### **Corporate Presentation**

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Carnarvon Petroleum Limited ("Carnarvon") (ASX:CVN) is pleased to provide shareholders with the attached Corporate Presentation given by Mr Adrian Cook, Carnarvon Managing Director, at the Macquarie Mid-cap Oil and Gas Conference, Macquarie Office, Level 3 No.1 Martin Place, Sydney on Thursday 15 September 2011.

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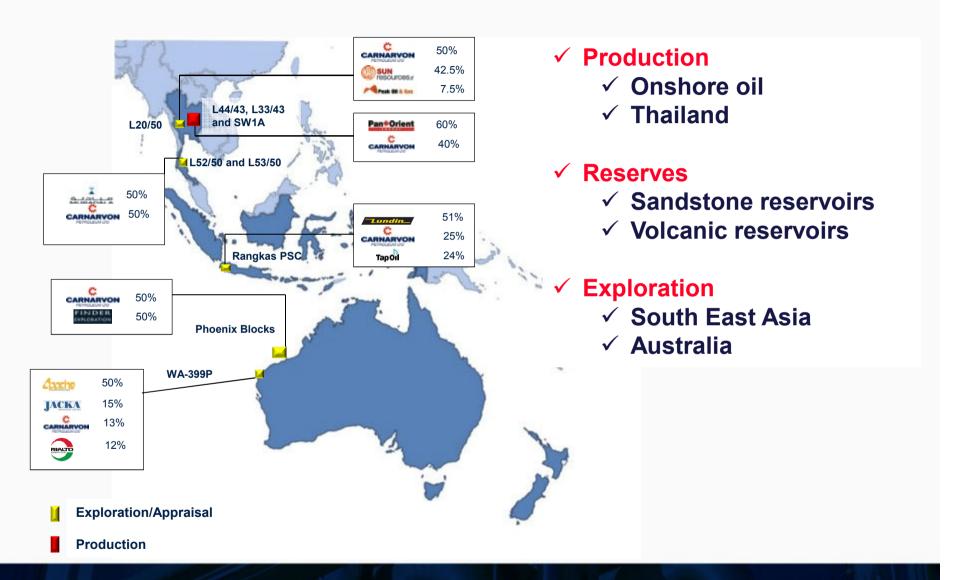
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### **Overview**

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## **Corporate snap shot**

**Market Capitalisation** 

Cash (no debt) (30 June 2011)

**Profit before exploration write offs** (YE 30/6/11)

**Enterprise value / 2P reserves** 

2P Reserves (31 Dec 2010)

- Proved reserves
- > 2P sandstone reserves

\$110m

\$15m

\$13m

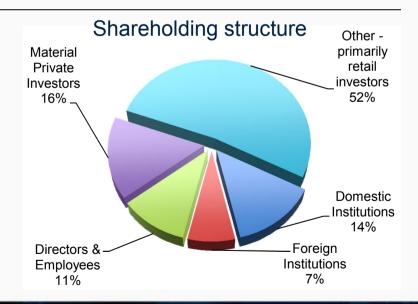
US\$4.50/bbl

20mmbbls

4.7mmbbls

4.4mmbbls







### **Thailand**

## **Key region for Carnarvon**

– CVN farms in to SW1A producing field Wichian Buri Sandstones

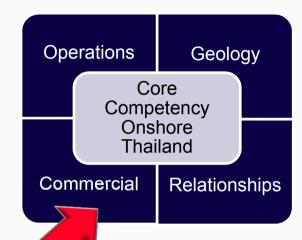
– CVN (with SW1A JV) applies for L33 and L44 exploration permits

- new sandstone discoveries

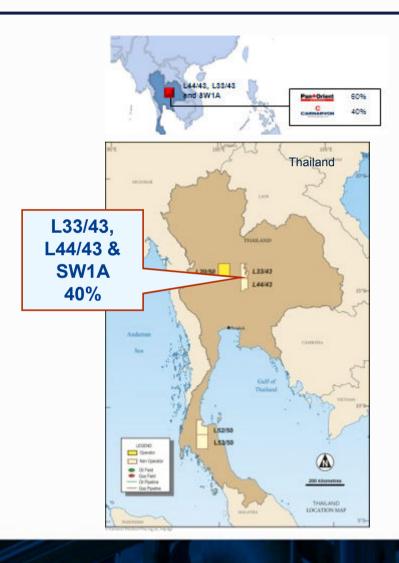
2006 - volcanic discoveries

– CVN builds knowledge database in operations and exploration

– CVN builds acreage position from ~20km² in 2001 to current ~12,000 km²

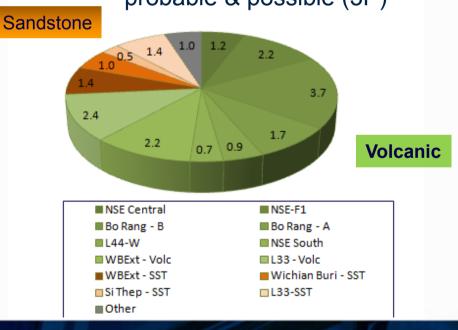


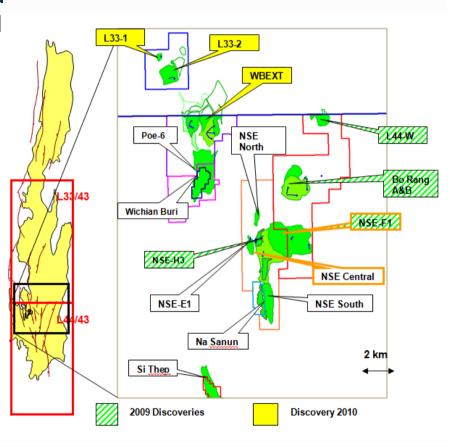
# L33/43, L44/43 & SW1A Concessions



## 2006 to 2010 - strong reserves growth

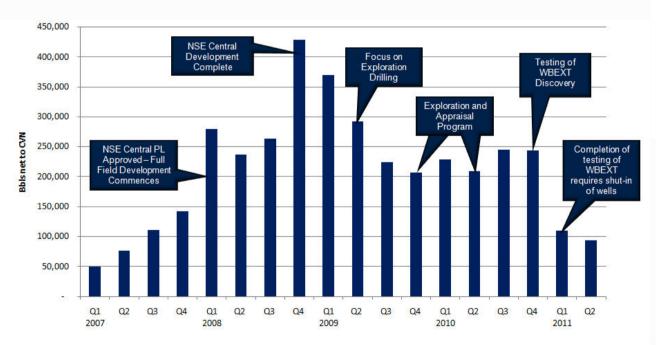
- 2006 2P reserves of 3 mmbbls
  - Since 2006 some 100 new wells drilled
  - Over 10 additional oil fields discovered
- ❖ 2010 2P reserves of 20 mmbbls
  - ❖ 5 mmbbls proved (1P);
  - 52 mmbbls proved,probable & possible (3P)

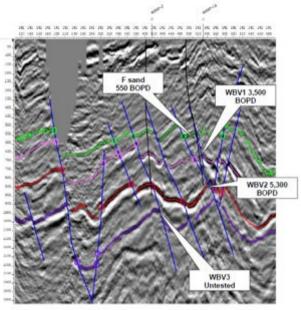




## 2011 – production

- □ 2011 primarily centered on the WBEXT discoveries
  - WBEXT wells generated flow rates of up to 5,000 bopd
- The WBEXT wells suffered early water incursion
- ☐ Further WBEXT focused drilling couldn't replicate the results from the earlier wells





Production variability comes from multi-layered fractured volcanic reservoirs

#### **Future**

#### <u>Sandstone Reservoirs – production history since 1995</u>

- Sandstone reservoirs produced ~400,000 bbls to end of 2010
- 2P reserves as at end 2010 in the order of 4 million bbls
- Currently undertaking studies for optimal development
- Awaiting EIA approval for new well sites to develop

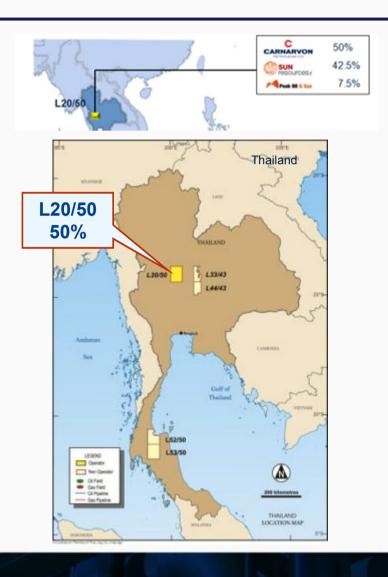
#### Volcanic Reservoirs - high flow rates, fast payback, but variable

- ❖ Volcanics produced around 4 million bbls from 2006 to 2010
- 2P reserves as at end 2010 nearly four times that amount
- Understanding fractured reservoirs remains a focus but also a great potential
- Currently undertaking fracture analysis and stress regime studies

#### <u>Other Potential – 3P reserves, exploration, technology</u>

- Substantial 3P reserves and resources require delineation
- Exploration + application of new & existing technology Perth basin tight gas....

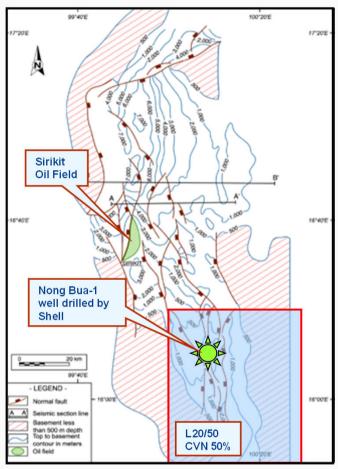
### L20/50 Concession



## **Exploring for on trend oil**

- On trend with 200 million barrel Sirikit Oil Field (produced over 150 mmbbls & still producing ~20,000bopd)
- Nong Bua-1 drilled by Shell with oil shows
   potential oil column in sandstone
- Initial analysis suggested a simple pumping operation may have been commercial
- We have the knowledge to enable rapid development and commercialisation

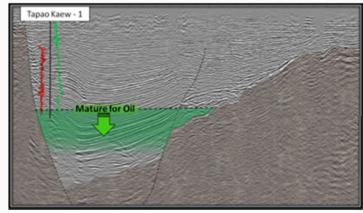
Carnarvon 50% (Operator)
Sun Resources 42.5%
Peak Oil and Gas 7.5%



Structural Contour Depth Map to Top Basement and Major Faults (Modified after Bal et al. 1992)

## **Encouraging results**

- Two wells drilled by CVN in 2011
- As indicated at the time, we were not expecting a commercial result.
- De-risked key elements to prove a working petroleum system exists





#### 7rap...?

Wells drilled in the basin to date have likely not been drilled on viable structures, due to complex geology and sparse 2D data coverage



Intersection of several thin, reservoir quality sands (better than pre-drill expectations) in Tapao Kaew, Krai Thong, and Nong Bua, suggest a good chance of encountering reservoir in future wells



All wells to date have penetrated stratigraphy with good sealing potential

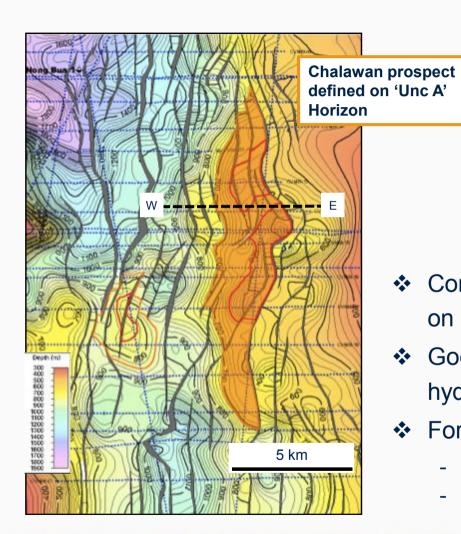


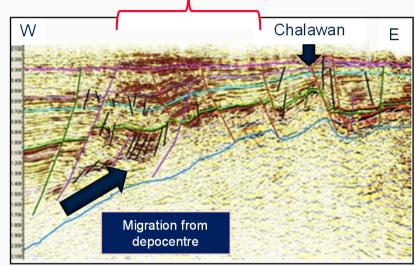
#### Source:

Geochemical analyses from recent wells suggest good to excellent quality, mature source rocks.

## Focus on valid traps

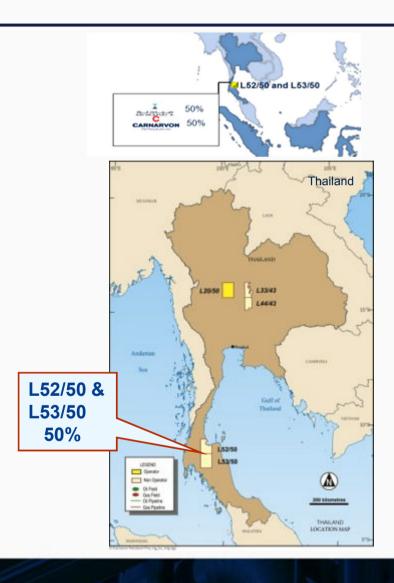
Complex faulting on basin margin: good potential for structural closures





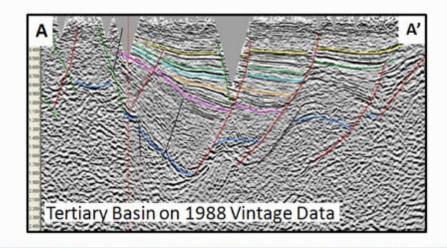
- Complex faulting and multiple fault terraces on eastern flank of basin
- Good potential for trapping along likely hydrocarbon migration pathways
- Forward plan:
  - Reprocessing 2D seismic data;
  - 3D seismic acquisition to better define structures and de-risk the trap

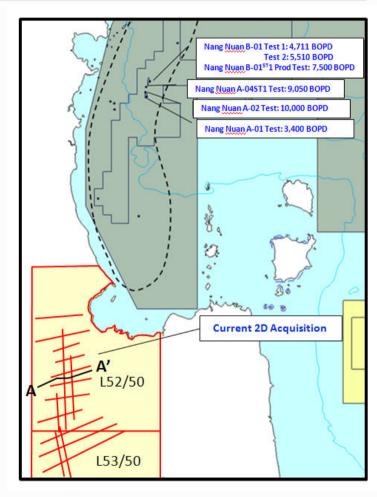
### L52/50 & L53/50 Concessions



# Early stage exploration

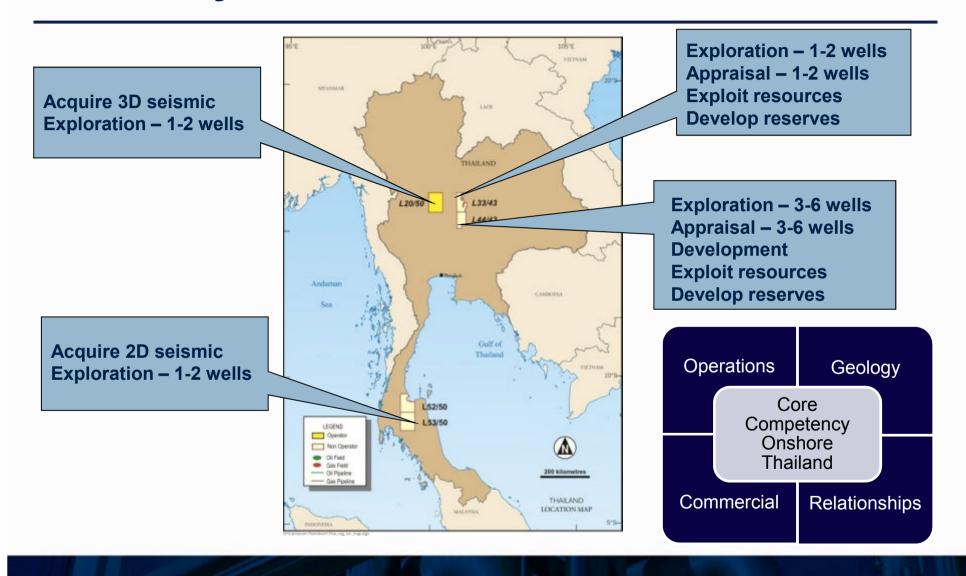
- Under-explored basin with few valid well tests
- Close proximity to prolific offshore basins in the Gulf of Thailand
- Surface geological and structural mapping completed in 2010
- Currently acquiring new 2D seismic to infill sparse 1988 vintage data





CVN 50% & Pearl 50% & operator

## **Next 1-2 years in Thailand**



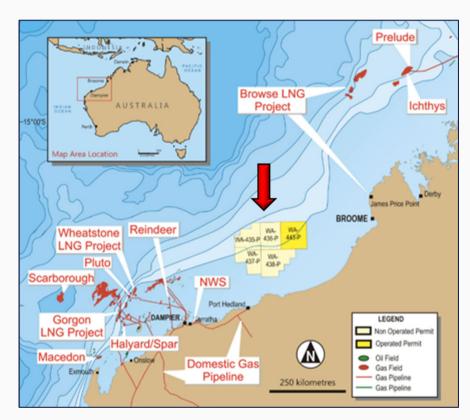


### **Australia**

## Phoenix – significant value potential

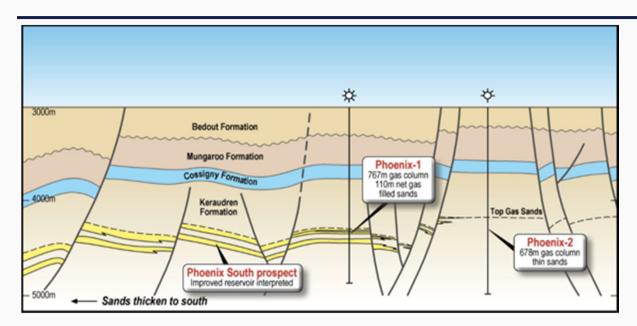
#### Material interests + large acreage + discovered gas

- Interests of 50% & 100%
- 28,300km² acreage holding
   plenty of running room
- Gas discovered by BP in 1980
- ❖ Focus on WA-435-P & WA-437-P
  - contains the discovered gas
  - contains new 3D seismic data
- Large number of Prospects and leads
- Material gas volumes recoverable with possible condensate.



The "Phoenix" asset refers to Carnarvon's 50% interest in the WA-435-P, WA-436-P, WA-437-P and WA-438-P Permits and its 100% interest in the WA-443-P Permit

#### Gas discovered - Phoenix-1 well



The Phoenix-1 well reduces key geological risks on multi Tcf accumulations, such as the Phoenix South prospect.

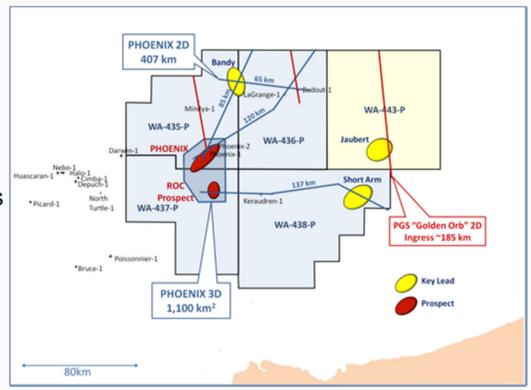
Extracts from BP's Phoenix-1 well Geological Completion Report (July 1980) and Well Evaluation Report (Nov 1980):

- "Thicker sandstones below 4113m yielded significant gas shows"
- "Net gas-bearing pay is estimated to be 110.5m".
- "Drilling was suspended (at total depth 4880m) without testing when it was considered unsafe to continue with available pressure control equipment".
- "WELL STATUS: Suspended with gas shows".

#### New data - 3D and 2D seismic

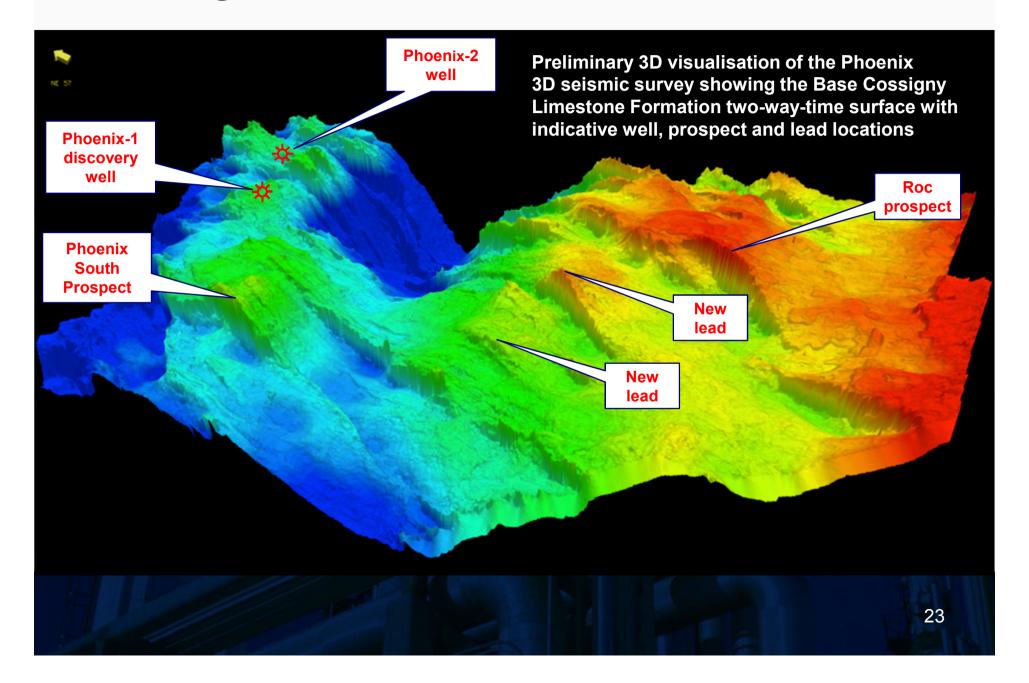
#### **Building valuable knowledge**

- Phoenix-1 gas discovery
- Phoenix-2 tight gas
- Kerauderan-1 quality sands
- ❖ New 3D − 1,100km²
- ❖ New regional 2D 407km

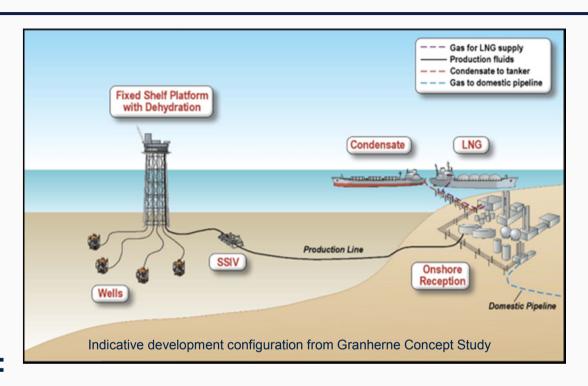


- ☐ Prospect sizes are significant and range from 0.5 to 3.0 Tcf of recoverable gas.
- ☐ Drilling to focus on prospects in 3D survey & on trend with Phoenix gas discovery
- □ Drilling likely in water depths of around 140m, similar to Phoenix-1 and 2 wells.
- ☐ Well depths similar to the Phoenix-1 and 2 wells at around 5,000m.

### First images from the 3D seismic data set



## **Development – standard configuration**

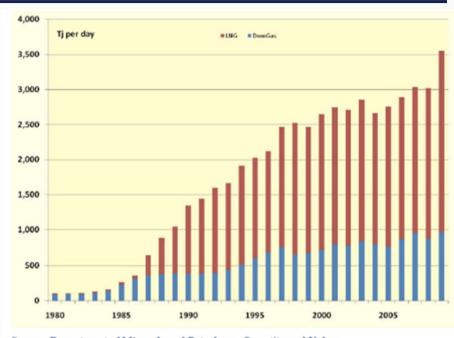


#### **Planning for:**

- ☐ Gas & condensate, based on Phoenix well results & regional field assessments.
- LNG or domgas configuration options.
- ☐ Options to utilise existing domestic gas pipeline near Port Hedland.
- ☐ A Granherne Concept Study supports a conventional field development.

## Markets – strong regional demand

- Asian LNG demand growing rapidly.
- Western Australian gas demand also growing & remains an important source of energy for the State.
- □ Potential gas supply / demand gap being projected by WA Government.
- □ Phoenix is close to existing domestic gas pipeline infrastructure at Port Hedland
- Phoenix also relevant to LNG projects in the area.



Source: Department of Minerals and Petroleum, Quantity and Values

**NEWS THIS WEEK...** 

## Rising demand

Rapidly growing energy demand across Asia has resulted in countries looking to each other and to the rest of the world as they seek greater energy security.

## Clear plan – achievable timeline

- Very clear strategy
- Minimising key risk elements
- Material prospects & leads
- ☐ Strong interest in the asset
- Material equity interests
- Multiple routes to crystalise value
- ☐ In a growing market for gas & LNG



The time line above is indicative only



### Conclusion

## Management's priorities

- Steadily improve the base production from sandstone reservoirs
  - ♦ (L44/43 & L33/43 Concessions, Thailand).
- Continue drilling high flowing volcanic reservoirs
  - ♦ (L44/43 & L33/43 Concessions, Thailand).
- ❖ Farm-out Phoenix asset
  - ♦ to accelerate the drilling of potentially significant value prospects.
- Pursue growth opportunities
  - → Exploration current portfolio;
  - → Exploration new assets; and
  - ♦ Sensible acquisitions.





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