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## QUARTERLY REPORT

### OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2008

#### EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES

The exploration model/philosophy behind the company's long history of tenement acquisition as well as its exploration strategy, is based on the belief that many of Australia's onshore frontier basins are grossly underestimated in terms of their hydrocarbon potential. For nearly a decade, since 1998 when oil was trading at US\$12/bbl, Central has pursued this strategy with the acquisition of over 250,000 sq km of highly prospective exploration holdings in Central Australia.

The main highlights of the quarter to December 31<sup>st</sup> were the completion of the 2008 drilling campaign as far as possible prior to the commencement of what has eventuated as a heavy and prolonged wet season requiring the suspension of the drilling programme and, the emergence of British Gas as a joint venture partner via the acquisition of Petroleum Exploration Australia (PXA) by the Queensland Gas Company Limited (QGC) - a British Gas Australia Company.

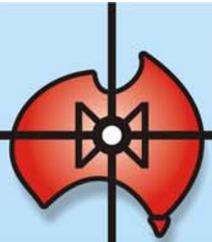
The Company has demonstrated the potential of the Pedirka Basin to host very large volumes of coal with Coal Bed Methane (CBM) potential, has demonstrated the presence of active petroleum systems in the Pedirka Basin, has gained a very significant joint venture farmin partner and has emerged from the Global Financial Crisis in a very strong position with a total of \$6.7 million in banked funds as at December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008. Of these funds, \$4.1 million were available to the Company for working capital excluding funds reserved in joint venture partner contributions for forthcoming exploration expenditure. A further \$1.9 million of funds due by January 15<sup>th</sup> 2008 and \$555,326 due by 19<sup>th</sup> February has been cash called from PXA and provisional upon payment will be available to the Company for working capital.

An additional \$550,000 available for working capital was received on January 16<sup>th</sup> as a result of Trident Energy Limited formalising a farmin agreement to earn a 10% interest in EP 115, hosting the Johnstone Prospect with over 300 MMbbls in UOIP potential.

Mapping and analysis of new seismic shot during 2008 over the Magee Prospect Block within EP82 has resulted in the delineation of up to 1.4 TCFG and up to 15 BCFG Helium in potential UGIIP, a significant boost to the potential of this little known area. Together with the Mt Kitty Prospect Block, total UGIIP potential stands at 4.4 TCFG and 200 BCFG Helium.

A further 15,000 km<sup>2</sup> of ground was applied for in EPA 160 on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2008 covering the remaining area of the Wiso Basin Lander Trough considered to be prospective for petroleum.

A new wholly owned subsidiary, Merlin Coal Pty Ltd was incorporated during the quarter and applications have been made under the Mining Act of the Northern Territory for 19,000 km<sup>2</sup> of coal bearing ground to cover the Group's position in the event that the Northern Territory government allows Underground Coal Gasification under the Mining Act instead of the



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Petroleum Act. Subject to grant and exploration success, the coal permit applications may provide additional potential for the application of Coal to Liquid technology by the mining of coal and surface treatment to produce a range of value added Gas to Liquid (GTL) products such as jet fuel, diesel and naphtha.

The Company is currently providing data to QGC to jointly assess as a basis for planning the continuance of exploration and is in active discussion with several potential additional farmin partners. Meanwhile during this period of consolidation, plans are on hand to hire additional staff to cope with an anticipated additional workload going forward. The appointment of an Exploration Manager to assist the Manager-Geology in programme planning and administration as well as to mentor the recently hired Senior Geophysicist is expected to be announced in the near future. Additional support staff are under consideration including the appointment of a Drilling Manager or alternatively the appointment of a consultant or consultants to perform this role.

The Blamore 1 well and the first CBM well in EP 93, CBM93001 had been completed during the previous quarter, (Petroleum Exploration Australia Limited ("PXA" - 20%) and Merlin Energy Pty Ltd, a Central Petroleum Limited wholly owned subsidiary ("Merlin"- 80%). Following completion and suspension of CBM93001 as a potential producing well to be flow tested at a later date, Hunt Rig 2 was mobilised to Simpson 1 in EP 97 (The Simpson Prospect Block) in Joint Venture with the permit holder Rawson Resources Limited, ("Rawson"-20%), PXA (15%) and Merlin (65%). Simpson 1 was subsequently spudded on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008 and completed as a dry hole and the rig released on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2008.

Although a commercial oil discovery has not been made to date, great strides have been made in the Group's understanding of the basins involved by the recently acquired and processed seismic and of course the drilling results obtained to date. Central Petroleum Limited is the Operator of all of the Joint Venture operations.

#### **Wells Drilled in 2008**

- Blamore 1 oil - this well was plugged and abandoned The well suffered hole instability problems and although terminated prematurely at 2,128m before reaching the planned Total Depth of 2,500m, demonstrated the existence of a much thicker sequence of Permian gas bearing coals than anticipated. Although attempted Drill Stem Tests ("DSTs") of the coal beds failed due to tool problems, the MREX (Nuclear Magnetic Resonance electric log) showed evidence of permeability, there were 160m of net coal interpreted and gas inclusive of heavier fractions of up to a total reading of 233 units was recorded during drilling. The results of the drilling at Blamore 1 were thought to have very positive implications for the Coal Bed Methane ("CBM") drilling programme later in 2008. A third party with interests in the Australian energy sector funded the cost of attempted Drill Stem Tests (DSTs) at an approximate cost of \$600,000 in return for an exclusive option to negotiate on farmins over the Group's acreage as well as a placement or placements of shares in the parent entity, Central Petroleum Limited. The option subsequently expired on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2008.
- CBM93001 Coal Bed Methane – this well intersected over 140m of net coal, a similar package to the coals at Blamore 1. The lower coals showed significant gas peaks while drilling and drill stem testing showed evidence of permeability. Desorbition testing was inconclusive with low projected values of CBM per tonne coal thought to be at least partially due to problems in extraction of core and sealing in pressure canisters brought about by inadequate core retrieval systems. Comprehensive testing of data gathered is still in hand but preparations are being made to apply for permission to attempt to flow the well after the installation of appropriate de-watering equipment. Good water flows were obtained from the coal when drill stem tested so if there is sufficient gas saturation in place at the location, flow rates may well be acceptable.
- The Simpson1 oil prospect well was targeting 190 MMbbls UOIIP ready to drill. This well was subsequently spudded on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008 but plugged and abandoned as a non-producer following electric logging. Structural mis-interpretation brought about by apparent much higher than normal seismic velocities in the lower Permian appears to be the main reason why the well was not a discovery well. Hunt Rig 2 was released on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2008 and remains stacked at Kulgera, on the main highway south of Alice Springs from where .

- Further decisions on the remainder of the previously agreed 2008 drilling programme await the deliberations of the Joint Venture partners at the time of preparation of this report. The proposed programme approved for 2008 included :

- Coal Bed Methane wells CBM 93002 and 107001 - first stage exploration for 34-70 TCFG prospective recoverable resources ready to drill.
- Mt Kitty gas-Helium-condensate 3.0 TCFG, 185 BCFG Helium UGIIP ready to drill.
- Ooraminna gas-1.9 TCFG UGIIP ready to drill.



The drilling programme for these outstanding wells has been suspended at present.

### **Contingent wells 2008 under consideration for the next campaign**

- Johnstone oil 320 MMbbls UOIP additional pre-drilling seismic was mapped by June 2008 and the prospect is considered ready to drill.
- Waterhouse gas 2.7 TCFG UGIIP ready to drill.
- Magee gas-Helium-condensate with additional recent pre-drilling seismic fully mapped by August 2008 which has indicated a subthrust play and a truncation play both sealed by salt layers with total UGIIP potential of up to 800 BCFG and up to 15 BCFG of Helium.

Note : "UOIP" refers to Undiscovered Oil Initially In Place at "high" estimate and "UGIIP" refers to Undiscovered Gas Initially in Place at "high" estimate.

The drilling programme is, of course, subject to various operational contingencies and exploration results. Only one well (apart from the attempted drilling of a well in the Beetaloo Basin by Sweetpea Petroleum) has been drilled in the last fifteen years in this region due to the previous lack of infrastructure and relatively low oil prices until 2004 when both the oil price reached new highs and the Alice Springs to Darwin rail link was completed. There are significant logistical problems to overcome in relation to long range desert operations but the Group has found ways to reach solutions to any problems encountered thus far.

### **AMADEUS BASIN**

EP 82, EP 106, EPA 111, EP 112, EP 115, EP 118, EPA 120, EPA 124, EP 125, EPA 133, EPA 137, EPA 147, EPA 149, EPA 152, and SPA 7/04-5

### **Structural and Remote Sensing Analysis and Seismic**

During the quarter, the group applied funding from a grant from the Northern Territory government for half of the cost of conducting a gravity survey over the Henbury area in EP 112 to assist in mapping salt related structures and prospects. This work is still in progress and the results will be published once available.

Applications for other exploration permits are at various stages of progress.



## PEDIRKA BASIN

EP 93, EP 97, EP 105, EP 106, EP 107, EPA 130, EPA 131 and PELA 77

The results of Blamore 1 have been discussed above.

In the Pedirka/Eromanga Basin, the 2008 seismic survey covered three strong oil leads, the Vivienne, Guinevere and Madigan leads. Total petroleum addressed by these leads is up to c.1 Billion barrels UOIP. Mapping and analysis of the seismic results is continuing but results have not as yet been readied for release. Seismic acquisition over the track to Blamore has provided better definition of coal beds and conventional targets on the Andado Shelf and the Eringa Trough.

The definition of a new Devonian carbonate platform complex play with multi billion barrel UOIP potential in the Pedirka Basin as a result of new seismic mapping was a highlight of the previous quarter. The new Devonian play lies largely within the Simpson prospect block in EP 97, the subject of a farmin deal with Central, Rawson Energy Limited (RAW) and PXA being joint venture partners at participating interest levels projected of 65%, 20% and 15% respectively.

Two prospects, the Erec and Lucan prospects, based on the new Devonian carbonate complex play type have been outlined to date have combined potential to host large volumes of Undiscovered Oil (or Gas) Initially in Place up to a cumulative total in excess of about 5 Bbbls (billion barrels) oil equivalent at "high" estimate. (SPE definition)

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### **Other Pedirka Basin Highlights - Coal Mining Act Applications**

Via a new wholly owned subsidiary company, Merlin Coal Pty Ltd, the Group made application on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2008 under the Mining Act of the Northern Territory for a total of 19,000 km<sup>2</sup> of ground in the Pedirka Basin thought to contain large tonnages of coal. 18 Exploration Licence Applications (ELA 27094-27114 inclusive) were made with a view to covering the Group's position in the event that the Northern Territory decided in the future to allow Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) under the Mining Act.

Currently, different states have different policies on this potentially vexatious issue with the Queensland government restricting UCG to the Mining Act but allowing CBM under the Petroleum Act, thereby opening the door to considerable potential disharmony and legal wrangles.

South Australia has allowed both UCG and CBM under the Petroleum Act and although the Group anticipates the Northern Territory will avoid the imbrogio created in Queensland by following the lead of the South Australian Government, no formal decision has been made so the move to apply for coal mining permits under the Mining Act was considered prudent.

It may also be possible to commercially mine coal under the Mining Act to allow application of Coal to Liquid (CTL) technology to produce value added petroleum products such as naphtha, diesel and jet fuel once the coal is treated on the surface.

A report on the coal tonnages potentially available to the Group is in preparation and will be announced separately to this Quarterly Report.

### **LANDER TROUGH EPA 92, EPA 129 and EPA 160**

The CLC notified the Group that its application for Exploration Permit EPA 92 by Merlin had been rejected. Thus far, the CLC has not explained to the Group, as required by law, the processes undertaken by them. The Group has commenced action against the CLC under the provisions of the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 Commonwealth as amended ("ALRA") and the Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977 Commonwealth ("ADJR Act"). It has been revealed that contrary to the provisions of the

Aboriginal Land Rights Act, the CLC did not facilitate initial meetings with all of the relevant Traditional Owners some of whom may now seek to take action against the CLC.

The CLC has informed the Group that consent to grant of EPA 129 had also been withdrawn but the Group applied for an extension of the time to negotiate to the Minister of the Northern Territory Department of Primary Industry, Mining and Fisheries which was granted subsequent to 30 June 2008 and now awaits the CLC to arrange initial meetings with relevant Traditional Owners.

15,000 km<sup>2</sup> of new ground was applied for in Exploration Permit Application EPA 160 on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2008 to mop up the remaining area of the Lander Trough considered prospective for petroleum.

#### GEORGINA BASIN EPA 132 and ATP APPLICATIONS 909, 911 and 912

Negotiations with regard to the applications for Exploration Permit EPA 132 have not yet commenced.

Merlin Energy Pty Ltd emerged during 2007 as the successful bidder for three exploration permits in Queensland with areas totalling 9,000 km<sup>2</sup>. The Company's wholly owned subsidiary, Merlin Energy Pty Ltd, was notified by the Queensland government that it was the preferred tenderer with priority to apply for a title grant over ATP 909, ATP 911 and ATP 912 in the Queensland portion of the southern Georgina basin, which hosts oil and gas targets in Middle to Late Cambrian petroleum systems.

The right to negotiate process is being pursued by the Group to facilitate the granting of these permits. Advice was received during the quarter of the desire of various indigenous groups to meet to discuss the potential granting of the permits. The initial meeting is expected to take place in late February in Queensland between representatives of the groups and Central Petroleum's indigenous affairs advisor, Mr Robert Liddle.

The Queensland applications are part of Central's exploration strategy of gaining an early-entry position into under-explored prospective onshore basins of central Australia, with the accompanying aim of building up "whole-of-basins" positions.

Although under-explored, the Georgina Basin hosts a rich Cambrian petroleum system which has been well documented. The area is believed to have generated more than 40 billion tonnes of hydrocarbons in its lifetime.

In the Northern Territory portion of the Georgina basin, there have been some 20 exploration wells drilled, with 13 of them yielding live oil shows, despite the absence of adequate seismic definition at the time. The Georgina basin is largely oil-prone, although Central's Queensland holdings are partially adjacent to Ethabuka-1, which flowed a small amount of gas from the Kelly Creek Formation. Not surprisingly, oil will be the main target on the shelf updip of this syncline, as drilling to date has consistently yielded oil shows and indications of oil migration.

#### GAS TO LIQUIDS ("GTL") and Helium

Discussions continue with appropriate GTL technology holders concerning the Group's long term plans to monetise any gas reserves proved by drilling. With the recent intensity of activity in the CBM industry, especially the various plans mooted to produce LNG from Queensland CBM resources having a positive effect on domestic gas prices, it is conceivable that domestic gas prices may improve in the future to the extent that a pipeline linking central Australia to the domestic gas markets on the eastern seaboard may be a viable option to assist in monetising otherwise stranded gas thought to exist in the central Australian Amadeus, Pedirka, Lander Trough and Georgina basins. The Group believes that GTL is probably the best option to monetise gas from central Australia under the current gas pricing regime but will keep an open mind to alternatives.

## **FARMIN / FARMOUTS**

### **Petroleum Exploration Australia Limited ("PXA"):**

PXA continued as a joint venture partner with a 20% participating interest to be funded at the 40% level in accordance with the terms of a formal farm-out agreement executed on 15 February 2008. The terms of the farm-out agreement include the funding by PXA of 40% of up to 3 wells and 40% of up to \$3 million of seismic for PXA to earn a 20% interest in the permits and permit applications operated by the Company. During the quarter, all of the shares of PXA were acquired by the Queensland Gas Company Limited, now a British Gas Australia Company. It has been confirmed that a total of some \$18.5 million was paid to PXA shareholders less \$5 million which was paid directly to the Group to settle outstanding cash call amounts owed to the Group by PXA and further that the only assets bought with the purchase of PXA were the various farmin arrangements and interests of PXA in the Group's operated acreage.

### **He Nuclear Limited:**

He Nuclear Limited (HEN) has continued as joint venture partner with a 25% participating interest to be funded at the 50% level of exploration within the Mt Kitty (EP125) and Magee (EP82) Prospect Blocks.

New seismic shot in the Magee area has produced some outstanding results which have dramatically enhanced the potential of the Magee Prospect Block. These results have been announced separately but include the potential of the Magee Prospect Block to host 1.4 TCFG and up to 15 BCFG Helium in UGIIP. The Mt Kitty Prospect Block has potential to host 3.0 TCFG and 180 BCFG Helium in UGIIP. It is anticipated that both the Mt Kitty and the Magee prospects will be drilled in the next drilling campaign subject to various contingencies. HEN is a privately owned unlisted company being developed under the auspices of Martin Place Securities, (MPS) a boutique Sydney based stockbroking firm specialising in the resources industry and is managed by Barry Dawes, the CEO of MPS and Ian Mutton, a prominent corporate lawyer specialising in the Trade Practices area of law for large resources companies.

### **Trident Energy Limited:**

On 28 June 2007, Frontier Oil & Gas Pty Ltd signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Trident Energy Limited ("Trident") whereby the privately-owned Melbourne-based oil junior will fund a \$3 million seismic acquisition programme and the drilling of three exploration wells at the 20% level to earn a 10% interest in the Amadeus basin block EP 115. This agreement was formalised on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2009 via the execution of farmin and joint operating agreements with ancillary documents together with the payment to the Group of \$550,000 representing 20% of previous expenditure within EP 115. Trident now joins the Group's wholly owned subsidiary, Frontier Oil and Gas Pty Ltd and PXA, a wholly owned subsidiary of QGC, a British Gas Australia Company, in a joint venture for the exploration of this highly prospective property which hosts, inter alia, the Johnstone Oil Prospect, thought to host over 300 MMbbls of oil in UOIIP.

Trident is focusing on risk reduction through the application of leading-edge exploration methods to high-grade seismically-defined prospect portfolios, particularly in modelling petroleum systems and high-tech geochemistry, including the "GoreTM" technique.

### **Other:**

The Group continues with various discussions and preliminary negotiations concerning additional farm-outs, strategic stabilising investment relationships, technology based joint ventures and capital raising avenues.

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## **MANAGEMENT CHANGES**

Mr Randy Frazier resigned as Drilling Operations and Production Manager at the end of 2008 to pursue opportunities in his homeland of the United States of America.

Mr Bernard Crawford joined the Company in August 2008 as Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary but was replaced by Mr Julian Tambyrajah in the same role in November 2008.

The Company has been recruiting for an Exploration Manager; an appointment is expected to be announced shortly.

## **FINANCIAL**

The attached Appendix 5B shows the cash movements and other information for the Quarter ended 31 December 2008. In summary cash at the beginning of the quarter was \$8.210 million, cash at the end of the quarter was \$6.678 million which was a net decrease in cash of \$1,532. The movement mainly represents payments for administration, exploration and evaluation expenditure.

Cash Called from Joint Venture partners for the September 2008 quarter totalling \$5,816,964 (plus interest) was received during the December 2008 quarter. One Cash Call representing \$1,895,000 has been placed on hold as drilling is suspended due to the wet season. New Cash Calls issued during the December 2008 quarter totalling approximately \$1,904,790 are outstanding. Further Cash Calls were issued during the month of January totalling \$555,326 and are due to be received by 19 February 2009.

Yours sincerely,  
Central Petroleum Limited



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Managing Director

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# Appendix 5B

## Mining exploration entity quarterly report

Introduced 1/7/96. Origin: Appendix 8. Amended 1/7/97, 1/7/98, 30/9/2001.

Name of entity

Central Petroleum Limited

ABN

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Quarter ended ("current quarter")

31 December 2008

### Consolidated statement of cash flows

Cash flows related to operating activities	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (...6...months) \$A'000
1.1 Receipts from product sales and related debtors		
1.2 Payments for (a) exploration and evaluation (b) development (c) production (d) administration	(1,908)   (832)	(9,152)   (1,637)
1.3 Dividends received	167	394
1.4 Interest and other items of a similar nature received		
1.5 Interest and other costs of finance paid		
1.6 Income taxes paid		
1.7 Other (provide details if material)		
	(2,564)	(10,395)
<b>Net Operating Cash Flows</b>		
<b>Cash flows related to investing activities</b>		
1.8 Payment for purchases of: (a)prospects (b)equity investments (c) other fixed assets	  (8)	  (25)
1.9 Proceeds from sale of: (a)prospects (b)equity investments (c)other fixed assets		
1.10 Loans to other entities		
1.11 Loans repaid by other entities		
1.12 Other (provide details if material)	1,040	1,000
	1,032	975
<b>Net investing cash flows</b>		
1.13 Total operating and investing cash flows (carried forward)	(1,532)	(9,420)

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1.13	Total operating and investing cash flows (brought forward)		
<b>Cash flows related to financing activities</b>			
1.14	Proceeds from issues of shares, options, etc.		685
1.15	Proceeds from sale of forfeited shares		
1.16	Proceeds from borrowings		
1.17	Repayment of borrowings		
1.18	Dividends paid		
1.19	Other (provide details if material)		
	<b>Net financing cash flows</b>	0	685
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash held</b>		(1,532)	(8,735)
1.20	Cash at beginning of quarter/year to date	8,210	15,413
1.21	Exchange rate adjustments to item 1.20		
1.22	<b>Cash at end of quarter</b>	6,678	6,678

**Payments to directors of the entity and associates of the directors**

**Payments to related entities of the entity and associates of the related entities**

		Current quarter \$A'000
1.23	Aggregate amount of payments to the parties included in item 1.2	39
1.24	Aggregate amount of loans to the parties included in item 1.10	-

1.25 Explanation necessary for an understanding of the transactions

**Non-cash financing and investing activities**

2.1 Details of financing and investing transactions which have had a material effect on consolidated assets and liabilities but did not involve cash flows

Cash Calls to Joint Venture partners for the September 2008 quarter totalling \$5,816,964 (plus interest) was received during the December 2008 quarter. One Cash Call representing \$1,895,000 has been placed on hold as drilling is suspended due to the wet season. New Cash Calls issued during the December 2008 quarter totalling approximately \$1,904,790 are outstanding. Further Cash Calls were issued during the month of January totalling \$555,326 and are due to be received in by 19 February 2009.

2.2 Details of outlays made by other entities to establish or increase their share in projects in which the reporting entity has an interest

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### Financing facilities available

Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the position.

	Amount available \$A'000	Amount used \$A'000
3.1 Loan facilities		
3.2 Credit standby arrangements		

### Estimated cash outflows for next quarter

	\$A'000
4.1 Exploration and evaluation	480
4.2 Development	-
<b>Total</b>	480

### Reconciliation of cash

Reconciliation of cash at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts is as follows.

	Current quarter \$A'000	Previous quarter \$A'000
5.1 Cash on hand and at bank	-	8
5.2 Deposits at call	6,678	8,202
5.3 Bank overdraft	-	-
5.4 Other (provide details)	-	-
<b>Total: cash at end of quarter</b> (item 1.22)	6,678	8,210

### Changes in interests in mining tenements

	Tenement reference	Nature of interest (note (2))	Interest at beginning of quarter	Interest at end of quarter
6.1	Interests in mining tenements relinquished, reduced or lapsed			

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6.2	Interests in mining tenements acquired or increased	EL27094 EL27095 EL27096 EL27097 EL27098 EL27099 EL27100 EL27101 EL27102 EL27103 EL27104 EL27105 EL27106 EL27107 EL27108 EL27109 EL27110 EL27114	All from the Northern Territory	All Nil	All 100%
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**Issued and quoted securities at end of current quarter**

*Description includes rate of interest and any redemption or conversion rights together with prices and dates.*

	Total number	Number quoted	Issue price per security (see note 3) (cents)	Amount paid up per security (see note 3) (cents)
7.1				
7.2				
7.3	257,013,526	257,013,526		
7.4				
7.5				

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7.6	Changes during quarter (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through securities matured, converted				
7.7	<b>Options</b> <i>(description and conversion factor)</i>	95,947,703 300,000 21,250,000 7,000,000 1,800,000 11,000,000 1,550,000 200,000 500,000	95,947,703 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	<i>Exercise price</i> \$0.25 \$0.25 \$0.20 \$0.20 \$0.30 Various \$0.30 \$0.33 \$0.30	<i>Expiry date</i> 30 Jun 2010 31 Jan 2010 31 May 2010 20 Feb 2011 30 Nov 2010 03 Jan 2012 31 Mar 2011 31 Jul 2011 31 Aug 2011
7.8	Issued during quarter	2,000,000	0	\$0.25	17 Nov 2011
7.9	Exercised during quarter				
7.10	Expired during quarter	<i>Cancelled</i> 2,000,000 100,000 1,000,000	0 0 0	\$0.30 \$0.30 \$0.30	31 Mar 2011 31 Mar 2011 31 Aug 2011
7.11	<b>Debentures</b> <i>(totals only)</i>				
7.12	<b>Unsecured notes</b> <i>(totals only)</i>				

## Compliance statement

- 1 This statement has been prepared under accounting policies which comply with accounting standards as defined in the Corporations Act or other standards acceptable to ASX (see note 4).
- 2 This statement does ~~does not~~\* *(delete one)* give a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.



Sign here: ..... Date: 29 January 2009  
(Director/Company secretary)

Print name: Julian Tambyrajah

## Notes

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**Appendix 5B**  
**Mining exploration entity quarterly report**

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- 1 The quarterly report provides a basis for informing the market how the entity's activities have been financed for the past quarter and the effect on its cash position. An entity wanting to disclose additional information is encouraged to do so, in a note or notes attached to this report.
- 2 The "Nature of interest" (items 6.1 and 6.2) includes options in respect of interests in mining tenements acquired, exercised or lapsed during the reporting period. If the entity is involved in a joint venture agreement and there are conditions precedent which will change its percentage interest in a mining tenement, it should disclose the change of percentage interest and conditions precedent in the list required for items 6.1 and 6.2.
- 3 **Issued and quoted securities** The issue price and amount paid up is not required in items 7.1 and 7.3 for fully paid securities.
- 4 The definitions in, and provisions of, *AASB 1022: Accounting for Extractive Industries* and *AASB 1026: Statement of Cash Flows* apply to this report.
- 5 **Accounting Standards** ASX will accept, for example, the use of International Accounting Standards for foreign entities. If the standards used do not address a topic, the Australian standard on that topic (if any) must be complied with.

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