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#### **Corporate snapshot**

Leveraged to growing export gas markets, strong cash position

		140
MEO Australia Limited (MEO)		120 Asian Net Gas Imports China
Issued shares (Ordinary fully paid ) Unlisted options	477.2m 8.9m	100 80 60 Other
Mkt Cap (@\$0.395)	\$188m	40 South Korea
Cash (@ 30th June) Plus Petrobras cash*	A\$36m + US\$39m	20 Mtpa 0 Source: BP Statistical Review 2009 1970 1975 1980 1985 1990 1995 2000 2005
Enterprise value* (Net of cash backing)	~\$106m	<sup>50</sup> World Methanol Demand
Daily liquidity (Rolling 3 month average)	~3.3m	40 China
Shareholders (31 <sup>st</sup> August)	~12,800	20
Top 20 hold (31 <sup>st</sup> August)	~16.6%	10 Rest of World
* Post regulatory approvals expected September 2015	ber	0 Source: ICI & MMSA 1965 1970 1975 1980 1985 1990 1995 2000 2005 201



## Team has extensive large company experience

Commercial decisions underpinned by rigorous technical evaluation







## **Strategically located Carnarvon Basin acreage**

Near existing LNG projects hungry for additional gas resources





## WA-360-P Case Study

MEO's technical skills and rapid evaluation identifies potential value

	2007	2008	2009	2010
Permit awarded to Cue Energy and Gascorp (Feb '05)				
MEO farms-in for 60% equity (Oct'07) on seismic option	•			
MEO acquires 200 km <sup>2</sup> 3D over Artemis lead (Dec'07)	acqu	re/process		
Interpretation confirms Artemis is substantial prospect		Interpret		
MEO negotiates drill/drop extension and option to increase equity to 70%		negotiate/e	xecute	
MEO acquires 250 km <sup>2</sup> 3D survey over Artemis extension		а	cquire/process	
MEO commences farm-out process				
Artemis 3D Survey supports extension, structural closure to north and DHI* conformable with structure				
Petrobras selected as preferred farminee - negotiate & execute farmin documents			neg	gotiate/execute
MEO exercises option to drill Artemis-1 well - secures 70% equity (20% post farm-out)			-	
MEO purchases additional 5% equity (25% interest)			r	negotiate/execute
Regulatory approval of transfer expected September				
Artemis-1 drilling expected November (subject to current Operator operation performance)				

\* DHI = Direct Hydrocarbon Indicator, an indication of high probability of gas based on seismic interpretation



## Artemis prospect DHI defined on 2007 & 2009 3D's

2009 Artemis 3D survey enhanced prospect identified on 2007 MEO 3D



Amplitude extract (DHI) at commencement of farm-out



Amplitude extract after new data received in July 2009

- Farm-out was launched based on 2007 MEO 3D
- 2009 Artemis 3D designed to test northern extension of DHI
  - New data supported structural closure to the north
  - Several farminees completed evaluation <July 2009
- New 3D survey reduced risk and allowed optimal well placement



## **Artemis prospect DHI comparison with Perseus**

DHI conformable with structure – similar to Perseus gas field



- Equivalent reservoir units to Perseus exhibit similar seismic signatures
- MEO estimates Geological Chance of Success (GCOS) at 32% (pre-2009 3D)
- Gas quality expected to be similar to Pluto & Wheatstone (low CO<sub>2</sub>, low liquids)
- Multiple options to monetise any discovered resources



## Artemis prospect – high end geophysics applied

Analysis post farm-out de-risks prospect



Simultaneous inversion was undertaken to produce three datasets (Acoustic Impedance, Poisson's Ratio and Gas Probability\*) that were used to determine distribution of likely gas sands

\* Note: Gas probability calculation is not calibrated to well data in this 3D seismic data set. Artemis-1 will calibrate the data





# **Milestones achieved & pending**

Identify & unlock potential, attract strong, aligned partners

Milestone	Status	Date
Identify preferred farmin partner for WA-360-P (Artemis)	$\checkmark$	Sep 2009
Secure funds and commit to drilling Artemis-1	$\checkmark$	Nov 2009
Execute WA-360-P Farmin agreement	$\checkmark$	Apr 2010
Secure FIRB approval for WA-360-P Farmin	$\checkmark$	June 2010
Acquire additional 5% equity in WA-360-P	$\checkmark$	June 2010
Execute contract for drilling rig to drill Artemis-1	$\checkmark$	July 2010
Acquire additional 15% equity in WA-361-P	$\checkmark$	July 2010
Complete NT/P68 Reservoir Characterisation Study (Schlumberger)	$\checkmark$	July 2010
Secure regulatory approval for WA-360-P Permit equity transfer		September
Complete Gaffney Cline & Associates NT/P68 Resource Certification		September
Launch farmout of NT/P68		October
Accept Songa Venus rig from Shell for Artemis-1		November



## **Tassie Shoal - strategically located**

Close to undeveloped gas fields seeking a commercial solution





## **Tassie Shoal Projects – Proven Technologies**

A real commercialisation option for stranded Timor Sea gas





## NT/P68 (100% MEO) hosts 2 gas discoveries

Adjacent discovered gas fields show variable productivity & CO<sub>2</sub>





## **Reservoir studies to predict sweet spots**

analysis reveals cause of variable productivity





## Methanol a viable alternative to geo-sequestration

Converts CO<sub>2</sub> disposal cost into a revenue stream – Alchemy!







## **Tassie Shoal Projects**

Solution to economic impediments

- Close to gas source
- Grounded in shallow water
- Modular construction
- LNG and Methanol
- Proven technology
- Mature design
- Environmental approvals

- reduces distance challenge
- removes movement challenge
- minimises development cost
- sequesters CO<sub>2</sub> cost effectively
- reduces implementation risk
- ready to proceed to FEED
- secured for LNG & Methanol (x2)

#### **Next Steps:**

- Heron & Blackwood reservoir studies complete
- Complete resource certification (Gaffney Cline and Assoc)
- Farmout and appraise NT/P68 gas resources
- Select and proceed with optimised development



#### Unwavering focus is to progress assets to value realisation

## Summary



Planets are aligning for substantial potential value to be tested

- Balanced board, experienced management team
- Large gas projects near existing infrastructure
- 25% equity in ~12 Tcf Artemis prospect Nov 2010
  - Free carried in 1<sup>st</sup> well
  - 20% carried in 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> wells (success case)
- ~A\$70m cash (post regulatory approvals)
  - Seeking to supplement portfolio
- 100% equity in Timor Sea gas discoveries farmout
- Substantial leverage to drilling success



