



# **MOLOPO AUSTRALIA LIMITED**

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An Australian Gas (CBM) Producer

**July 2007** 



#### **CORPORATE PROFILE**

Market Capitalisation (@ \$0.295): \$210m

12 Month Trading Range:
A\$0.03 to \$0.345

Cash Reserves (June 07): \$17.2m

Debt Free

### **Board & Management:**

Donald Beard – Chairman

Stephen Mitchell – Managing Director

Ian Gorman - Executive Director & Chief Operating Officer

Wally Borovac - Non-Executive Director

Ric Sotelo - Chief Financial Officer & Company Secretary



### **OPERATIONAL STATEGY/KEY ASSETS**

Molopo's CBM growth strategy has been to build a diversified portfolio of petroleum assets at the appraisal or advanced exploration stage. This has thus far led to a portfolio that now includes 6 areas of interest:

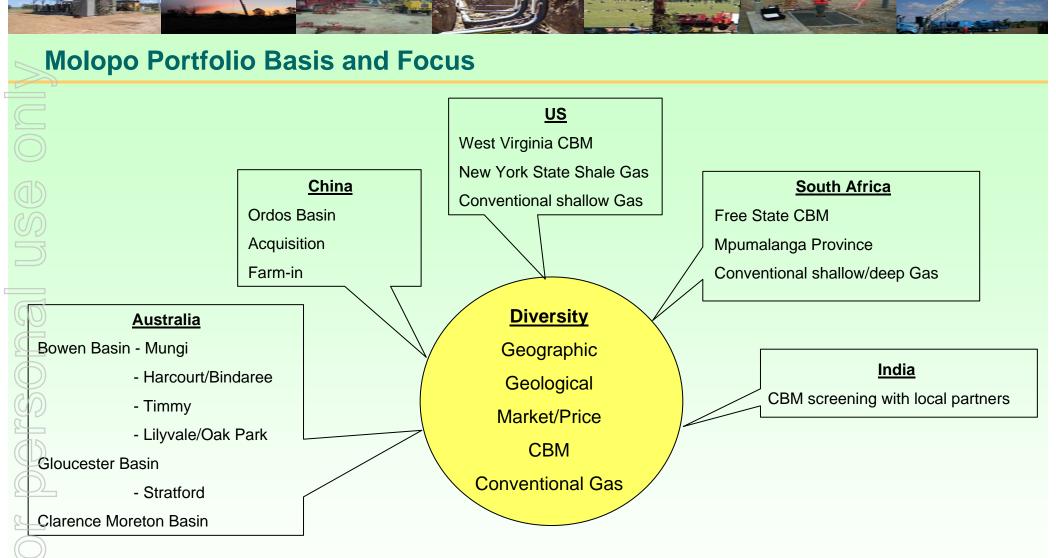
**Core Projects** 

- Bowen Basin Queensland
- 2. Gloucester Basin NSW
- 3. Liulin CBM Project China
- 4. Mason County USA

- 5. Clarence Moreton Basin NSW
- 6. Evander and Virginia Gas Fields South Africa
- This portfolio includes four regions with substantial gas potential:
  - A. One is now in production with further development planned
  - B. Two are under pilot test
  - Fourth has existing limited free gas flow
- Molopo is now set to embark upon a strategy to develop this portfolio into assets that can generate long-term cash flow and shareholder value



- Production
- Pilot/Production Test
- Exploration
- Capture



No other Australia CBM player has this degree of diversity and opportunity already captured



# -Of personal use Value Near Term (1-2 yrs) • Mungi • Bindaree Harcourt • Timmy

#### Mid Term (2-3yrs)

- Gloucester Basin
- China Liulin
- North America Mason County CBM
- Lilyvale/Oak Park

#### Long Term (4+ yrs)

- China Other
- North America Other
- India
- North America New York Shale
- South Africa

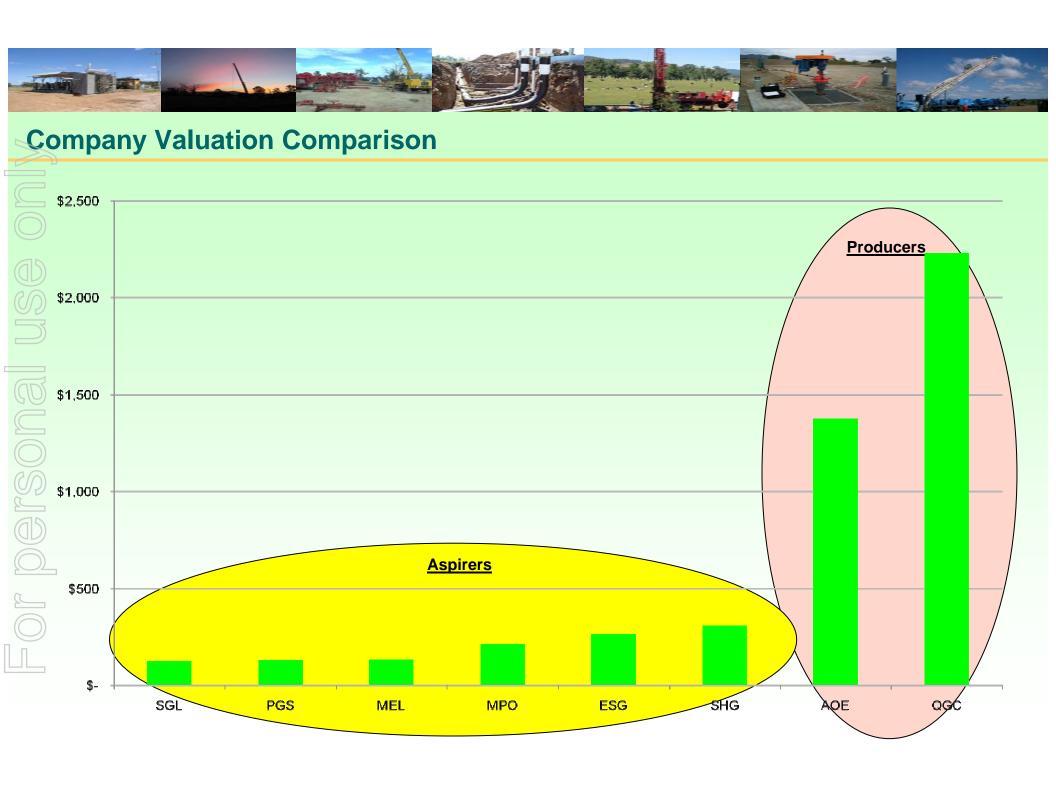
Increasing International Focus

**Timeframe** 



### Managed & Technical Capability

- Molopo has a proven ability to acquire high quality prospective areas and opportunities and to add value to those areas
- or bersonal use Molopo will continue to access and acquire low cost entry opportunities Internationally
  - Technical skills have been boosted by hiring the core of the BHPB CBM technical team
    - Molopo is embarking on a deliberate path to mature opportunities in its portfolio or divest in order to deliver and un-lock value





# **Company Scope Comparison**

	Company	Production	Australia	International	CBM Reserves	Conventional Gas
	Planet Gas	No	2 Basins	US	US Only	Limited
<i>J V V</i>	Metgasco	No	1 Basin	No	No	No
	Eastern Star	Limited	1 Basin	No	No	Limited
Ű,	Sydney Gas	Limited	1 Basin	No	Yes	No
	Sunshine Gas	Limited	2 Basins	No	No	Limited
10	QGC	Major	1 Basin	No	Yes	No
	Arrow	Major	2 Basins	India, China, Indonesia	Yes	No
	Molopo	Limited	3 Basins	US, China, South Africa	Yes	Yes



### Use of Funds – Next 12 months (\$m)

Region	Screening Capture	Exploration	Appraisal & Pilot	Development*
Queensland		1	1	10**
NSW		2	2	
China		1	1	1
South Africa		1		2
US		1		
New Projects	1			
Total	1	6	4	13

#### Notes:

Helm Acquisition \$6 million (if finalised)
Unallocated Costs \$2 million
Excludes Revenues

- \* Results contingent
- \*\* \$3 million firm

#### **Cash Summary**

Cash on hand \$17m
Cash raised \$24m (after costs)
Firm Commitments \$21m
Closing cash \$20m
Additional development \$10m
Closing Cash with dev. \$10m



# **Project Portfolio Overview**

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#### **AUSTRALIAN PETROLEUM INTERESTS**

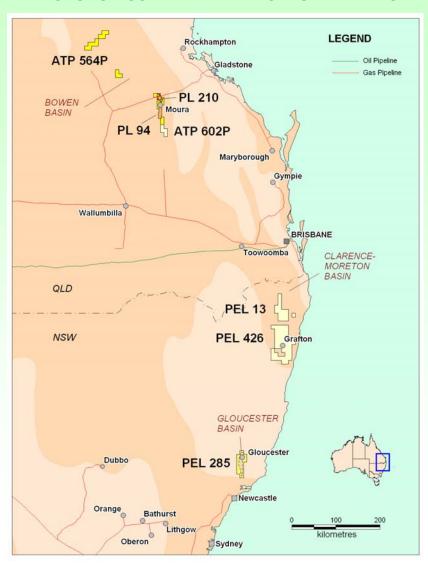
#### QUEENSLAND

- Bowen Basin Molopo has 25% of ATP564P, PL94 (part), PLA210 and ATP602P
- Molopo has signed a HOA to acquire a further
   25% (conditional on final shareholder
   approval)

#### **NEW SOUTH WALES**

- Gloucester Basin Molopo has a 30% interest in PEL285
- Clarence Moreton Basin Molopo had a 100% interest in PEL 426 and 100% of the conventional rights in PEL 13
  - Metgasco earning a 50% interest in PEL426
- Metgasco is also earning 75% of the CBM rights and 50% of the conventional rights in PEL13

#### **MOLOPO AUSTRALIAN PETROLEUM PERMITS**





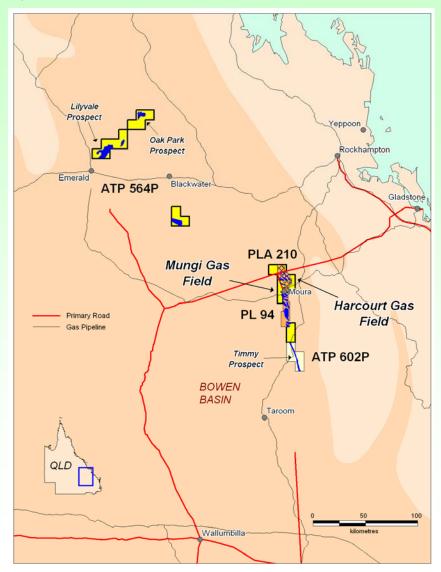
#### **CBM IN QLD - Bowen Basin Permits**

- Molopo's share of 2P Reserves is 83PJ and 3P reserves (225PJ)
- 2P Reserves defined to date in 3 prospects
- Partners are Anglo, Mitsui and Helm

#### Queensland Portfolio - Prospects & Their Potential \* Total Total Total Potential 1P 2P Sales Pool Projects GIP Reserves Reserve Reserves Gas Area (PJ) (PJ) (km2) (CBF) (PJ) (PJ) Mungi 22 58 230 34 332 230 Harcourt/Bindaree\*\* 2 23 77 178 151 59 Lilyvale/Oak Park\*\* 0 247 578 175 293 164 0 0 0 71 151 137 Timmy 0 0 Sirius 54 19 101 51

- Molopo has a net 25% interest in these projects/reserves (additional reserves from possible Helm acquisition not included)
- \*\* Note: Currently being re-assessed

#### **QUEENSLAND PERMITS & PROSPECTS**





### **CBM IN NSW - Gloucester Basin Summary**

- Molopo has a 30% interest in PEL285 located 100 km north of Newcastle
- PEL 285 covers the entire Gloucester Basin (600 km²)

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- Excellent CBM prospect with reasonable proximity to large Newcastle/Sydney gas markets
- Partner is A.J. Lucas (70%)



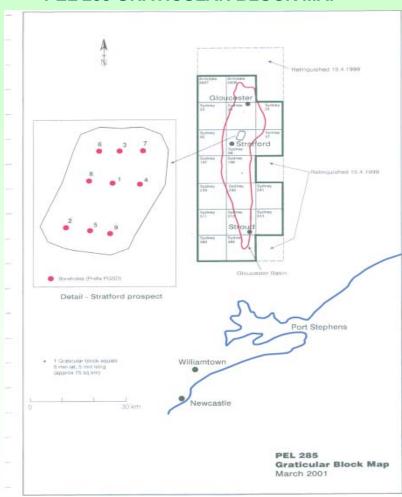
Figure 4: The Gloucester Basin, NSW



### **CBM IN NSW - Gloucester Basin Summary**

- Very thick coal sequence (30 to 60 meters) with high permeability generally greater than 20md
- Measured gas contents at greater than 10m<sup>3</sup>/t up to 20m<sup>3</sup>/t.
- Nine CBM coreholes have been drilled within a 5km<sup>2</sup> area (estimated to contain 90PJ of gas-in-place)
- In total approximately 200km<sup>2</sup> of coal bearing strata

#### PEL 285 GRATICULAR BLOCK MAP



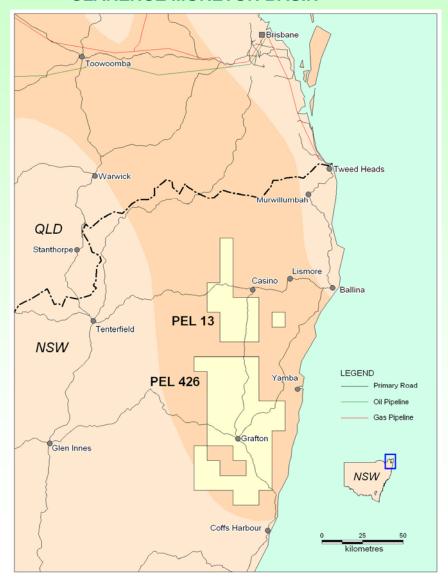


#### **CBM IN NSW PEL 13 & 426**

- Combined area of ~6,650km<sup>2</sup>
- CBM and conventional rights in PEL13 and PEL426 farmed out. Metgasco earnings either 75% and 50% interest in these rights
- Prospective for both CBM and conventional gas
- 21 Petroleum wells drilled to date. Best results have been:
  - Hogarth 2 & Picabooba Both produced over 450mcf/d, GTS 500mcf/d

Metgasco have drilled their first CBM hole MMMC#1/1a and commenced seismic reprocessing obligations

#### **CLARENCE MORETON BASIN**

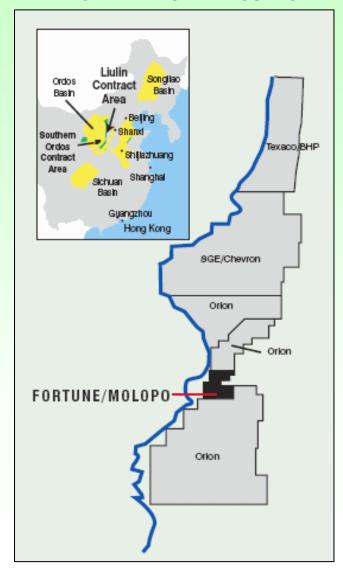




#### **CBM IN CHINA - Liulin Contract Area**

- Thick coals (13m), high gas contents (14m³/t) and high permeability (up to 30 md) make Liulin an attractive project
- Most likely GIP estimate of 1,200 Bscf
- Recovery factor expectation of 50-70% for horizontal wells
- Molopo equity 40% (20% after CUCBM back-in)
- Molopo equity recovery potential in range 120-180Bscf
- Two wells currently under production test, plus additional horizontal test wells and 3 additional cored holes planned.

#### P.R. CHINA - LIULIN PROSPECT

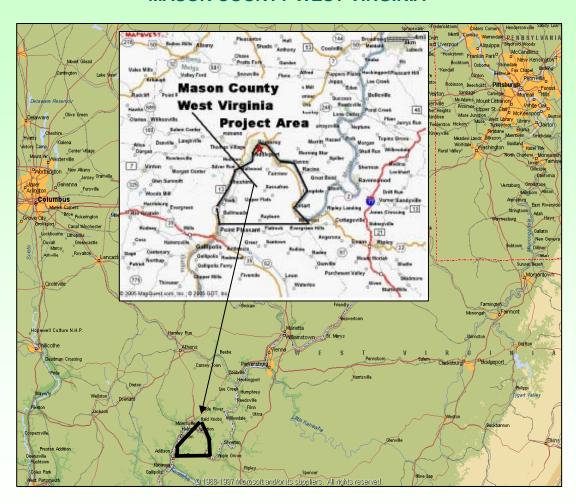




### **CBM IN THE USA – West Virginia**

- Molopo has 50% of ~5,700 acres in a gas project in the US
- Gassy acreage already 37 wells producing gas from shale by others in Mason County
- Targets include shales, sandstones and coal
- Close to infrastructure
- Strong partners.

#### **MASON COUNTY WEST VIRGINIA**





### **GAS IN SOUTH AFRICA**

- MPO owns 100% of two South African gas projects Exploration rights recently granted
- Free State application is ~ 500,000 acres
  - Mpumalanga Province application is ~ 150,000 acres
  - Both areas have a history of gas emissions from mineral exploration
  - Six wells measured on average of 250,000 scf/d each after decades of production.

#### **SOUTH AFRICAN APPLICATIONS**





### **GAS IN SOUTH AFRICA – Market Opportunities**





- Local power generation
- Fuel for ethanol production
- Bottled gas
- CNG or GTL
- Pipeline to industrial centres e.g. Welkom
- Evander adjoins Mozambique trunk line



# Molopo is on track to meet or exceed its full year Performance targets

Mungi Sole Risk Programme
Bindaree/Harcourt Review
Timmy Pilot
Gloucester Pilot/Exploration
China Pilot/Exploration
South Africa Acreage Award

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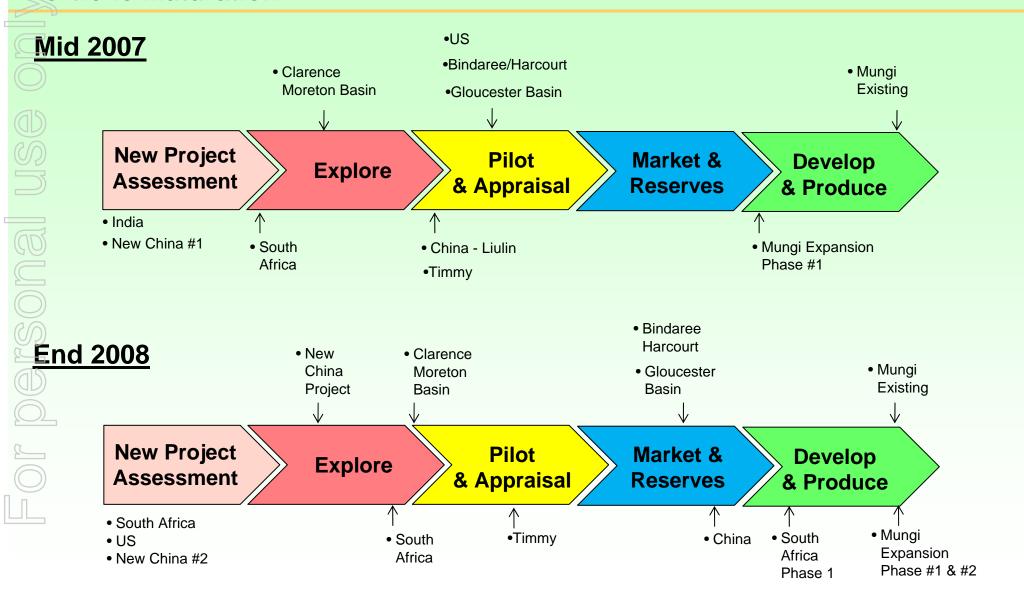
## 2006/2007 Indicative Targets

### 2006/2007 Performance

MUNGI 3+ new production wells		3 sole risk wells planned for Jun-Nov, rig contracted, wellsite planning underway		
GLOUCESTER  1)	2 cored holes 1 production test well Establish reserves Commence PL application	3 holes completed, 3 additional cored holes 1 production test well plus expanded pilot Process underway Depend on reserves		
HARCOURT/BINDAREE 1 new production test well Establish Reserves  1 production test well Establish Reserves (late 2007)		Re-drill of Harcourt 4&5 under review, Bd-2 W/O Process underway  Timmy-1 on test Depends on results		
USA	1 production test well	Shannon Neal well drilled and tested		
CLARENCE MORETON BASIN	1 – 2 CBM cored holes	1 CBM cored hole drilled 1 Well planned for late 2007		
SOUTH AFRICA Obtain licenses		Licenses granted Equity increased to 100% Work programme commenced		



### **Portfolio Maturation**





### **Indicative Timetable**

1. Trading Halt	19 July 2007
2. Conditional Placement Arranged	20 July 2007
3. Notice of General Meeting sent to ASX	Week commencing 23 July 2007
4. Announcement of the Placement and lift of trading halt	23 July 2007
5. General Meeting Date	Late August
6. Settlement of Placement	Late August
7. Placement shares commence trading	Late August

#### Note:

- 1. Placement is conditional on shareholder approval
- 2. Timetable is indicative only