

Phoenix South-3 – drilling update

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Carnarvon Petroleum Limited ("Carnarvon") (ASX:CVN) is pleased to provide the following update on the drilling of the Phoenix South-3 ("PS-3").

Progress

The 7-5/8" liner has been set and cemented in place down to around 5,205 metres Measured Depth ("MD") and the well has commenced drilling ahead.

Current Operations

The rig is currently drilling ahead at approximately 5,210 metres MD.

The primary Caley Member is anticipated to be encountered in this section of the well.

Forward Plan

The well will continue drilling ahead to a depth of approximately 5,500 metres MD.

Controlled Drilling through Reservoir section

The previously drilled Phoenix South-2 ("PS-2") well was unable to fully evaluate the Caley Member due to high pressures encountered in that well. The PS3 well plan and its associated procedures employ controlled drilling operations prior to and during the drilling of the reservoir section. As a consequence, drilling progress will be slower than that previously experienced in the other wells in the Phoenix project.

Well Objective

The primary objective for the Phoenix South-3 well is to evaluate the gas and condensate potential of the Caley Member within a large, faulted anti-clinal closure that was partially penetrated with the Phoenix South-2 well.

Phoenix South-2 encountered gas and condensate in the Caley Member but was unable to drill through and evaluate the formation. The Phoenix South-3 well has been optimally designed to penetrate and evaluate the hydrocarbon bearing formations of the Caley Member.

Phoenix South-3 is located around 560 metres North-North East of the Phoenix South-2 well. The well will target a closure that is estimated by Carnarvon to contain a gross mean recoverable prospective resource of 489 Bscf of gas and 57 million barrels of associated condensate (being 143 million barrels of oil equivalent ("boe"), gross, Pmean) – Refer to ASX Announcement on 28 March 2017.

Prospective Resources are the estimated quantities of petroleum that may potentially be recovered by the application of a future development project and may relate to undiscovered accumulations. These prospective resource estimates have an associated risk of discovery and risk of development. Further exploration and appraisal (including this well) is required to determine the existence of a significant quantity of potentially moveable hydrocarbons.

Project equity Owners:

Carnarvon Petroleum

20%

Quadrant Energy (*Operator*)

80%

Yours faithfully



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Figure 1 – Location of the Phoenix Project

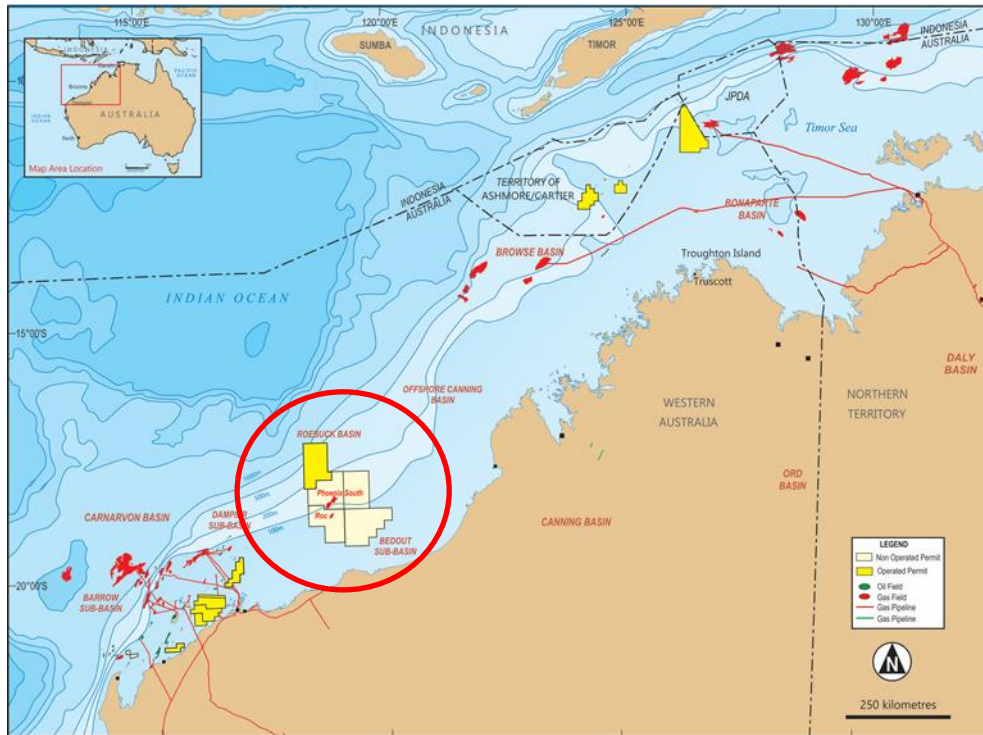


Figure 2 - Location of the Phoenix South-3 well within the project

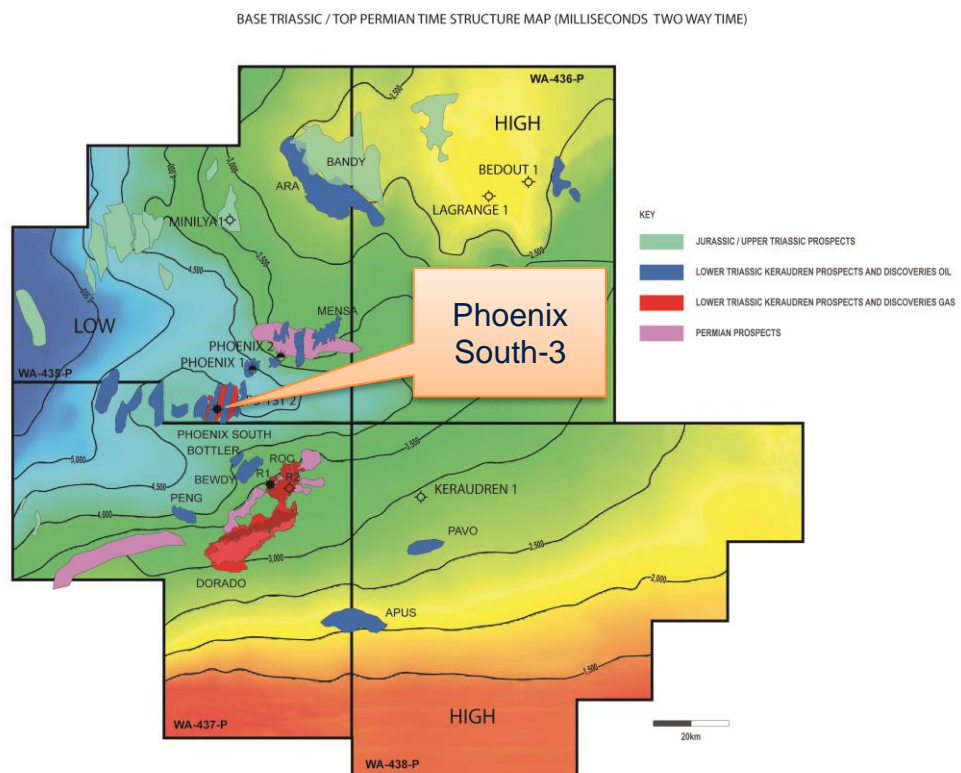


Figure 3: Caley depth map and positioning of the Phoenix South-3 well

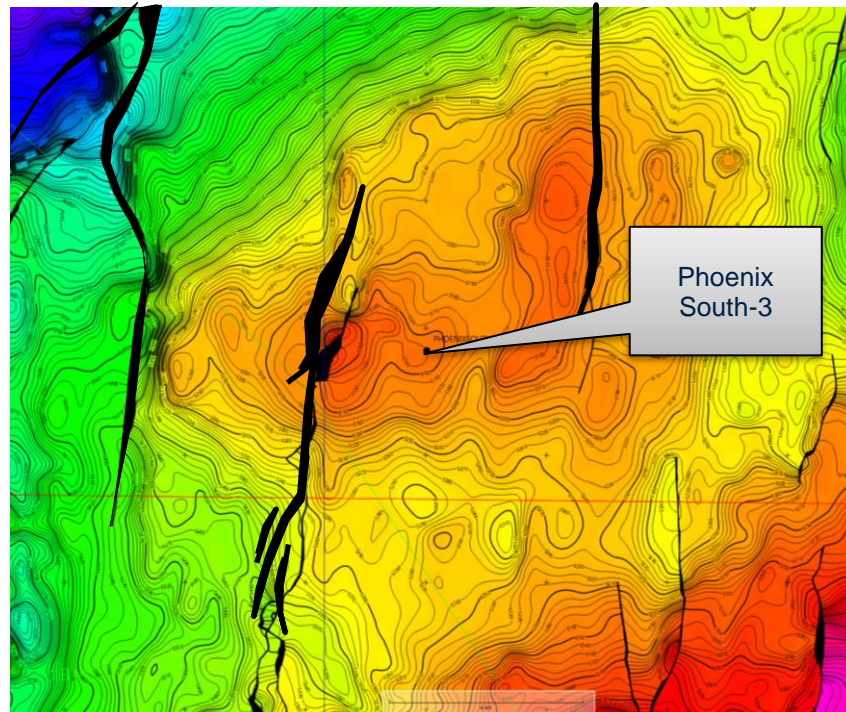
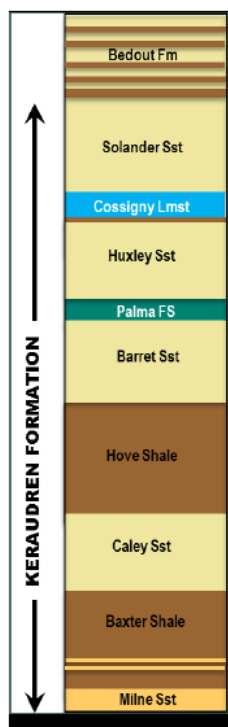


Figure 4: Geological formation diagram



Primary objective is to evaluate the gas and condensate discovered in Phoenix South-2 at the **Caley Sandstone** within the Keraudren Formation

Cautionary Statement

There are numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating reserves and resources, and in projecting future production, development expenditures, operating expenses and cash flows. Oil and gas reserve engineering and resource assessment must be recognised as a subjective process of estimating subsurface accumulations of oil and gas that cannot be measured in an exact way.

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Resources

All contingent and prospective resources presented in this report are prepared as at 23 April 2018 (Reference: CVN ASX releases of 23 April 2018). The estimates of contingent and prospective resources included in this announcement have been prepared in accordance with the definitions and guidelines set forth in the SPE-PRMS and have been prepared using probabilistic methods.

Carnarvon is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in this report and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in this presentation continue to apply and have not materially changed.

Competent Person Statement Information

The Resource estimates outlined in this report were compiled by the Company's Chief Operating Officer, Mr Philip Huizenga, who is a full-time employee of the Company. Mr Huizenga has over 25 years' experience in petroleum exploration and engineering. Mr Huizenga holds a Bachelor Degree in Engineering and a Masters Degree in Petroleum Engineering. Mr Huizenga is qualified in accordance with ASX Listing Rules and has consented to the form and context in which this statement appears.

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