

## **OPERATIONS ACTIVITIES REPORT AND ASX APPENDIX 5B**

### **For The Quarter Ended 31 March 2015**



*Figure 1: DINGO PROJECT – Brewer Estate City Gas Station (“BECGS”)*

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### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Received Consent to Operate Dingo Gas Field including pipeline and plant;
  - Dingo Development finished on time and under budget;
  - North East Gas Interconnector (“NEGI”) shortlist down to four contenders with increasing project confidence;
  - Approvals being sought from Central Land Council and Northern Territory Government for Gas Acceleration Project (“GAP”) activities.
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## MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS FOR THE QUARTER

With the commissioning of the Dingo Pipeline and Field culminating in our Consent to Operate, the Dingo Gas Sales Agreement became unconditional with commencement starting 1 April 2015. Once in full operation, the total sales of gas from Palm Valley and Dingo should reach over 3.3 PJ per year providing an operating profit before interest and taxes of over \$5 million annually. We are actively seeking further sales in the Northern Territory.

The Dingo Pipeline, some 50km in length, was completed on schedule and under budget and below industry average. Dingo gas field will primarily be remotely operated from Brewer Estate on the outskirts of Alice Springs. Employees will be based in Alice Springs thus eliminating the need for expensive Fly-In Fly-Out ("FIFO") operations. Central will over time transition its Central Australian operations from its historical model of FIFO to basing its employees at Alice Springs and, where necessary, rotating them from Alice. This will ensure that the local community gains the maximum benefits from Central's operations thus garnering local community support whilst substantially lessening our production costs.

The Northern Territory government short-listed the proponents for the North East Gas Interconnector ("NEGI") to a short list of four. The Chief Minister was reported to have said that NEGI was now "almost certain". Should NEGI be developed, access to the high priced East Coast gas market will cause a major re-rating of the company and make our exploration acreage even more attractive. NEGI overcomes the tyranny of distance for Central.

The company has sought regulatory permission and Central Land Council ("CLC") clearance for a potential drilling of Palm Valley Deep in the middle of this year, possibly through a farm-out. Surprise continued to produce steadily averaging 137 BOPD in the quarter.

The actions taken last quarter to decrease its costs have paid dividends allowing the company to close the quarter with \$5.8 million. With the Dingo revenues yet to impact our results and a continued ramp up of gas sales volumes from Palm Valley to full contracted quantities, the financial health of the company continues to improve vindicating the company's strategic shift to gas some 18 months ago.

## REVIEW OF OPERATIONS AND OTHER JOINT VENTURE ACTIVITIES FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2015 (“THE QUARTER”)

### ATP909, ATP911 and ATP912, Southern Georgina Basin – Queensland (Joint Venture between CTP - 90% interest [Operator] and Total – 10% interest [earning])

The joint venture has developed plans to obtain core over the target section in Whiteley 1 during the next drilling campaign.

Geological studies are continuing to integrate the results of Gaudi 1 with offset wells in the area, which are typically spaced 50 to 100 km in this large and underexplored area. The Company is encouraged and assessing various locations for additional wells.

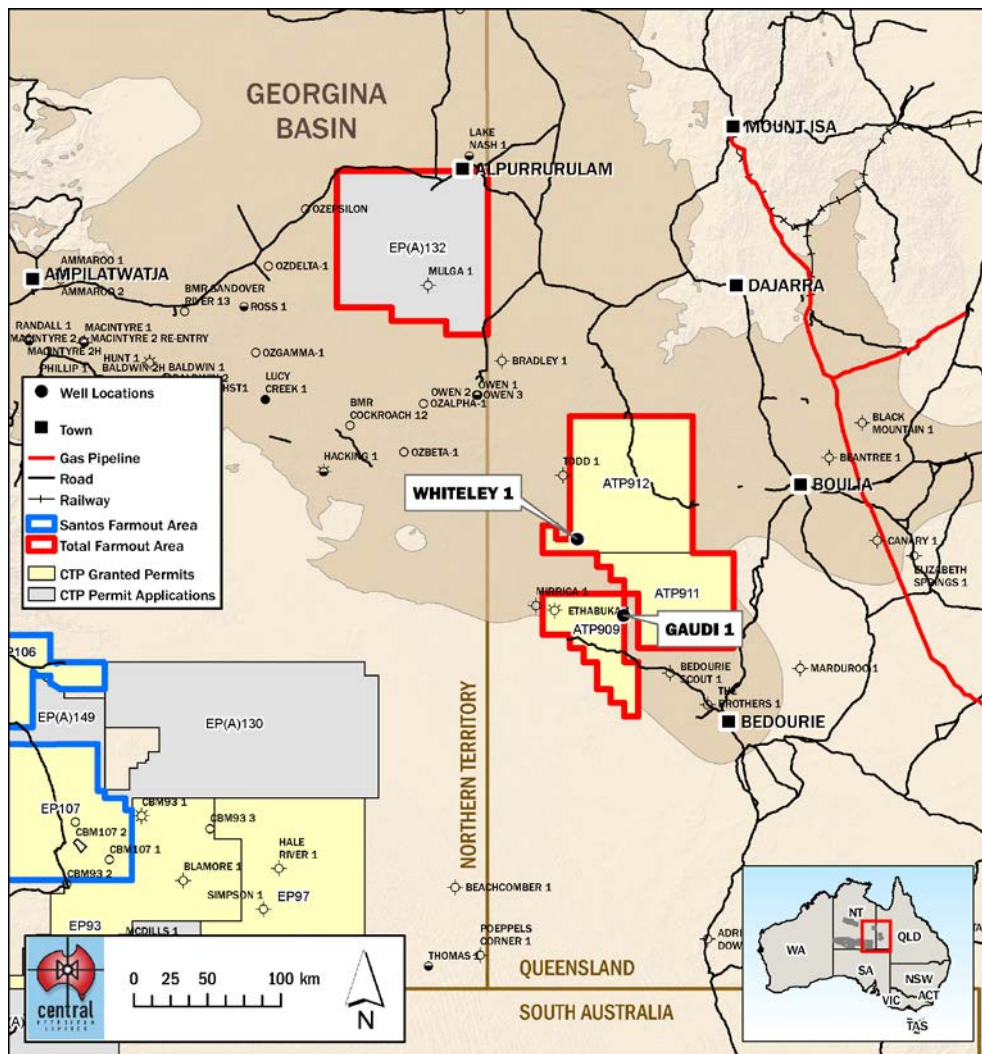


Figure 4: Location of Whiteley-1 and Gaudi-1

## Santos Stage 2 Farmout – Southern Amadeus Basin, Northern Territory

Santos completed cultural heritage clearances in preparation for the acquisition of 1300 km 2D seismic in the Southern Amadeus farm in area. Multiple large structural leads have been identified on the existing gravity and sparse seismic data across EP's 125, 112, 82 and 105, and will be delineated in the Stage 2 seismic activities.

Pre-stack depth migration processing trials on 2013 Stage 1 2D Seismic commenced during the quarter, investigating methods to improve the seismic imaging and subsequent structural interpretation.

A regional geological study of the Heavitree Quartzite was completed and presented at the AGES Conference 18 March 2015, providing insights into reservoir distribution.

Southern Amadeus Area	Total Santos Participating Interest after completion of Stage 1	Total Santos Participating Interest after completion of Stage 2
EP82	25%	40% (ie additional 15% earned)
EP105	25%	40% (ie additional 15% earned)
EP106	25%	40% (ie additional 15% earned)
EP107	25%	40% (ie additional 15% earned)
EP112	25%	40% (ie additional 15% earned)
EP(A)147	25%	40% (ie additional 15% earned)

### EP 125 – Southern Amadeus Basin, Northern Territory (CTP-30% interest, Santos [Operator]-70%interest [earning])

#### **Mt Kitty Exploration Well**

*(Central is free carried for this well under the Santos farm-in arrangements)*

Evaluation of drilling results continues. An analysis of gas isotope and geochemical samples by experts in the US was in progress at the end of the quarter. The objective is to determine the source of hydrocarbons and helium recovered in samples, so as to better understand the petroleum system and charge mechanism.

### EP 115 and North West Mereenie Block (NMB), Northern Territory

Gravity data acquired over the western part of the permit has been processed, and interpretation has delineated structural trends. Modelling of gravity data integrated with magnetics and outcrop geology is proceeding. This will highlight areas which may be more prospective for structural traps, aiming to improve the placement of 2D seismic acquisition.

### Palm Valley Exploration (OL3), Northern Territory

The Palm Valley Deep prospect has been firmed up with a drilling location selected. The company has sought regulatory permission and Central Land Council ("CLC") clearance to drill Palm Valley 12. The objective is a test of the deeper Arumbera Sandstone which is an established gas bearing reservoir in the Dingo gas field some 100 km eastwards. The target has a similar area to the existing gas pool in the Pacoota Sandstone.

## **Ooramina Exploration (RL3 and RL4), Northern Territory**

An untested intra-salt target has been identified beneath the existing Pioneer Sandstone gas discovery at Ooramina Field. The Gillen Formation comprising carbonate and salt is a target in the Southern Amadeus area, and is present and within structure at Ooramina. Additional technical work is required to firm up a location.

## **Other Exploration Areas**

No significant developments occurred in the Company's Wise Basin and Pedirka Basin areas during the reporting period.

## **Dingo Gas Field (L7) and Dingo Pipeline (PL30) – Northern Territory (CTP - 100% Interest)**

In the Quarter:

- Project finished on time and within budget.
- Horizontal drilling completed and gas pipeline hydro tested and commissioned.
- All equipment installed at Brewer Estate, hydro tested and commissioned.



**Figure 2: Brewer Estate Gas Plant (Dingo Project) showing good progress in mid-February**



**Figure 3: Commissioning underway on Dingo Project**

**Palm Valley Gas Field (OL3) – Northern Territory  
(CTP - 100% Interest)**

Palm Valley produced 249,019GJ in the Quarter, including 123,400GJ of “early delivery” gas into the Dingo contract.

The Palm Valley flow tests confirmed that sales flows of 7.5 TJ/d are achievable using the three flowing wells (PV-2, PV-6 and PV-7). Subsequent to recent upgrades, sales quality was maintained throughout the test including peak flows at 8 TJ/d.

**Surprise Production Licence (L6) – Northern Territory  
(CTP - 100% Interest)**

The Surprise West well averaged 137.2 bopd during the quarter and currently continues to produce around that level. Central is actively pursuing market opportunities for domestic use whilst also concentrating on obtaining efficiencies in its operating and transportation costs.

## INTERESTS IN PETROLEUM PERMITS AND LICENCES AT 31 MARCH 2015

### Permits and Licences Granted

Tenement	Location	Operator	CTP Consolidated Entity		Other JV Participants	
			Registered Interest (%)	Beneficial Interest (%)	Participant Name	Beneficial Interest (%)
EP 82**/**	Amadeus Basin NT	Santos	75	60	Santos	40
EP 93	Pedirka Basin NT	Central	100	100		
EP 97	Pedirka Basin NT	Central	100	100		
EP 105**/**	Amadeus/Pedirka Basin NT	Santos	75	60	Santos	40
EP 106**/**	Amadeus Basin NT	Santos	75	60	Santos	40
EP 107**/**	Amadeus/Pedirka Basin NT	Santos	75	60	Santos	40
EP 112**/**	Amadeus Basin NT	Santos	75	60	Santos	40
EP 115 (excl.North Mereenie Block)	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	100	100		
EP 115 (North Mereenie Block) **/**	Amadeus Basin NT	Santos	60	60	Santos	40
EP 125 **/**	Amadeus Basin NT	Santos	30	30	Santos	70
OL3	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	100	100		
L6	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	100	100		
L7	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	100	100		
RL3*	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	75	100		
RL4*	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	75	100		
ATP 909 **	Georgina Basin QLD	Central	90	90	Total	10
ATP 911 **	Georgina Basin QLD	Central	90	90	Total	10
ATP 912 **	Georgina Basin QLD	Central	90	90	Total	10

### Permits and Licences under Application

Tenement	Location	Operator	CTP Consolidated Entity		Other JV Participants	
			Registered Interest (%)	Beneficial Interest (%)	Participant Name	Beneficial Interest (%)
EPA 92	Lander Trough NT	Central	100	100		
EPA 111	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	100	100		
EPA 120	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	100	100		
EPA 124	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	100	100		
EPA 129	Lander Trough NT	Central	100	100		
EPA 130	Pedirka Basin NT	Central	100	100		
EPA 131	Pedirka Basin NT	Central	100	100		
EPA 132	Georgina Basin NT	Central	100	100		
EPA 133	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	100	100		
EPA 137	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	100	100		
EPA 147***	Amadeus Basin NT	Santos	75	60	Santos	40
EPA 149	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	100	100		
EPA 152	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	100	100		
EPA 160	Lander Trough NT	Central	100	100		
EPA 296	Lander Trough NT	Central	100	100		
PELA 77	Pedirka Basin SA	Central	100	100		

### Pipeline Licences

Pipeline Licence	Location	Operator	CTP Consolidated Entity		Other JV Participants	
			Registered Interest (%)	Beneficial Interest (%)	Participant Name	Beneficial Interest (%)
PL 30	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	100	100		

\* in line with the Company's announcement of 31 July 2014, a 100% beneficial interest is in favour of certain wholly owned Company subsidiaries for EP93, RL3 and RL4 with registered interests to follow in the normal course.

\*\* Santos' and Total's right to earn and retain participating interests in the permit is subject to satisfying various obligations in their respective farmout agreement. The participating interests as stated assume such obligations have been met, otherwise may be subject to change.

\*\*\* in line with the Company's announcement of 31 July 2014, an additional 15% beneficial interest is in favour of Santos with registered interests to follow in the normal course.

## **CORPORATE**

### **Cash Position**

The Company began the Quarter with \$5.5 million in cash and at 31 March 2015 held \$5.8 million. Both cash positions are inclusive of the Company's share of cash held in Joint Venture bank accounts.

Cash movement for the quarter includes a \$3.2 million Research & Development related tax refund.

Cash received from oil and gas sales for the Quarter totalled \$1.7 million, with receipt of oil revenue payment days continuing to average around 60 days after production. Receivables at 31 March 2015 relating to operating revenue were \$1.6 million.

During the Quarter the Company drew down \$3 million from its financing facility with Macquarie Bank Limited. Interest amounting to \$2.7 million was capitalised into the facility during the Quarter. The Dingo Project was completed on time and under budget and well under the Macquarie Debt Facility available for the project.

Cash investment outflows for the Quarter totalled \$2.9 million. This is mainly related to expenditure on the Dingo Field Development Project of \$4.4 million partly offset by proceeds from the sale of real property of \$1 million and the redemption of performance bonds from the NT government of \$0.5 million. During the 9 months ended 31 March 2015, \$29.4 million has been spent on the Southern Georgina Joint Venture with \$0.7 million being spent during the Quarter. Central has contributed \$4.8 million to date as reflected within the exploration year to date number of \$6.8 million.

Cash Operating outflows for the Quarter related primarily to the Surprise Oil Field and the ramp up of the Palm Valley gas field including \$2.3 million of production costs and administration costs of \$1 million.

The Company continues to maintain its fiscally prudent approach to cost management.

### **Employee Benefits**

At the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on 26 November 2014 Shareholders approved the Company to implement a share based Long Term Incentive Plan (LTIP) to incentivise eligible employees (Non-Executive Directors are not eligible to participate). During the quarter the Company completed the Key Terms and Vesting Conditions of the LTIP and these are available for viewing on the Company's website.

### **Issued Securities of the Company**

At 31 March 2015 the Company had 368,718,957 ordinary shares on issue (unchanged from the prior quarter) and 66,081,747 unlisted options exercisable at various prices and with various expiry dates (a total of 13,000,003 unlisted options expired at 31 March 2015).

There was no change in the Company's securities on issue during the Quarter.

**Richard Cottee**



**Managing Director**  
**29 April 2015**



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# Appendix 5B

## Mining exploration entity quarterly report

Introduced 01/07/96 Origin Appendix 8 Amended 01/07/97, 01/07/98, 30/09/01, 01/06/10, 17/12/10

Name of entity

Central Petroleum Limited

ABN

72 083 254 308

Quarter ended ("current quarter")

31 March 2015

### Consolidated statement of cash flows

	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (9 months) \$A'000
<b>Cash flows related to operating activities</b>		
1.1 Receipts from product sales and related debtors	1,725	8,528
1.2 Payments for		
(a) exploration & evaluation	(1,301)	(6,761)
(b) development [see 1.8(b)]		
(c) production	(2,277)	(7,649)
(d) administration	(981)	(4,306)
(e) settlement of legal case	-	(598)
1.3 Dividends received	-	-
1.4 Interest and other items of a similar nature received	16	122
1.5 Interest and other costs of finance paid	(47)	(227)
1.6 Income taxes paid	-	-
1.7 (a) Other income	35	169
(b) R&D refunds	3,252	3,252
<b>Net Operating Cash Flows</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>(7,470)</b>
<b>Cash flows related to investing activities</b>		
1.8 Payment for purchases of:		
(a) prospects	-	-
(b) development & other fixed assets	(4,431)	(18,914)
1.9 Proceeds from sale of:		
(a) prospects	-	-
(b) equity investments	-	-
(c) other fixed assets	960	960
1.10 Contributions from Joint Venture Partners	-	-
1.11 Loans repaid by other entities	-	-
1.12 Other – redemption/(lodgement) of security bonds	543	496
<b>Net investing cash flows</b>	<b>(2,928)</b>	<b>(17,458)</b>
1.13 Total operating and investing cash flows (carried forward)	<b>(2,506)</b>	<b>(24,928)</b>

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<b>Cash flows related to financing activities</b>			
1.14	Proceeds (net) from issues of shares, options, etc.	-	5,562
1.15	Proceeds from sale of forfeited shares	-	-
1.16	Proceeds from borrowings	3,000	15,000
1.17	Repayment of borrowings	(161)	(161)
1.18	Dividends paid	-	-
1.19	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
<b>Net financing cash flows</b>		<b>2,839</b>	<b>20,401</b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash held</b>		<b>333</b>	<b>(4,527)</b>
1.20	Cash at beginning of quarter/year to date	5,470	10,330
1.21	Exchange rate adjustments to item 1.20	-	-
1.22	<b>Cash at end of quarter</b>	<b>5,803</b>	<b>5,803</b>

**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	257
1.24	Aggregate amount of loans to the parties included in item 1.10	-

1.25 Explanation necessary for an understanding of the transactions

Includes directors fees, salaries of executive directors, superannuation, and consulting fees paid to directors or director related entities.

**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

Nil

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

Nil

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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	6,692	43,308
3.2 Credit standby arrangements	-	-

### Estimated cash outflows for next quarter

	\$A'000
4.1 Exploration and evaluation (net)	2,003
4.2 Development funded by Macquarie Finance Facility	3,000
4.3 Production expenses before forecast revenue generated from oil and gas activities	1,808
4.4 Administration	1,667
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,478</b>

### 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	4,558	2,599
5.2 Deposits at call	-	500
5.3 Bank overdraft	-	-
5.4 Joint arrangements	187	502
5.5 Debt funding account for Macquarie Finance Facility	1,058	1,869
<b>Total: cash at end of quarter (item 1.22)</b>	<b>5,803</b>	<b>5,470</b>

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### Changes in interests in petroleum and mining tenements

	Tenement reference	Nature of interest (note (2))	Interest at beginning of quarter	Interest at end of quarter
6.1	Interests in petroleum and mining tenements relinquished, reduced or lapsed	See Ops Report for Detailed List of Tenements Held		
6.2	Interests in petroleum tenements acquired or increased			

### 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	<b>Preference</b>			
	<b>+securities</b>			
	<i>(description)</i>			
7.2	Changes during quarter			
	(a) Increases through issues			
	(b) Decreases through returns of capital, buy-backs, redemptions			
7.3	<b>+Ordinary securities</b>	368,718,957	368,718,957	

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7.4	Changes during quarter				
	(a) Increases through issues	-	-	-	-
	(b) Increases through conversion of options	-	-	-	-
	(c) Decreases (details)	-	-	-	-
7.5	<b>+Convertible debt securities</b> <i>(description)</i>				
7.6	Changes during quarter				
	(a) Increases through issues				
	(b) Decreases through securities matured, converted				
7.7	<b>Options</b> <i>(description)</i>			<u>Exercise price</u>	<u>Expiry date</u>
	- Listed	-	-	-	-
	- Unlisted	66,081,747	-	Various	Various
7.8	Issued during quarter				
	- Unlisted	-	-	-	-
7.9	Exercised during quarter				
	- Unlisted	-	-	-	-
7.10	Cancelled during quarter (all expiries)				
	- Unlisted	13,000,003	-	-	-

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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.
- 2 This statement does ~~/does not\*~~ *(delete one)* give a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.



Sign here: .....  
 (Joint Company Secretary)

Date: 29 April 2015

Print name: .....Joseph Morfea.....

**Notes**

- 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 6: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources* and *AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows* apply to this report.

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