

# THE PROSPECTIVITY OF THE WALLAL GRABEN

**A UNIQUE CANNING BASIN OPPORTUNITY** 

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#### **Reserves and Contingent Resources Report**

(1) The Reserves and Contingent Resources estimates prepared by RISC as of 1 April 2015, and referred to on page 3, have been prepared in accordance with the definitions and guidelines set forth in Petroleum Resources Management System, 2007 (PRMS) approved by the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE). For further information, please refer to Oilex's announcement dated 16 April 2015 for details of the independently classified Cambay Field Reserves and Contingent Resources.





#### Offices in Australia (Perth) and India (Gandhinagar)

#### **Key Projects**

- India Onshore Cambay Basin (40,000 acres)
- Australia Onshore Canning Basin (3,000,000 acres)

#### Drilled the first successful, multi-stage fractured horizontal well in India

- Cambay Field
- Production test of gas and light oil (independently assessed gross 2P Reserves = 206 Bcf and 8 MMbbls)
- · Currently planning for production well drilling campaign

#### Captured entire half-graben play fairway in an overlooked area of the Canning Basin

- Wallal Graben
- · Combination of Government gazettal round and open acreage
- 3 million acres





## CANNING BASIN MULTIPLE HYDROCARBON SYSTEMS ARE PROVEN - UNDEREXPLORED

#### Numerous discoveries in the past

- Older wells discovered small, conventional oil pools
- Blina Oil Field (1981) IP ~1,000 bopd

### **Recent discoveries**

- Buru Energy discovered Ungani Oil Field (2011) IP ~1,600 bopd
- First significant discovery for 30 years

#### EIA (U.S. Energy Information Administration) - 2011

• Identified the Canning Basin as having the largest unconventional potential in Australia

### Canning Basin drilling density ~ 1 well / 500,000 acres!





## INTRODUCTION OPPORTUNITY IDENTIFICATION AND CAPTURE OF 3 MILLION ACRES

#### 2D seismic data clearly images deep half-graben and large structures

- · Conventional and unconventional plays identified
  - Stacked objectives able to be tested with a vertical well

#### Identified a deep, undrilled half-graben on 2D seismic data

- Special Prospecting Authority (now STP-EPA-0103) awarded over open acreage (potential half-graben extension)
- Adjacent gazettal blocks (now STP-EPA-0106 & -0107) to capture entire play fairway awarded

### Proven organic-rich Ordovician source rocks in adjacent wells

• Potential for increased organic richness due to confined environment of deposition

#### Recent increase in drilling activity involving major international companies







## WALLAL GRABEN SEISMIC DATA SHOWS TEXT-BOOK HALF-GRABEN

#### Jump correlations with regional seismic infer:

- A near complete Ordovician sequence is preserved
- Possible organic-rich Goldwyer and Bongabinni Formations present
- Numerous play-types
  - Structural and stratigraphic
  - Conventional and unconventional







## PALAEOGEOGRAPHY LOWER ORDOVICIAN (480-450 MA)

#### Deposition in the Canning Basin began in the Early Ordovician

• in response to extensional tectonics

#### The Larapintine Sea connected eastern Australia to the Canning Basin

#### Deformation in NE Australia and uplift in northern Amadeus Basin closed the Seaway connection

Note equatorial latitudes



Z.X. Li, C.McA. Powell - An outline of the palaeogeographic evolution of the Australasian region since the beginning of the Neoproterozoic Earth-Science Reviews, Volume 53, Issues 3–4, April 2001, Pages 237–277







## **GRAVITY GRADIOMETRY/MAGNETIC SURVEY** RESULTS AND INTERPRETATION

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### 4060 line-km of high resolution data acquired by CGG in 2014

#### Confirmed Wallal Graben extends into SPA area

- ~200km long
- Only 20% of the graben is covered by 2D seismic data

### Series of grabens and half-grabens separated by structural highs

## Sufficient depth for hydrocarbon generation





# MAGNETIC DEPTH TO BASEMENT

#### Oakover River located in syncline axis

• Long-lived feature

### Basement outcrops along edges

• Surrounded by mining activity





Magnetic Depth to Basement



#### **Goldwyer Formation**

• >700m thick in nearby well (150km)

## High concentrations of marine alga *Gloeocapsomorpha Prisca*

• Excellent source rock potential

#### This alga also abundant in the Baltic (Kukersite), Michigan–Illinois (Trenton Fm.) and Williston (Red River/Bighorn Group)

• All lay within 5° of the equator during the Ordovician





## SOURCE ROCKS/RESOURCE PLAY ORDOVICIAN - GOLDWYER FM.

#### Deeper basinal areas are shale-dominated

• Ratios vary widely across the basin

#### Grey-green to grey and black colour

#### Contains millimetre scale carbonate laminae

• Beneficial for fracture stimulation

#### Macrofossils indicative of open marine shelf conditions





# SOURCE ROCKS/RESOURCE PLAY

## Areas of local subsidence during deposition (e.g. the Admiral Bay Fault Zone and possibly the Wallal Graben)

• Facilitated a local system of restricted lagoons in which chemically-reduced/organic-rich sediments could accumulate

## High TOC values with high potential yields

Excellent source rocks





# SOURCE ROCKS/RESOURCE PLAY

## Subsidence along the Wallal Fault enabled a localised marine incursion during the Ordovician

• Restricted lacustrine/lagoon system extends along the length of this half graben facilitating the deposition of high quality source rocks

## **Confined/restricted depositional environment**

 Source rocks may be richer than other areas of the Canning Basin that experienced greater oceanic circulation and more oxic conditions







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## LARGE STRUCTURAL TRAPS CLOSURES AT MULTIPLE LEVELS

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## EXTENSIVE FAN SYSTEMS CLEARLY-DEFINED & ~400M THICK

#### Located along rift-bounding fault system

- Basal incision, differential compaction and internal channel bodies
- 3 way dip-closure against basin margin fault (~20 km long)
- Large stratigraphic upside

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# EAST AFRICA RIFTS VS WALLAL GRABEN

#### Tullow Oil – significant success in East African rifts

- Lake Albert Rift Basin Uganda
  - > 1.1 Bbls discovered
- South Lokichar Basin Kenya
  - 7 wells = > 600 MMbbls

### **Comparable identified play-types**

• Different aged rocks

## Success aided by world's largest airborne Full Tensor gravity/mag survey

• Similar workflow being implemented

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## UNIQUE CANNING BASIN LOCATION ADJACENT TO GLOBAL RESOURCE CENTRE

#### Adjacent to significant activity

#### Access to infrastructure

- Roads
- Pipelines
- Airstrips
- Rail

#### Numerous paths to commercialisation

#### Access to potential markets

- Surrounded by mining activity
- LNG projects
- Domestic gas obligation offset

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# ONSHORE LNG FACILITIES – NW AUSTRALIA

Facilities constructed with provision for additional capacity

#### Domestic gas supply obligation

• Requires a proportion of gas to be available for the local market

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LNG Facilities

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# CANNING BASIN MYTHOLOGIES

Myth	Reality
"No roads – need to build own access routes"	The Great Northern Hwy passes through STP-EPA-0106 More than 1500 km of sealed and unsealed roads within the acreage
"Need to build pipelines to handle gas"	Telfer Gas Pipeline transects the acreage Future Canning Basin pipelines to the main export terminals would have to pass through the acreage
"Any gas discovery will be stranded"	Surrounded by substantial mining activity - are switching from imported diesel to gas Domestic gas obligation offset for LNG operators
"Drilling costs are too high"	Nearby well costs have more than halved in recent years Increasing drilling activity in the area facilitates synergies
"Source rocks are too diluted"	Narrow (~20km), text-book half-graben Source rocks interpreted to be deposited in a restricted, anoxic environment Analogous to some of the most hydrocarbon prolific rift-basins in the world
"Native Title approval is difficult"	Well understood process Reasonable and respectful negotiations nearing completion

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## SUMMARY UNIQUE SITUATION IN CANNING BASIN

#### Large, undrilled half-graben

## Entire play fairway captured ~3 million acres

## Play-rich

- Deep half-graben, large structures and fan geometries
- Potential for organic-rich, mature source rocks

## **Conventional and Unconventional plays**

Source rocks interpreted to be oil/wet-gas mature Access to infrastructure and potential markets Actively pursuing farmout

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