

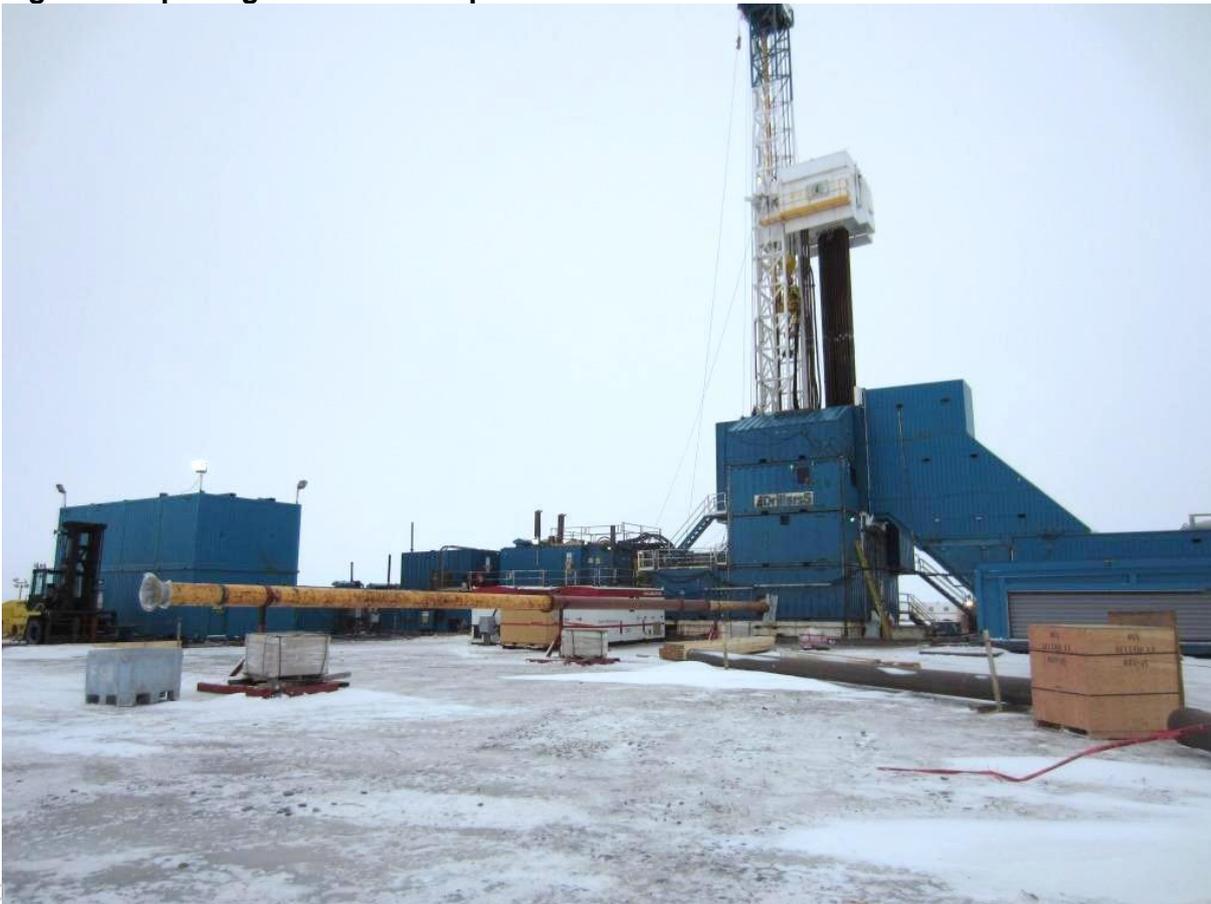


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### Icewine #1 Drilling Commenced

88 Energy Limited ("88 Energy", "the Company", "Operator") (ASX, AIM: 88E) is pleased to announce that the drilling of the Icewine #1 exploration well commenced at 1745 hrs on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October (AK time). This is the maiden exploration well on the Company's Project Icewine acreage, located onshore North Slope, Alaska.

**Fig 1. Kuukpik Rig Just Prior to Spud**



**Source: Accumulate Energy Alaska Inc**

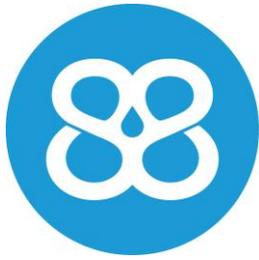
The well is planned to a Total Depth of 11,600 feet and is scheduled to take 30 days of drilling to complete. The primary objective of the well is the HRZ shale formation targeting a huge unconventional resource prize.

Upon completion of drilling, certain data will be available immediately; however, the definitive testing of the HRZ shale potential will take several months of data analysis. The pivotal focus will be an extensive evaluation of core material by specialist laboratories, which will cover a number of parameters considered critical for the success of the play.

Conventional potential may also exist in shallower (Brookian) and deeper (Kuparuk) horizons and the well has been designed such that testing of these horizons is possible, if warranted. The drilling of Icewine #1 will deliver first insight to the conventional prospectivity of 88 Energy's acreage to be matured up by the potential acquisition of 3D seismic in the near term.

Regular announcements will be made during the course of drilling, as appropriate.

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Managing Director of 88 Energy Limited, Dave Wall commented: *“Spud at Icewine#1 is a momentous occasion for 88 Energy and its shareholders, without whose support the well would not have been funded. Our thanks go to all the financial backers of the Company as well as the team on the ground in Alaska, who have hit the top end of the curve in relation to timing of permit submissions.*

*We would also to thank all of the regulatory bodies in Alaska whose collaborative approach has ensured that our tight timeline has been achieved. We hope to deliver a safe outcome that is beneficial to all stakeholders in State.*

*Good luck to all holders.”*

Yours faithfully

Dave Wall  
Managing Director  
88 Energy Ltd



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## Project Icewine Highlights

In November 2014, the Company entered into a binding agreement with Burgundy Xploration (**BEX**) to acquire a significant working interest (87.5%, reducing to 78% on spud of the first well on the project) in a large acreage position on a multiple objective, liquids rich exploration opportunity onshore Alaska, North America, referred to as Project Icewine.

88 Energy has a 98,182 gross contiguous acre position with 85,900 acres net to the Company (76,582 net acres post spud), located on an on all year operational access road with both conventional and unconventional oil potential. The primary term for the State leases is 10 years with no mandatory relinquishment and a low 16.5% royalty.

The unconventional oil play will be tested by the recently spud Icewine #1 exploration well, scheduled to be completed in November 2015.

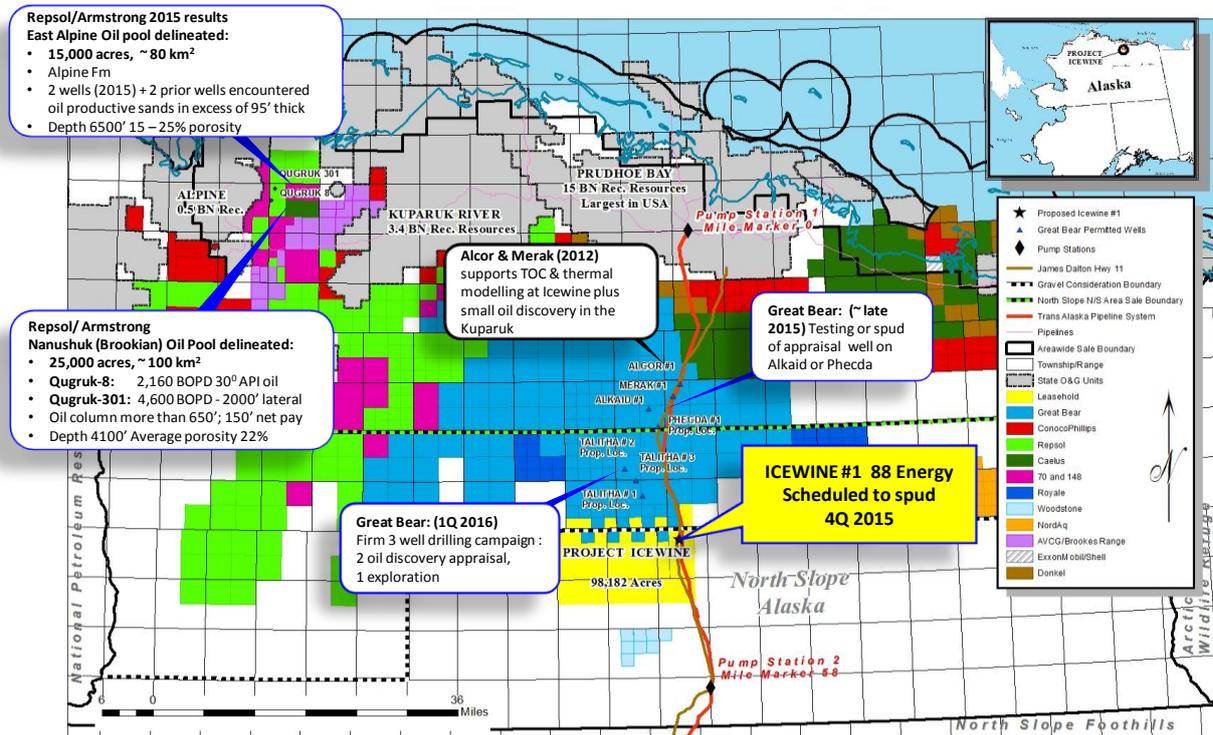
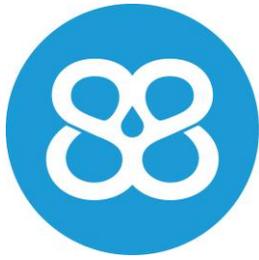


Figure 1: Project Icewine Location

Generous exploration incentives are provided by the State of Alaska: with up to 85% of exploration expenditure in 2015 cash refundable, dropping to 75% mid 2016 and thereafter 35%.

The primary objective is an untested, unconventional liquids-rich shale play in a prolific source rock, the HRZ shale, (Brookian Sequence), that co-sourced the largest oil field in North America; the giant Prudhoe Bay Oil Field Complex. Internal modelling and analysis indicates that Project Icewine is located in a high liquids vapour phase sweetspot analogous to those encountered in other Tier 1 shale plays e.g. the Eagle Ford, Texas.

Conventional play potential can be found at Project Icewine within the same Brookian petroleum system and shallow to the HRZ shale and includes high porosity channel and deep water turbiditic sands. The Brookian conventional play is proven on the North Slope; the USGS (2013) estimate



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the remaining oil potential to be 2.1 billion barrels just within the Brookian sequence. Additional conventional potential exists in the deeper Kuparuk sands and the Ivashuk Formation.

Drilling, (2012), in the adjacent acreage to the north confirmed that the HRZ shales, along with the underlying Kingak & Shublik shales, were all within the oil window which is extremely encouraging for the unconventional potential at Project Icewine. In addition a conventional oil discovery was reported in the Kuparuk sandstones.

A Prospective Resources Report by DeGolyer and MacNaughton, was commissioned by 88 Energy to evaluate the unconventional resource potential of Project Icewine in early December 2014 and was released to the market on 19 January 2015.

**About 88 Energy:** *In late 2014, 88 Energy acquired an initial 87.5% working interest (reducing to 78% on spud of the first well on the project) and operatorship in 98,182 acres onshore the prolific North Slope of Alaska ("Project Icewine"). The North Slope is the host for the 15 billion barrel Prudhoe Bay oilfield complex, the largest conventional oil pool in North America. The Company, with its Joint Venture partner Burgundy Xploration, has identified two highly prospective play types that are likely to exist on the Project Icewine acreage – one conventional and one unconventional. The large resource potential of Project Icewine was independently verified by leading international petroleum resource consultant DeGolyer and MacNaughton. In addition to the interpreted high prospectivity, the project is strategically located on a year-round operational access road and only 35 miles south of Pump Station 1 where Prudhoe Bay feeds into the TransAlaska Pipeline System. The Company plans to progress drilling and seismic in the near term to take advantage of the globally unique fiscal system in Alaska, which allows for up to 85% of CY2015 exploration expenditure to be rebated in cash.*

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