

PRESS RELEASE

DIVERGENT Energy Services Announces Stock Option Grants

Symbol (DVG: TSX-V)

CALGARY, ALBERTA – May 17, 2021. **DIVERGENT Energy Services Corp. (“Divergent”, the “Company”, or “DVG”)** announces that the Company has completed its annual review of incentive plan awards, and subject to regulatory approval, its board of directors has approved, effective May 11, 2021, the grant of an aggregate of 500,000 stock options to the members of its Technology and Corporate Development Advisory Committee, exercisable into common shares of the Corporation at an exercise price of \$0.075 per common share. In addition, the board of directors has approved, effective May 11, 2021, the grant of an aggregate of 2,000,000 stock options to directors, officers and employees of the Corporation, exercisable into common shares of the Corporation at an exercise price of \$0.075 per common share. All of the aforementioned stock options shall vest as to one-third at 12 months, one-third at 24 months and one-third at 36 months from the date of grant and have a five-year term to expiry.

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ABOUT DIVERGENT ENERGY SERVICES CORP.

Headquartered in Calgary, Alberta, Divergent provides Artificial Lift products and services for the water, gas and oil industries through its wholly owned subsidiary Extreme Pump Solutions LLC. Product lines including Electric Submersible Pumps and the future development of an Electromagnetic Pump technology.

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