# **HIBISCUS PETROLEUM BERHAD**

(Company No : 798322-P) (Incorporated in Malaysia)

# Unaudited Quarterly Financial Report 30 September 2014

## UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF PROFIT OR LOSS

	Note	INDIVID QUARTER ENDED 30.09.2014 RM'000	UAL QUARTER QUARTER ENDED 30.09.2013 RM'000	CUMULAT PERIOD ENDED 30.09.2014 RM'000	TVE QUARTER PERIOD ENDED 30.09.2013 RM'000
REVENUE		2,171	3,044	10,659	8,877
Other income		694	4,900	4,548	7,202
Administrative expenses		(6,627)	(5,815)	(22,187)	(17,166)
Other expenses		(3,513)	(101)	(5,077)	(7,057)
Finance costs		-	(1,117)	(8)	(3,113)
<ul><li>Share of results of an associate:</li><li>Share of losses</li><li>Negative goodwill arising from acquisition</li></ul>		(63)	(194)	(291)	(525) 7,447
Share of losses of joint ventures		(2,628)	(421)	(7,548)	(3,930)
Gain on dilution of interest in a joint venture		-	12,352	-	13,455
(LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	25	(9,966)	12,648	(19,904)	5,190
Taxation	26	689	(6)	1,661	(30)
(LOSS)/PROFIT AFTER TAXATION	_	(9,277)	12,642	(18,243)	5,160
(LOSS)/PROFIT AFTER TAXATION ATTRIBUTABLE TO:					
Owners of the Company		(9,277)	12,642	(18,243)	5,160
(LOSS)/EARNINGS PER SHARE (SEN)					
Basic	24	(1.14)	2.79	(2.91)	1.16
Diluted	24	(1.14)	1.63	(2.91)	0.67

The Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Profit or Loss should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial period ended 31 December 2013 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the financial statements.

# UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	INDIVID QUARTER ENDED 30.09.2014 RM'000	UAL QUARTER QUARTER ENDED 30.09.2013 RM'000	CUMULA PERIOD ENDED 30.09.2014 RM'000	TIVE QUARTER PERIOD ENDED 30.09.2013 RM'000
(LOSS)/PROFIT AFTER TAXATION	(9,277)	12,642	(18,243)	5,160
Other comprehensive income/(expenses): Items that may be subsequently reclassified to profit and loss:				
Foreign currency translation*	1,522	4,022	(3,125)	8,763
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE (EXPENSES)/ INCOME FOR THE QUARTER/PERIOD	(7,755)	16,664	(21,368)	13,923
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE (EXPENSES)/ INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO:				
Owners of the Company	(7,755)	16,664	(21,368)	13,923

\* Arising from translation of Group entities' financial statements with different functional currencies recognised directly in reserves.

The Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial period ended 31 December 2013 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the financial statements.

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# UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	Note	UNAUDITED AS AT 30.09.2014 RM'000	AUDITED AS AT 31.12.2013 RM'000
ASSETS			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Investment in an associate		12,014	13,758
Investments in joint ventures		226,036	209,156
Intangible assets		66,210	61,787
Equipment		58,797	31,124
		363,057	315,825
CURRENT ASSETS			
Other receivables, deposits and prepayments		47,673	2,239
Tax recoverable		-	1,241
Amounts owing by joint ventures		8,396	4,984
Amount owing by an associate		806	1,968
Fixed deposits with licensed banks		80,000	34,755
Cash and bank balances		30,021	27,650
		166,896	72,837
TOTAL ASSETS		529,953	388,662
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
EQUITY			
Share capital	10	8,916	5,099
Other reserves		514,122	363,187
(Accumulated losses)/Retained earnings		(15,971)	1,849
		507,067	370,135
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Other payables and accruals		8,929	16,242
Amount owing to an associate		13,454	1,018
Deferred revenue		254	-
Provision for taxation		30	40
Redeemable Convertible Preference Shares ("RCPS")		219	219
Convertible Redeemable Preference Shares ("CRPS")	10	-	1,008
		22,886	18,527
TOTAL LIABILITIES		22,886	18,527
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		529,953	388,662
NET ASSETS PER SHARE (RM)		0.57	0.73

The Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial period ended 31 December 2013 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the financial statements.

# HIBISCUS PETROLEUM BERHAD (Company No : 798322-P) (Incorporated in Malaysia) QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

# UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

<> NON-DISTRIBUTABLE>							
	SHARE CAPITAL RM'000	SHARE PREMIUM RM'000	WARRANT RESERVE RM'000	OTHER RESERVE RM'000	FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVE RM'000	RETAINED EARNINGS/ (ACCUMULATED LOSSES) RM'000	TOTAL RM'000
9 months to 30.09.2014							
As at 01.01.2014	5,099	265,465	87,753	-	9,969	1,849	370,135
Conversion of warrants	3,811	240,661	(87,330)	-	-	-	157,142
Conversion of CRPS	6	1,011	-	-	-	-	1,017
Share-based payment	-	-	-	141	-	-	141
Unexercised warrant reserve	-	-	(423)	-	-	423	-
Loss after taxation	-	-	-	-	-	(18,243)	(18,243)
Other comprehensive expenses, net of tax:							
Foreign currency translation	-	-	-	-	(3,125)	-	(3,125)
Total comprehensive expenses for							
the period	-	-	-	-	(3,125)	(18,243)	(21,368)
As at 30.09.2014	8,916	507,137	-	141	6,844	(15,971)	507,067
9 months to 30.09.2013							
As at 01.01.2013	4,401	154,521	91,669	173	(2,105)	(12,647)	236,012
Conversion of warrants	90	7,053	(2,642)	-	-	-	4,501
Conversion of CRPS	122	20,280	-	5	-	-	20,407
Profit after taxation	-	-	-	-	-	5,160	5,160
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:							
Foreign currency translation	-	-	-	-	8,763	-	8,763
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	_	-	8,763	5,160	13,923
-	4,613	101 051	80.027	179			
As at 30.09.2013	4,013	181,854	89,027	178	6,658	(7,487)	274,843

The Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial period ended 31 December 2013 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the financial statements.

# UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	PERIOD ENDED 30.09.2014 RM'000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Loss before taxation	(19,904)
Adjustments for:	4 4 0 4
Depreciation of equipment Interest income	1,104 (777)
Unrealised gain on foreign exchange	(371)
Finance costs	(371)
Share of losses of an associate	291
Share of losses of joint ventures	7,548
Operating loss before working capital changes	(12,101)
Increase in other receivables, deposits and prepayments	(45,193)
Decrease in other payables and accruals	(1,737)
Increase in amounts owing by joint ventures	(3,092)
Increase in amount owing to an associate	13,554
Cash used in operating activities	(48,569)
Tax refund	2,756
Net cash used in operating activities	(45,813)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Purchase of equipment	(29,359)
Interest received	777
Investment in a joint venture	(26,124)
Acquisition of intangible assets	(5,746)
Net cash used in investing activities	(60,452)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Proceeds from issuance of ordinary shares	157,283
Deposit refunded to a CRPS placee	(5,453)
Net cash generated from financing activities	151,830
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	45,565
Effects of foreign exchange rate changes	2,051
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the financial period	62,405
	110,021
Less: Cash restricted in use	(22,564)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the financial period	87,457

The Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements for the financial period ended 31 December 2013 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the financial statements.

# PART A – EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO MALAYSIAN FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARD 134

## 1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The unaudited Quarterly Report has been prepared in accordance with the reporting requirements as set out in the Malaysian Financial Reporting Standard ("**MFRS**") 134: *Interim Financial Reporting* issued by the Malaysian Accounting Standards Board ("**MASB**") and Paragraph 9.22 of the Main Market Listing Requirements ("**MMLR**") of Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad ("**Bursa Securities**"), and should be read in conjunction with the Group's audited financial statements for the financial period ended 31 December 2013 and the accompanying explanatory notes attached to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

The explanatory notes attached to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements provide an explanation of events and transactions that are significant to an understanding of the changes in the financial position and performance of the Group since the financial period ended 31 December 2013.

## 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the unaudited condensed financial statements are consistent with those followed in the preparation of the Group's audited financial statements for the financial period ended 31 December 2013, except for the adoption of Amendments to Standards and Issue Committee ("**IC**") Interpretations effective as of 1 January 2014.

### 2.1 Adoption of Amendments to Standards and IC Interpretations

The Group has adopted the following Amendments to Standards and IC Interpretations, with a date of initial application of 1 January 2014:

Amendments to MFRS 10	Consolidated Financial Statements: Investment Entities					
Amendments to MFRS 12	Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities: Investment Entities					
Amendments to MFRS 127	Separate Financial Statements: Investment Entities					
Amendments to MFRS 132	Financial Instruments: Presentation - Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities					
Amendments to MFRS 139	Novation of Derivatives and Continuation of Hedge Accounting					
IC Interpretation 21	Levies					
Amendments to MFRS 119 Annual Improvements to MFRSs 2010 - 2012 Cycle	Defined Benefit Plans: Employee Contributions (Amendments to MFRS 2 Share-based Payment, MFRS 3 Business Combinations, MFRS 8 Operating Segments, MFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement, MFRS 116 Property, Plant and Equipment, MFRS 124 Related Party Disclosures and MFRS 138 Intangible Assets)					
Annual Improvements to MFRSs 2011 - 2013 Cycle	(Amendments to MFRS 1 <i>First-time Adoption of Financial Reporting Standards</i> , MFRS 3 <i>Business Combinations</i> , MFRS 13 <i>Fair Value Measurement</i> and MFRS 140 <i>Investment Property</i> )					

## 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)

## 2.1 Adoption of Amendments to Standards and IC Interpretations (Cont'd)

The adoption of the above amendments and interpretation did not have any impact on the financial statements of the Group.

## 2.2 Standards issued but not yet effective

At the date of authorisation of the Quarterly Report, the following Standards were issued but not yet effective and have not been adopted by the Group:

Description		Effective for financial periods beginning on or after
MFRS 9	Financial Instruments (IFRS 9 issued by International Accounting Standards Board (" <b>IASB</b> ") in November 2009)	To be announced by MASB
MFRS 9	Financial Instruments (IFRS 9 issued by IASB in October 2010)	To be announced by MASB
MFRS 9	Financial Instruments: Mandatory Effective date of MFRS 9 and Transition Disclosures (Amendments to MFRS 9 and MFRS 7)	To be announced by MASB
MFRS 9	Financial Instruments (Hedge Accounting and amendments to MFRS 9, MFRS 7 and MFRS 139)	To be announced by MASB
MFRS 15	Revenue from Contracts with Customers	1 January 2017

The Group will adopt the above standards and amendments when they become effective in the respective financial periods. The Group is in the process of making an assessment of the impact of the adoption of these standards and amendments to existing standards.

# 3 SEASONAL OR CYCLICAL FACTORS

The Group's operations were not significantly affected by any seasonal or cyclical factors.

## 4 SIGNIFICANT/UNUSUAL ITEMS

Save as disclosed below, there were no other significant or unusual items affecting the assets, liabilities, equity, net income or cash flows of the Group during the financial period ended 30 September 2014:

Lime Petroleum Plc ("Lime") holds a 100% equity stake in Lime Petroleum Norway AS ("Lime Norway"), which has interests in 13 production licences in the Norwegian Continental Shelf ("NCS"). Hibiscus Petroleum, via its wholly-owned subsidiary company, Gulf Hibiscus Limited ("Gulf Hibiscus"), holds a 35% equity stake in Lime.

As part of Lime's growth strategy with Norway taking an increasingly important focus, Lime's shareholders had injected USD16 million (RM52.5 million) into Lime in January 2014 to facilitate the drawdown of a Norwegian Kroner ("**NOK**") 300 million (USD48.6 million / RM159.5 million) government-backed loan from Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB ("**SEB**"), a Nordic corporate bank, to fund the drilling of at least 2 exploration wells in the NCS and fully finance Lime Norway's activities into 2015. The loan facility agreement with SEB was executed in December 2013. Out of the total advance of USD16 million, Gulf Hibiscus contributed USD5.6 million (RM18.4 million), to maintain its 35% indirect equity interest in Lime Norway.

Please refer to our announcement dated 9 January 2014.

(ii) On 27 February 2014, the Company and Pacific Meadow Sdn. Bhd. ("Pacific Meadow") had mutually agreed to terminate the conditional subscription agreement dated 3 October 2013 for Pacific Meadow's proposed subscription of RM109.07 million existing CRPS ("Termination"). The Termination was made to, among others, ensure that there would be no unnecessary dilutive effect to the shareholders' equity holding in the Company, as the conversion price of the CRPS of RM1.85 (based on the 5-day volume weighted average market price of the Company's shares immediately prior to the price fixing date) was approximately 13.1% below RM2.13, based on the last transacted price of the Company's shares on the Main Market of Bursa Securities on 26 February 2014, prior to the Termination.

On 18 March 2014, following the Termination, the proposed variation to extend the maturity date of the existing CRPS from 30 April 2014 to 31 December 2014, was not proceeded with. Thus, the maturity date of the existing CRPS remained as 30 April 2014.

Please refer to our announcements dated 27 February 2014 and 18 March 2014.

(iii) Lime, through its wholly-owned subsidiary company, Lime Petroleum Ltd ("**Lime Ltd**"), has a 64% stake in Masirah Oil Limited ("**Masirah Oil**").

Following a capital call by Masirah Oil for a total amount of USD3.6 million, the shareholders of Lime subscribed for 3.6 million ordinary shares in Lime on 21 July 2014. Out of the total capital injection of USD3.6 million, Gulf Hibiscus subscribed for 1.26 million ordinary shares in Lime for USD1.26 million (RM4.0 million) to maintain its 35% equity interest in Lime.

## 4 SIGNIFICANT/UNUSUAL ITEMS (CONT'D)

(iv) In July 2014, Lime Norway surrendered PL509S, PL509BS and PL509CS following the deadline for a drill or drop decision by 23 July 2014. The decision was made pursuant to the assessment of results from reprocessed seismic data, the application of Rex Virtual Drilling<sup>1</sup> ("RVD") and electromagnetic surveys.

The write-off of costs relating to the relinquishment of these licences do not have a material impact on the results of the Group.

Please refer to our announcement dated 24 July 2014.

- (v) Warrants-A and Warrants-B were both issued on 21 July 2011 in registered form and were exercisable anytime during the period commencing from 18 April 2012 up to 24 July 2014. Upon expiry on 24 July 2014, 99.6% of the total Warrants-A of 334,436,522 were exercised, leaving only 1,439,325 Warrants-A unexercised. All of the 83,611,200 Warrants-B were exercised. Total warrant proceeds received during the tenure of the warrants are RM174.9 million, out of which RM157.3 million was received in 2014.
- (vi) Lime, through Lime Ltd, has a 100% stake in Zubara Petroleum Limited ("**Zubara Petroleum**") and Baqal Petroleum Limited ("**Baqal Petroleum**").

Pursuant to the funds requirement of USD3.134 million for budgeted activities of Zubara Petroleum and to meet routine cost and expenditure of Baqal Petroleum and Lime, the shareholders of Lime subscribed for 3.134 million ordinary shares in Lime on 16 September 2014. Out of the total capital injection of USD3.134 million, Gulf Hibiscus subscribed for 1.0969 million ordinary shares in Lime for USD1.0969 million (RM3.5 million) to maintain its 35% equity interest in Lime.

(vii) Acquisition of further interests in the VIC/P57 Exploration Permit ("**VIC/P57**"), the VIC/L31 Production Licence ("**VIC/L31**") and the Britannia Rig

Please refer to Item 6 of this Quarterly Report for further details.

(viii) Proposed acquisition of a 25% interest in the Kitan producing oilfield

Please refer to Part B, Item 17 (ii) of this Quarterly Report for further details.

## 5 MATERIAL CHANGES IN ESTIMATES

There were no material changes in estimates of amounts reported in the prior financial periods that have a material effect in the financial period ended 30 September 2014.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> An algorithmic software which analyses seismic datasets to identify the location of liquid hydrocarbons in the ground.

## 6 MATERIAL EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE END OF THE FINANCIAL QUARTER

Save as disclosed below, there were no other material events subsequent to the end of the financial quarter ended 30 September 2014 up to the date of this report:

- On 17 November 2014, the Company announced the completion of the following transactions between Carnarvon Hibiscus Pty Ltd ("CHPL"), Althea Corporation Limited ("Althea") (both of which are Hibiscus Petroleum's wholly-owned subsidiaries via Oceania Hibiscus Sdn. Bhd. ("Oceania Hibiscus")), HiRex Petroleum Sdn. Bhd. ("HIREX") and 3D Oil Limited ("3D Oil"):
  - acquisition of 49.9% interest in the Britannia Rig by CHPL from 3D Oil and the trust realignment for Althea to act as the bare trustee on bare trust for CHPL in its own capacity (rather than in the capacity as a joint operating agreement operator) and acquisition of 5% interest in VIC/P57 by CHPL from 3D Oil for USD7.5 million, paid between May 2014 and August 2014;
  - acquisition of 3D Oil's 49.9% interest in VIC/L31 by CHPL for USD16 million, fully settled on 27 October 2014; and
  - exercise of option by HiRex (Australia) Pty Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of HIREX, to acquire 3D Oil's 20% interest in VIC/P57.

Please refer to our announcements dated 12 May 2014, 23 June 2014, 7 July 2014, 11 August 2014, 12 August 2014, 15 August 2014, 21 October 2014 and 17 November 2014.

## 7 CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP

On 20 June 2014, the Company acquired Timor Hibiscus Limited (**"Timor Hibiscus**"), a company incorporated in Labuan under the Labuan Companies Act, 1990, with an issued and paid-up capital of USD1.00 comprising 1 ordinary share of USD1.00. On 2 July 2014, the paid-up capital of Timor Hibiscus increased to USD1 million. Timor Hibiscus is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. The principal activity of Timor Hibiscus is investment holding.

On 27 June 2014, the Company acquired Hibiscus Technical Services Sdn Bhd ("**Hibiscus Technical Services**"), a company incorporated in Malaysia under the Companies Act, 1965, with an authorised share capital of 500,000 ordinary shares of RM1.00 each and a paid-up capital of RM2.00. On 3 July 2014, the paid-up capital of Hibiscus Technical Services increased to RM500,000. Hibiscus Technical Services is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. Hibiscus Technical Services is an investment holding company which also provides project management, technical and other services relating to the oil and gas industry.

Save as disclosed above, there were no changes in the composition of the Group during the financial period ended 30 September 2014.

## 8 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CONTINGENT ASSETS

The Directors are not aware of any material contingent liabilities or contingent assets, which, upon becoming enforceable, may have a material impact on the profit or loss, or net assets value of the Group.

## 9 DIVIDENDS PAID/PAYABLE

There were no dividends declared or paid during the financial period ended 30 September 2014.

## 10 BORROWINGS, DEBT AND EQUITY SECURITIES

The movements in the issued and paid-up share capital of the Company arising from the conversion of Warrants-A, Warrants-B and CRPS into ordinary shares during the financial period ended 30 September 2014 were as follows:

			PERIOD ENDED 30.09.2014
ORDINARY SHARES	Par value RM	Number of shares	Share capital RM'000
As at 01.01.2014	0.01	509,875,742	5,099
Conversion of Warrants-A	0.01	297,563,597	2,975
Conversion of Warrants-B	0.01	83,611,200	836
Conversion of CRPS	0.01	591,715	6
As at 30.09.2014	0.01	891,642,254	8,916

## (i) Warrants-A

The Warrants-A were issued in registered form and are constituted by the Warrants-A Deed Poll. The Warrants-A were listed on the Main Market of Bursa Securities and were exercisable anytime during the period commencing from 18 April 2012 up to 24 July 2014.

Upon expiry on 24 July 2014, 99.6% of the total Warrants-A was exercised. The unexercised Warrants-A of 1,439,325 have expired.

Total issued	:	334,436,522
Exercised during the financial period	:	297,563,597
Exercise price	:	RM0.50 per Warrant-A

## (ii) Warrants-B

The Warrants-B were issued in registered form and are constituted by the Warrants-B Deed Poll. The Warrants-B were not listed and were exercisable anytime during the period commencing from 18 April 2012 up to 24 July 2014.

Total issued	:	83,611,200
Exercised during the financial period	:	83,611,200
Exercise price	:	RM0.10 per Warrant-B

#### Note:

The Warrants-B are held by Hibiscus Upstream Sdn. Bhd. ("**Hibiscus Upstream**"), a company set up to hold ordinary shares of RM0.01 each and Warrants-B of the Company on behalf of the Company's Non-Independent Directors and management team. Previously, there was a 50% moratorium imposed on the sale, transfer or assignment of shares and Warrants-B held by Hibiscus Upstream, which expired on 17 April 2013 and the moratorium was uplifted during the financial period ended 31 December 2013.

The ordinary shares issued from the exercise of warrants rank pari passu in all respects with the existing issued ordinary shares of the Company. There were no dividends, distributions, rights, allotments and/or any other forms of distribution where the entitlement date preceded the relevant date of the allotment and issuance of the new shares arising from the exercise of warrants.

## 10 BORROWINGS, DEBT AND EQUITY SECURITIES (CONT'D)

## (iii) CRPS

During the financial quarter ended 30 September 2014, the Company did not issue any further CRPS. Following full conversion of the balance 1.00 million CRPS and the subsequent listing of the ordinary shares on 9 May 2014, there was no further outstanding CRPS as at 30 September 2014.

Save for the above, there were no other issuances, cancellations, repurchases, resale and repayments of borrowings, debt and equity securities during the financial period ended 30 September 2014.

#### 11 OPERATING SEGMENTS

Operating segments are presented in respect of the Group's business segments. The Group has activities in the following principal areas:

- (i) Investment holding Investments in companies owning/operating oil and gas concessions, and provision of project management, technical and other services relating to the oil and gas exploration and production industry.
- (ii) Lime Group's investments and operations in the exploration assets (including GA-South Oman discovery) of Lime and its concession companies ("Lime Group"), located in the Middle East and Norway.
- (iii) 3D Oil, VIC/L31 & Group's operations in the West Seahorse field within the VIC/L31
   VIC/P57 Production Licence and other exploration prospects within the VIC/P57 Exploration Permit, and investment in 3D Oil, located in Australia.
- (iv) HIREX Planned investments in exploration assets within the Asia Pacific region. There were no exploration assets secured during the financial period.

	Investment holding RM'000	Lime RM'000	3D Oil, VIC/L31 & VIC/P57 RM'000	HIREX RM'000	Elimination RM'000	Group RM'000
As at 30.09.2014 Non-current assets	2,998	217,930	134,023	8,106	-	363,057
Period ended 30.09.2014 Revenue	10,581	-	78	-	-	10,659
Depreciation	(1,103)	-	(1)	-	-	(1,104)
Loss from operations Share of results Finance costs Interest income Taxation	(9,522) - (8) 3,065 (30)	(3,661) - -	(2,535) (291) (3,065) - 1,691	- (3,887) - - -	3,065 (3,065)	(12,057) (7,839) (8) - 1,661
Loss after taxation	(6,495)	(3,661)	(4,200)	(3,887)	-	(18,243)

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# 11 OPERATING SEGMENTS (CONT'D)

	Investment holding RM'000	Lime RM'000	3D Oil, VIC/L31 & VIC/P57 RM'000	HIREX RM'000	Elimination RM'000	Group RM'000
As at 30.09.2013 Non-current assets	26,799	186,184	73,935	12,022	-	298,940
Period ended 30.09.2013 Revenue	8,470	-	407	-	-	8,877
Depreciation	(299)	-	-	-	-	(299)
Loss from operations Share of results Gain on dilution of interest in	(7,678) -	- (3,558)	(466) 6,922	(372)	-	(8,144) 2,992
a joint venture Finance costs	(3,113)	-	- (2,390)	13,455 -	2,390	13,455 (3,113)
Interest income Taxation	2,390 (9)	-	- (21)	-	(2,390) -	(30)
(Loss)/profit after taxation	(8,410)	(3,558)	4,045	13,083	-	5,160

# 12 SIGNIFICANT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The recurrent related party transactions within the Group are as follows:

	INDIVIDUA QUARTER ENDED 30.09.2014 RM'000	AL QUARTER QUARTER ENDED 30.09.2013 RM'000	CUMULATIN PERIOD ENDED 30.09.2014 RM'000	/E QUARTER PERIOD ENDED 30.09.2013 RM'000
Project management, technical and other services fees earned from joint ventures				
- Lime	1,378	2,045	8,882	6,324
- HIREX	465	605	1,000	1,004
Joint Operating Agreement indirect overheads recovery from an associate				
- 3D Oil	88	1,081	416	1,678
Technical and non-technical charges reimbursed from an associate				
- 3D Oil	350	413	1,323	931
Technical and non-technical, and overhead charges reimbursed to an associate				
- 3D Oil	(127)	(522)	(698)	(1,811)

## 13 MATERIAL COMMITMENTS

Save as disclosed below, the Group is not aware of any material capital commitments incurred or known to be incurred by the Group which, upon becoming enforceable, may have a material impact on the profit or loss, or net assets value of the Group as at 30 September 2014:

	RM'000
Approved and contracted for:	
Share of an associate's material commitments (3D Oil) (#)	3,923
Share of a joint venture's material commitments (Lime) (##)	3,759
Group's material commitments (Timor Hibiscus, Kitan)	16,386
	24,068
Approved but not contracted for:	
Share of an associate's material commitments (3D Oil) (#)	2,261
Share of a joint operation's material commitments (VIC/P57 and VIC/L31) (#)	17,409
Share of a joint venture's material commitments (Lime) (##)	28,439
	48,109

On 17 November 2014, the Group's interests in VIC/P57 and VIC/L31 increased. Details are as included in Note 6 of this report.

(#) In relation to 2014 approved budgets. Subsequent to 30 September 2014, the 2015 budgets were approved, for which the Group's share of an associate's and a joint operation's further material commitments are summarised as follows:

	RM'000
Approved but not contracted for:	
Share of an associate's material commitments (3D Oil)	2,893
Share of a joint operation's material commitments (VIC/P57 and VIC/L31)	263,951
	266,844

(##) In relation to 2014 budgets approved by concession companies in the Middle East. The share of a joint venture's material commitments in relation to 2015 have not been included in this report as the budgets are still subject to approval.

# PART B – EXPLANATORY NOTES PURSUANT TO APPENDIX 9B OF THE MMLR OF BURSA SECURITIES

## 14 AUDITORS' REPORT ON PRECEDING ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

There was no audit qualification to the auditors' report on the latest audited financial statements.

#### 15 PERFORMANCE REVIEW

#### 15.1 Material factors affecting financial year-to-date results

Group revenue increased by RM1.8 million from RM8.9 million in the previous corresponding nine-month period ("**corresponding period**") to RM10.7 million in the current nine-month period ("**current period**").

Revenue comprises fees for project management, technical and other services, and interest income from fixed deposits. The increase in revenue in the current period is largely due to the increased project management activities relating to the 2-well drilling programme in Block 50 Oman which commenced in November 2013 and continued to March 2014.

The Group recorded a loss before taxation for the current period of RM19.9 million as compared to a profit before taxation of RM5.2 million in the corresponding period.

The loss before taxation in the current period is mainly due to the Group's recognition of gain on the dilution of interest in HIREX from 100% to 41.00% (RM13.5 million) and negative goodwill arising from subscription of shares in 3D Oil (RM7.4 million) in the corresponding period.

In the current period, the Group recognised its share of HIREX's losses of RM3.9 million during the current period subsequent to HIREX becoming a joint venture in May 2013 as opposed to RM0.4 million in the corresponding period.

Consultancy and professional fees mainly in relation to project, business development and fund raising activities and personnel remuneration were higher by RM4.3 million. The Group was able to recover remuneration, consultancy and overheads expenses totalling RM11.6 million through the provision of project management, technical and other services and indirect overheads recovery from the joint ventures during the current period.

These were partially offset by lower finance costs by RM3.1 million in the current period due to the full conversion of the CRPS and no accretion of finance costs arising from the reversal of discovery bonus payable on 31 December 2013. The reversal of discovery bonus payable was due to the non-discovery of commercially viable hydrocarbons within the existing concessions in the Middle East held by Lime by 31 December 2013.

## 15 PERFORMANCE REVIEW (CONT'D)

#### 15.2 Material factors affecting current quarter's results

During the current quarter, the Group recorded revenue of RM2.2 million, a decrease of RM0.8 million as compared to RM3.0 million in the corresponding three-month period in the prior year ("**corresponding quarter**"). Such decrease is mainly due to lower revenue earned from project management, technical and other services fees from Lime. In the corresponding quarter, there was increased project management activity for preparation of the 2-well drilling programme in Block 50 Oman which commenced in November 2013.

The Group recorded a loss before taxation for the current quarter of RM10.0 million as compared to a profit before taxation of RM12.6 million in the corresponding quarter.

The loss before taxation in the current quarter is primarily due to the recognition of gain on the dilution of interest in HIREX from 48.24% to 41.00% of RM12.4 million in the corresponding quarter and a net negative impact in unrealised foreign exchange amounting to RM6.4 million. Such unrealised foreign exchange impact arose mainly from the translation of the Australian Dollar ("AUD")-denominated intercompany securities, Convertible Mandatory Redeemable Preference Shares ("CMRPS") at a weaker AUD against the Ringgit. The CMRPS were issued by CHPL and held by Oceania Hibiscus, both of which are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Hibiscus Petroleum and as such, the unrealised loss on foreign exchange does not affect the cashflows of the Group.

During the current quarter, there were higher share of losses of joint ventures in the Lime Group and HIREX by RM1.2 million and RM1.0 million respectively. The higher Group's share of losses in the Lime Group is largely due to accretion of finance costs arising from provision for asset retirement costs obligations in Block 50 Oman and increased level of operations in Lime Norway. Higher share of losses in HIREX is due to the increase in RVD technology fee.

## 16 MATERIAL CHANGE IN LOSS BEFORE TAXATION IN COMPARISON TO THE PRECEDING QUARTER

Group revenue for the current quarter was lower by RM0.3 million at RM2.2 million as compared to RM2.5 million in the quarter ended 30 June 2014 ("**preceding quarter**") mainly due to lower revenue earned from project management, technical and other services fees from Lime.

The Group recorded a loss before taxation for the current quarter of RM10.0 million as compared to RM9.8 million in the preceding quarter. This is primarily due to a net negative impact in unrealised foreign exchange arising from the weaker AUD against the Ringgit relating to the CMRPS between the current quarter and the preceding quarter amounting to RM3.5 million.

This was largely offset by lower consultancy and professional fees mainly relating to business development and fund raising activities by RM2.5 million and a net unrealised gain on foreign exchange arising mainly from the translation of US Dollar bank balances of RM1.1 million due to appreciation of the USD against the Ringgit.

## 17 STATUS OF CORPORATE PROPOSALS ANNOUNCED BUT NOT COMPLETED

#### (i) **Proposed Private Placement of Shares**

On 17 November 2014, Bursa Securities approved the Company's proposal to undertake a private placement of up to 89,164,225 new Hibiscus Petroleum shares, pursuant to the approval obtained from the shareholders of the Company at its Annual General Meeting for the Board to allot and issue new Hibiscus Petroleum shares not exceeding 10% of the Company's issued share capital for the time being, pursuant to Section 132D of the Companies Act, 1965.

Please refer to our announcements dated 14 October 2014, 14 November 2014 and 17 November 2014.

### (ii) Proposed Acquisition of the Entire Equity Interest in Talisman Resources (JPDA 06-105) Pty Limited ("Talisman Resources JPDA")

On 23 June 2014, the Company announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, Timor Hibiscus, had entered into a conditional share sale agreement ("**SSA**") with Talisman Oil & Gas (Australia) Pty Limited and the Company (as Timor Hibiscus' guarantor) to acquire the entire equity interest in Talisman Resources JPDA, which in turn holds a 25% interest in the Kitan producing oilfield for a purchase price of USD18 million ("**Proposed Transaction**").

A sum of USD13.0 million (RM41.4 million) has been remitted into a joint escrow account in accordance with the terms of the SSA.

Approval from the FIRB was obtained on 21 August 2014, whilst other conditions precedent to complete the Proposed Transaction, including the approval of the relevant authority in Timor Leste, are still pending.

Please refer to the announcements dated 23 June 2014 and 21 August 2014.

## 18 PROSPECTS OF THE GROUP

Hibiscus Petroleum's vision is to become a respected regional independent oil and gas company with a focus on conventional upstream oil and gas resources. Our five-year mission is to build a rapidly growing exploration and production company with a balanced portfolio of oil and gas assets including:

• Promising exploration permits that have a significant inventory of drillable prospects with a view to participating in at least three drilling activities annually.

We intend to harness the proprietary RVD technology to provide us with a significant competitive advantage in building our oil and gas reserves, in addition to utilising conventional geo-scientific analysis, through exploration drilling by focusing on activities in the Middle East, Norway and Asia Pacific regions.

Towards this end, we have secured several exploration assets in Norway for which 3 wells have been identified for prospective drilling in 2015. Drilling of an exploration well in Sharjah is targeted by the third quarter of 2015. In October 2014, we secured a rig by joining the Origin Rig Club for the drilling of an exploration well in VIC/P57 targeted for the second quarter of 2015.

### 18 **PROSPECTS OF THE GROUP (CONT'D)**

• Development assets where discovered oil and gas reserves are monetised through field development and where we can execute our projects in a timely and cost effective manner.

Currently, we have the discovered West Seahorse field and our recent oil discovery in GA-South #1 in Oman as part of our field development inventory.

With full ownership of the economically viable West Seahorse field, the Group has the opportunity to advance plans to develop this proven field. Full ownership of the Britannia rig would also provide flexibility in deciding the deployment of this rig, to expedite the Group's transition from an asset owner to an oil producer, for long-term sustainability.

• Producing assets which generate sufficient cash to fund our future exploration and development activities while creating a sustainable and growing company.

The Group recently executed an agreement to acquire a 25% stake in the Kitan producing oilfield. Kitan is located in the Bonaparte Basin within the Australia-Timor Leste Joint Petroleum Development Area. The remaining reserves in Kitan on 1 January 2014 is 17 million barrels of oil (4.25 million barrels net to Timor Hibiscus), as estimated by Wood Mackenzie, and is estimated to produce an average of 10,000 barrels of oil per day in 2014 (2,500 barrels of oil per day net to Timor Hibiscus). The completion of this acquisition is now mainly pending approval from the relevant Timor Leste authority.

The Group's activities for the next 1 year are expected to be funded through a combination of internally available funds, as well as debt and equity financing.

#### 19 PROFIT FORECAST AND PROFIT GUARANTEE

The Group has not announced or disclosed any profit forecast or profit guarantee in any public documents.

## 20 SALE OF UNQUOTED INVESTMENTS AND/OR PROPERTIES

There was no sale of unquoted investments and/or properties during the financial period ended 30 September 2014.

## 21 PURCHASE OR DISPOSAL OF QUOTED SECURITIES

There was no purchase or disposal of quoted securities during the financial period ended 30 September 2014.

## 22 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS WITH OFF-BALANCE SHEET RISK

There were no financial instruments with material off-balance sheet risk as at the date of this Quarterly Report.

#### 23 MATERIAL LITIGATION

There was no material litigation as at the date of this Quarterly Report.

## 24 (LOSS)/EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic (loss)/earnings per share is calculated by dividing the Group's (loss)/profit after taxation attributable to the owners of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the financial quarter/period.

		INDIVIDU, QUARTER ENDED 30.09.2014 RM'000	AL QUARTER QUARTER ENDED 30.09.2013 RM'000	CUMULATIV PERIOD ENDED 30.09.2014 RM'000	E QUARTER PERIOD ENDED 30.09.2013 RM'000
(Loss)/profit after taxation attributable to owners of the Company (RM'000)	(A)	(9,277)	12,642	(18,243)	5,160
Weighted average number of shares in issue ('000)	(B)	812,196	452,826	627,354	445,741
Basic (loss)/earnings per share (sen)	(A/B)	(1.14)	2.79	(2.91)	1.16
Diluted (loss)/earnings per share (sen)	-	(1.14)	1.63	(2.91)	0.67

## 25 (LOSS)/PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

	INDIVID QUARTER ENDED 30.09.2014 RM'000	UAL QUARTER QUARTER ENDED 30.09.2013 RM'000	CUMULA PERIOD ENDED 30.09.2014 RM'000	TIVE QUARTER PERIOD ENDED 30.09.2013 RM'000
(Loss)/profit before taxation is arrived at after charging/(crediting):				
Depreciation of equipment	363	113	1,104	299
Interest income	(328)	(394)	(777)	(1,549)
Unrealised loss/(gain) on foreign exchange Realised loss on foreign	2,392	(3,552)	(371)	1,056
exchange	153	(154)	281	291
Finance costs	-	1,117	8	3,113
Share of losses of an associate	63	194	291	525
Share of losses of joint ventures	2,628	421	7,548	3,930
Negative goodwill arising from acquisition of an associate	-	-	-	(7,447)
Gain on dilution of interest in a joint venture		(12,352)	-	(13,455)

Other than as presented in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Profit or Loss, and as disclosed above, there were no other income, interest expense, provision for and write off of receivables or inventories, gain/loss on disposal of quoted or unquoted investments or properties, impairment of assets, gain/loss on derivatives, and other exceptional items for the financial period ended 30 September 2014.

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# 26 TAXATION

	INDIVIDU QUARTER ENDED 30.09.2014 RM'000	AL QUARTER QUARTER ENDED 30.09.2013 RM'000	CUMULATI PERIOD ENDED 30.09.2014 RM'000	VE QUARTER PERIOD ENDED 30.09.2013 RM'000
Income taxation	(20)	(5)	1,661	(9)
Deferred taxation	709	(1)	-	(21)
	689	(6)	1,661	(30)

## 27 REALISED AND UNREALISED (ACCUMULATED LOSSES)/RETAINED EARNINGS

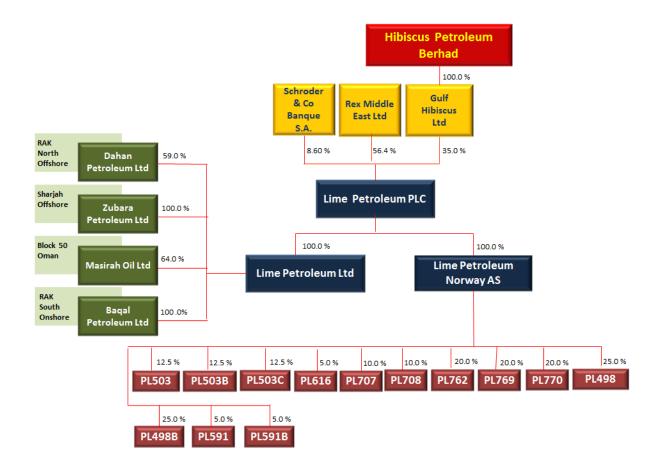
	UNAUDITED AS AT 30.09.2014 RM'000	AUDITED AS AT 31.12.2013 RM'000
Analysis of (accumulated losses)/retained earnings:		
Realised	(15,187)	6,549
Unrealised	371	(4,519)
	(14,816)	2,030
Less: Consolidation adjustments	(1,155)	(181)
	(15,971)	1,849

By Order of the Board of Directors Hibiscus Petroleum Berhad 27 November 2014

# PART C – STATUS OF DEVELOPMENT AND EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES

# 1 EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES UNDER THE LIME GROUP

## LIME GROUP STRUCTURE



The Hibiscus Petroleum Berhad Group (the "**Group**") has a 35% equity stake in Lime Petroleum Plc ("**Lime**") which has access to the following oil and gas concessions:

- (i) Middle East
  - Block 50 Oman Concession in the Sultanate of Oman ("Block 50 Oman Concession")
  - RAK Offshore Concession in Ras Al Khaimah, United Arab Emirates ("**UAE**") ("**RAK North Offshore Concession**")
  - RAK Onshore Concession in Ras Al Khaimah, UAE ("RAK South Onshore Concession")
  - Sharjah Offshore Concession in Sharjah, UAE ("Sharjah East Coast Concession")

### LIME GROUP STRUCTURE (Cont'd)

#### (ii) Norway

8 licences from the acquisition of participating interests from North Energy ASA and 5 new offshore licenses issued by the Norwegian Ministry of Petroleum and Energy during the Awards in Predefined Areas ("**APA**") in January 2014.

#### (iii) Summary of expenditure incurred

During the financial quarter/period ended 30 September 2014, the total expenditure incurred by Lime and its concession companies is set out below:

	QUARTER ENDED 30.09.2014 RM'000	PERIOD ENDED 30.09.2014 RM'000
Intangible assets	9,661	146,625
Administrative expenses	8,952	16,241
	18,613	162,866

## 1.1 BLOCK 50 OMAN CONCESSION

The key operations of Masirah Oil Ltd ("**Masirah**") are being managed mainly by Hibiscus Petroleum. The Hibiscus Petroleum well-engineering team is located in Dubai in the UAE.

Masirah's agreements with the regulatory authorities in the Sultanate of Oman require all public disclosures to be approved by the Omani government. Hence the information that is disclosed herewith is only information that has been previously approved for release by the authorities. Below are extracts from approved press releases issued regarding our drilling campaign.

Masirah began drilling its 1<sup>st</sup> exploration well in Masirah North North #1 ("**MNN #1**") on 25 November 2013 as part of its 2-well drilling programme in the Block 50 Oman concession. The prospect MNN #1 was selected for drilling after in-depth technical evaluation and verification using the proprietary Rex Virtual Drilling ("**RVD**") technology, in addition to confirmations provided via conventional methodologies. The prospect is located in the northern area of the Block 50 Oman concession which is about 17,000 square kilometres in size.

On 19 December 2013, Masirah suspended its 1<sup>st</sup> exploration well, MNN #1 for safety reasons, for further evaluation. The MNN #1 well was drilled to a total depth of approximately 1,000 metres below mean sea level. Mud losses in two carbonate sections of the well prevented Masirah from reaching its planned target depth. A comprehensive data acquisition, coring and logging programme of the formations that were drilled was completed on 21 December 2013. Data analysis indicated presence of non-commercial hydrocarbons. Datasets acquired from the coring and logging programmes are being utilised to refine the geological understanding of the area.

### 1.1 BLOCK 50 OMAN CONCESSION (CONT'D)

On 30 December 2013, Masirah began drilling its second exploration well in GA–South #1 ("**GAS #1**"), located in the Block 50 Oman concession. On 3 February 2014, Masirah announced the successful reach of the well target depth in its 2<sup>nd</sup> exploration well to its final depth of more than 3,000 metres into the Cambrian formation. Hydrocarbons were discovered in several formations with good oil sample extracted.

On 6 March 2014, Masirah announced that during a 48-hour test, hydrocarbons were flowed to the surface and the well achieved light oil flow rate of up to 3,000 stock tank barrels per day (stb/d) with no water production. This is the first offshore oil discovery in the east of Oman after more than 30 years of exploration activities.

## 1.2 RAK NORTH OFFSHORE CONCESSION

The team had received (from the previous operator of the field) access to 3D seismic data acquired in 1984 covering the Saleh field (which has producing wells and lies within, but is excluded from Lime's concession), as well as some acreage within the concession boundaries. Whilst a preliminary prospect was identified last year in RAK North Offshore based on conventional evaluation, sequence stratigraphy and the application of RVD on 3D seismic, there is currently a need to review the results of the analysis as there are certain similarities between the sequence stratigraphy of our recently drilled MNN #1 well in Oman and the geology observed in the RAK North Offshore Concession area. Hence, as part of a risk mitigation plan, the drilling schedule in RAK North Offshore has been postponed temporarily pending careful study of all available data.

#### 1.3 RAK SOUTH ONSHORE CONCESSION

The available seismic, gravity and magnetic survey datasets have been integrated and certain areas have been identified for future 3D seismic acquisition activities. Tenders for the seismic acquisition, interpretation and processing contract have been completed and submissions have been evaluated. Award of the contract for this work has been deferred to 2015 pending results of a potential farm-out of a portion of Lime's interests in the RAK South Onshore concession, as further discussed in Note 1.6 of this report.

## 1.4 SHARJAH EAST COAST CONCESSION

Zubara Petroleum Ltd ("**Zubara**"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lime, has received the necessary extension to its Concession Agreement from the government of Sharjah to commence engineering and procurement activities leading to the drilling of an exploration well by the third quarter of 2015.

Zubara, which owns 100% of the Sharjah East Coast Concession, finalized the award of a well management services contract on 31 July 2014. Additionally, an Environmental Impact Assessment ("**EIA**") as well as a site survey are scheduled for completion in the first quarter of 2015.

Procurement activities for the long lead equipment required for the exploration well is well advanced and award of major components is scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2014 and first quarter of 2015 pending results of a potential farm-out of a portion of Lime's interests in the Sharjah concession, as further discussed in Note 1.6 of this report.

#### 1.5 NORWAY

Our entry into Norway was part of a strategy to diversify the geopolitical risk of our asset portfolio. Indeed, the fiscal terms available to qualified young explorers operating in Norway are attractive and allow for a risk-managed approach in a business sector where high risk profiles and costly operations are usually unavoidable. The attractive fiscal terms offered under the Norwegian Petroleum Tax Act give Lime Petroleum Norway AS ("**Lime Norway**") the opportunity to recover approximately 78% of eligible exploration expenditure, irrespective of whether production is achieved.

Lime Norway has secured interests in 13 licences in the Norwegian Continental Shelf ("**NCS**")

Currently, Lime Norway is expected to have sufficient funds from previous equity injections together with the NOK300 million (USD49 million) financing facility secured from Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB ("**SEB**"), to fulfil their work commitments, including the drilling of 2 exploration wells, into 2015. In addition to this, another well has also been secured for prospective drilling in 2015.

The forecasted drilling schedule is as follows:

- PL591 and PL591B which is targeted for drilling in the first half of 2015. The operator of these licenses, located in the Norwegian Sea, is Tullow Oil Norge AS<sup>1</sup>.
- PL 708, located in the Barents Sea, is targeted for drilling in late 2015. The operator of this license is Lundin Norway AS<sup>2</sup>.
- PL 616, operated by Edison International Norway Branch<sup>3</sup>, which is targeted for drilling in the second half of 2015. This license is located in the North Sea.

At this juncture, Lime Norway has advised that decisions to drill wells or relinquish licences are expected to be made for PL 498 and PL498B in Q4 2014, while a similar determination is expected for PL503, PL503B and PL503C in the first quarter of 2015. For Lime Norway's remaining portfolio licences, drill or drop decisions are expected in 2016 and beyond.

In July 2014, Lime Norway surrendered PL509S, PL509BS and PL509CS following the deadline for a drill or drop decision by 23 July 2014. The decision was made pursuant to the assessment of results from reprocessed seismic data, the application of RVD and electromagnetic surveys, which was not able to define prospects with acceptable risk-reward benefits.

Lime Norway is continuously looking out for and assessing farm-in opportunities to achieve more firm wells in the short term, should positive results from RVD and conventional analysis be attained, in addition to acceptable commercial terms being offered.

Furthermore, Lime Norway has submitted 10 applications for new licenses in the next APA round by the submission deadline of 2 September 2014. The award of new licences is expected to be announced in February 2015.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Tullow is part of the Tullow Oil Plc Group which is a leading independent oil company with over 140 licences in over 20 countries.

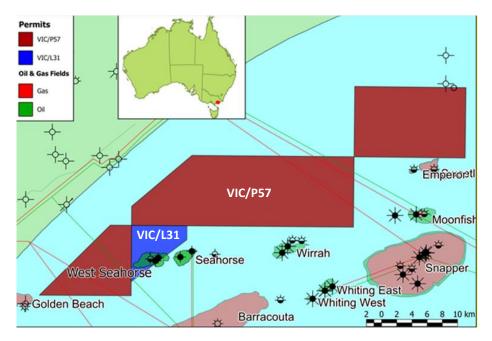
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Lundin Petroleum has exploration and production assets mainly in Europe and South East Asia.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Edison International is Europe's oldest energy company. Edison provides over 21% of natural gas to Italy, and owns over 50 billion cubic meters equivalent of hydrocarbon reserves in Italy and Egypt.

### 1.6 FARMING OUT MIDDLE EAST CONCESSIONS

Our business strategy is founded on a risk-managed approach to exploration drilling. Therefore, our preference is for the Group to participate in exploration wells where some of the risks are shared with other parties. Consistent with this strategy, efforts are underway to farm-out a portion of Lime's interests in the Sharjah and RAK South Onshore concessions. Additionally, in view of the costs associated with drilling a well in the RAK North Offshore concession, an equity farm-out on this block may also be considered.

#### 2 EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN RELATION TO THE PRODUCTION LICENSE VIC/L31 AND EXPLORATION PERMIT VIC/P57, GIPPSLAND BASIN, AUSTRALIA



Our wholly-owned subsidiary, Carnarvon Hibiscus Pty Ltd ("**CHPL**"), as operator, is responsible for the day-to-day management of work activities within VIC/P57 and VIC/L31, affording us a high level of financial and operational control in these concessions. CHPL has also recently acquired additional interest in VIC/L31, bringing its total interest held to 100%.

A project team was set up in Melbourne in late 2012 comprising representatives from Hibiscus Petroleum and 3D Oil Limited as well as other specialists to carry out Concept and Front-End Engineering Design studies. As part of this effort, the project team has selected an all-offshore solution consisting of a Mobile Offshore Production Unit ("**MOPU**"), a subsea pipeline and a Floating Storage and Offloading ("**FSO**") vessel for the West Seahorse development.

The Britannia, a jack-up rig, was procured on behalf of the VIC/P57 joint venture for conversion into a MOPU in July 2013. A small site team was set up in Tuzla, Turkey (where the rig is currently located) to define the work required to (a) reactivate the rig's ABS class and (b) enable long term use of the rig as a MOPU for the West Seahorse project.

### 2 EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN RELATION TO THE PRODUCTION LICENSE VIC/L31 AND EXPLORATION PERMIT VIC/P57, GIPPSLAND BASIN, AUSTRALIA (CONT'D)

Final negotiations are currently ongoing with the preferred MOPU contractor with a target to award the MOPU contract in the fourth quarter of 2014. The sale and lease back of the Britannia continues as the basis for the ongoing negotiations. The award of this contract and all other West Seahorse Project contracts is still subject to reaching a Final Investment Decision ("**FID**") which is currently planned for the fourth quarter of 2014.

A summary of the current plan for award of the major contracts required for West Seahorse is as follows:

Contract		Contract Award
•	<b>s &amp; Maintenance</b> – the Duty Holder of the field responsible eration of the West Seahorse Project	Q4 2014
	purchase of the Britannia, refurbishment, reactivate class, equipment, integration and installation	Q4 2014
<b>FSO</b> – purchase or charter of vessel that will store produced oil before selling to the market		Q1 2015
Export Sy offloading h	<b>ystem</b> – includes the supply of submarine pipeline and hose	Q1 2015
Drilling – 2 (i) (ii)	2 options: the utilisation of a rig of opportunity that will be used for the VIC/P57 exploration well in the second quarter of 2015; or the supply of a Modular Platform drilling rig to drill and	Q4 2014

From a sub-surface perspective, a further independent assessment was performed by a third party expert, Gaffney, Cline & Associates ("**GCA**") and delivered in early January 2014. This is now being used to secure financing for the project.

From a regulatory perspective, we believe the project is well-positioned. In October 2013, the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities of the Australian government approved our Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act referral as a non-controlled action (no threat to items of national significance). In November 2013, NOPTA approved the Field Development Plan for West Seahorse. In December 2013, NOPTA awarded CHPL (on behalf of the VIC/P57 Joint Venture) a production license VIC/L31 over the West Seahorse oilfield.

First volumes of commercial production from the VIC/L31 West Seahorse field are now expected in the first quarter of 2016, subject to the declaration of FID in the fourth quarter of 2014.

### 2 EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN RELATION TO THE PRODUCTION LICENSE VIC/L31 AND EXPLORATION PERMIT VIC/P57, GIPPSLAND BASIN, AUSTRALIA (CONT'D)

In the near term, the VIC/P57 joint venture has an obligation to drill an exploration well in the concession as required by the terms of the permit. Several geologically exciting targets have been identified, amongst them Sea Lion and Felix. On 29 October 2014, a rig sharing agreement was signed with another operator that firms up our plan to drill the Sea Lion exploration well in the second quarter of 2015. Design and procurement activities for the long lead equipment are well advanced. The rig agreement also provides Hibiscus Petroleum with the option, to be exercised within the fourth quarter of 2014, to drill the two West Seahorse development wells immediately following the Sea Lion exploration well. The option is currently being evaluated and is subject to declaring FID for West Seahorse which is targeted for the fourth quarter of 2014.

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