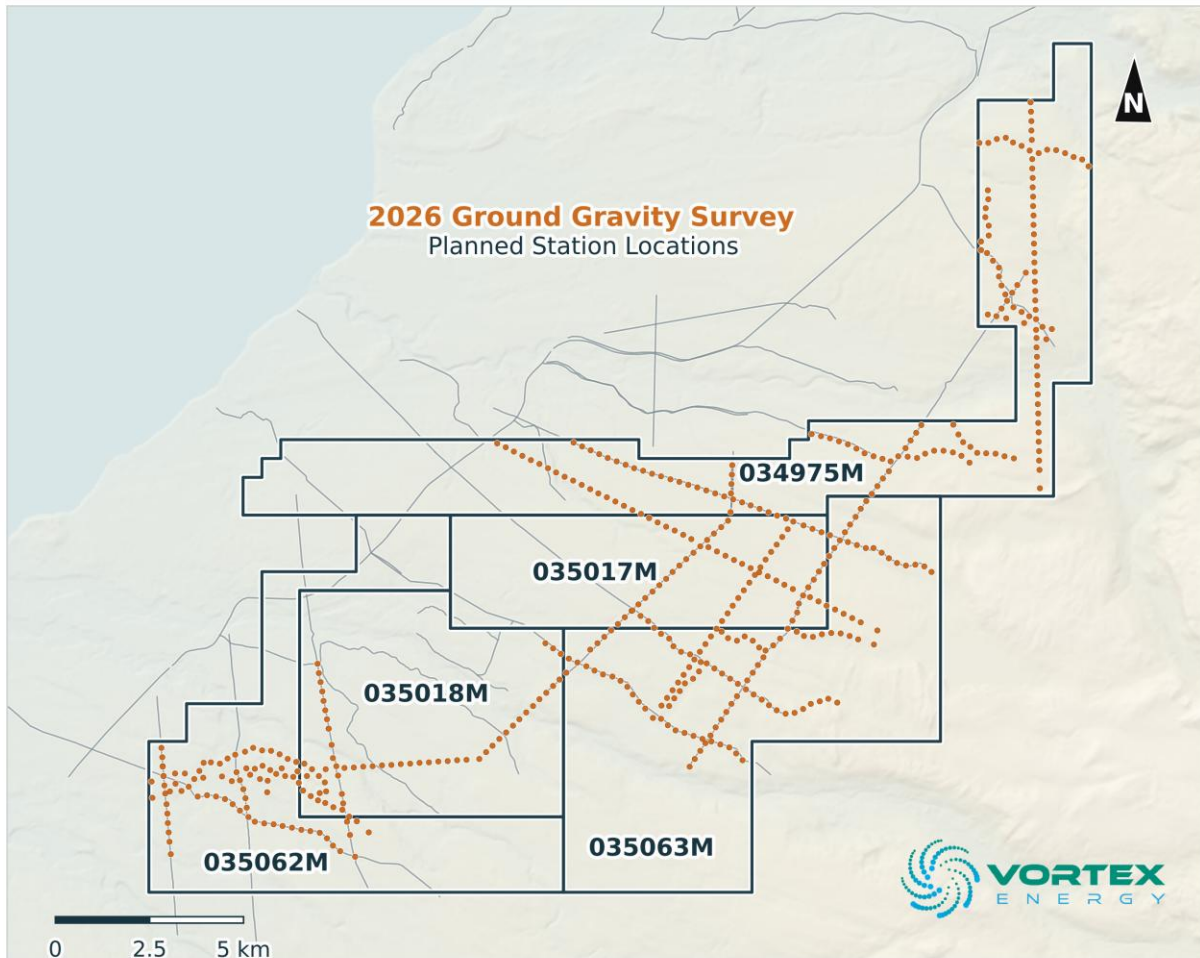
Vancouver, British Columbia, October 22, 2026 – **Vortex Energy Corp.** (CSE: VRTX) (OTC: VTECF) (FSE: AA3) (“**Vortex**” or the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce that it has secured the approvals, permits and land access permissions required to commence its planned ground gravity survey at the Robinsons River Salt Project in Newfoundland and Labrador. The current survey design comprises approximately 500 planned measurement stations, with field acquisition expected to be undertaken by McKeown Exploration Services under the management of Lonquist Field Service (Canada), ULC (“Lonquist”). The survey will target gaps in existing gravity coverage and areas of exploration interest across the Project, including areas west of the Cloverleaf target and within the eastern block. Planned stations include traverses along selected historical seismic lines, allowing the new gravity measurements to be evaluated alongside existing seismic interpretations. Field acquisition is estimated to require approximately 22 working days, with final station locations and timing subject to access, weather and ground conditions, and completion of contractor arrangements.

The Mineral Lands Division of Newfoundland and Labrador’s Department of Energy and Mines approved the proposed geophysical survey program through Letter of Acceptance E260510, dated October 16, 2026. The survey will be conducted in accordance with the letter’s conditions, including in regard to environmental protection and archaeological requirements.

The Company aims to compare the new measurements with the Project’s historical airborne gravity-gradiometry data to assess consistency between the datasets, with the goal of improving confidence in the subsurface interpretation. The Company is planning to subsequently complete a modelling program that would include three-dimensional gravity inversion and targeted two-dimensional modelling along key seismic profiles near potential drilling locations. This work is intended to refine the interpretation of prospective salt structures and support decisions on future exploration drilling.

“We now have a detailed survey plan that builds directly on the technical work completed at Robinsons River,” said Paul Sparkes, Chief Executive Officer of Vortex. “These additional measurements will help us better understand the priority target areas and make more informed decisions about where to focus the next phase of exploration.”

The program advances the ground gravity survey announced on September 3, 2026, and Lonquist’s engagement announced on September 14, 2026. Vortex will provide further updates as fieldwork progresses. Gravity interpretations are non-unique and require integration with geological and drilling information; gravity data alone cannot establish salt composition, thickness or continuity.



LEGEND		MAP REFERENCE	DATA SOURCES
— Licence Boundary	● Planned Gravity Stations	16 October 2026	Copernicus GLO-30 (30 m)
— Historical Seismic		NAD83 / UTM Zone 21N	2021 Release
		EPSG:26921	Elevations: EGM2008

Survey layout dated 15 October 2026. Station locations are preliminary and subject to access and field conditions.

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Figure 1. Planned ground gravity station locations relative to the Robinsons River project licences and historical seismic lines. Station locations remain subject to field conditions and access.

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 Robinson River Salt Project comprised of a total of 942 claims covering 23,500 hectares located approximately 35 kilometres south of the town of Stephenville in the Province of Newfoundland & Labrador. The Robinson River Salt Project is prospective for both salt and hydrogen salt cavern storage. The Company is also currently advancing its Fire Eye Uranium Property in the Athabasca Basin, a region renowned for its uranium deposits.

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support the selection of potential drilling locations and decisions regarding future exploration drilling; and the provision of further updates as fieldwork progresses.

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