



# Quarterly report for the period ending 30 June 2015

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#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Mapping identifies significant oil/gas targets on trend with Longtom, Kipper and BMG fields
- NOPTA approves 6 month work program suspensions fro Vic/P68 and Vic/P41
- Mapping reveals and increase in the potential size of the Leatherjacket oil discovery
- Subdued energy markets presenting a number of investment opportunities

#### **EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES**

#### Gippsland basin offshore - VIC/P68 (Bass 100%) and VIC/P41 (Bass 64.565% and operator)

During the quarter the National Offshore Titles Authority (NOPTA) approved a 6 month suspension of the work program for Vic/P68 and a 6 month suspension of the work program along with the a six month extension of the permit term for Vic/P41. The variation of the work program for both permits allows further time to integrate and map the reprocessed 3D seismic data and Quantitative Interpretation (QI) data analysis from the NOMB seismic survey.

The geoscience team conducting a detailed prospectivity review in these permits have already identified oil and gas opportunities similar to and on trend with the Longtom, Basker/Manta/Gummy and Kipper fields.

The team has identified a number of follow up oil targets on trend with Bass' wholly owned Leatherjacket oil discovery contained in Vic/P68 permit. Mapping, integrating additional vintage 2D seismic acquired over the Leatherjacket discovery has identified the potential for a significant increase in the recoverable resource potential. Leatherjacket was drilled by Esso in 1986 and discovered a net oil column of over 20 metres in the highly productive upper LaTrobe group. The next step is to commence planning a small 3D seismic survey targeting the oil play over and around the Leatherjacket discovery.

In the coming quarter the company will be in a position to approach key players in the Gippsland basin or with an interest in entering the basin with a view to attracting a farmin partner to progress the identified opportunities.

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#### Onshore Otway basin - PEP 150 (Bass 15%)

Minimal activity and expenditure has been undertaken in the permit given that exploration activities in the permit are subject to a Victorian government moratorium on exploration activities.

As a result of the moratorium the joint venture has applied to the authorities for a further suspension of the work program and extension of the permit term as a result. If approved, the permit year 1 will be extended to 25 August 2016 and the permit term will be extended to 25 August 2020.

On 26 May the Victorian Legislative Council resolved that the Environment and Planning Standing Committee inquire into Unconventional Gas in Victoria. Submissions to the Committee by all interested parties closed 10 July 2015. The Committee is required to report no later than 1 December 2015.

#### **CORPORATE ACTIVITIES**

The current subdued state of the energy markets is presenting a number of investment opportunities. The Company has started reviewing these opportunities to establish a new phase of future growth.

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#### **About Bass Strait Oil Company**

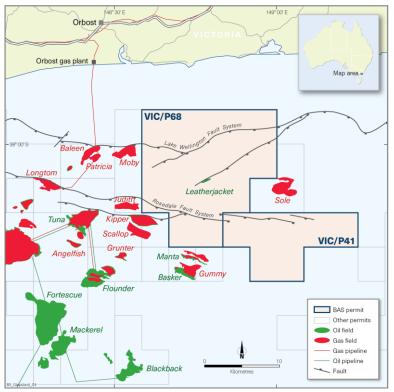
Bass Strait Oil Company Ltd (ASX code: BAS) is a petroleum explorer with an exploration portfolio currently focused on southeast Australia, in particular the world class Gippsland basin.

In the Gippsland basin, our portfolio is focussed on the Rosedale Fault Trend on the northern margin of the basin. Bass has high equity interests and operates two permits, Vic/P41 (64.565%) and Vic/P68 (100%) along the trend and these contain both appraisal and exploration targets. These are generally within subsea completion tie back distances to existing developments. The portfolio is covered by extensive 3D seismic datasets. In the Otway Basin, our portfolio comprises of one eastern onshore permit, PEP 150 (15%).

The Company's consistent technical focus on the region and the proximity of the portfolio to infrastructure and market ensures that Bass is well placed to benefit from the changing dynamics of the Eastern Australian gas market.

The Company has a strong committed shareholder base, with the Board and management holding a 30% interest and Cooper Energy holding a 22% interest. The Board's focus is to extract value from its Gippsland Basin permits for all shareholders.

The BAS exploration permit portfolio targets both conventional oil and gas and unconventional gas plays. It contains a balance of offshore and onshore activity with near term appraisal opportunities and longer term exploration opportunities. The Company believes that this acreage position provides high-impact discovery potential.



BAS Gippsland Basin Permit Map

Rule 5.3

# Appendix 5B

# Mining exploration entity quarterly report

Introduced 1/7/96. Origin: Appendix 8. Amended 1/7/97, 1/7/98, 30/9/2001, 01/06/10.

#### Name of entity

#### BASS STRAIT OIL COMPANY LTD

ABN

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Quarter ended ("current quarter")

30 June 2015

#### Consolidated statement of cash flows

		Current quarter	Year to date (12
Cash f	flows related to operating activities	\$A'000	months)
	Descints from product calco and related	5	\$A'000 56
1.1	Receipts from product sales and related debtors	5	50
1.2	Payments for (a) exploration & evaluation (b) development		
	<ul><li>(c) production</li><li>(d) administration</li></ul>	(217)	(1,018)
1.3	Dividends received		14
1.4	Interest and other items of a similar nature received	4	14
1.5	Interest and other costs of finance paid		
1.6	Income taxes paid		
1.7	Other		
	Net Operating Cash Flows	(208)	(948)
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1.8	<b>Cash flows related to investing activities</b> Payment for purchases of: (a) exploration &		
1.0	evaluation	(169)	(589)
	(b) equity investments	(10))	(00))
	(c) other fixed assets		
1.9	Proceeds from sale of: (a) exploration &	-	270
,	evaluation		
	(b) equity investments		
	(c) other fixed assets		
1.10	Loans to other entities		
1.11	Loans repaid by other entities		
1.12	Other		
	Net investing cash flows	(169)	(319)
1.13	Total operating and investing cash flows		
	(carried forward)	(377)	(1,267)

<sup>+</sup> See chapter 19 for defined terms.

1.13	Total operating and investing cash flows (brought forward)	(377)	(1,267)
	Cash flows related to financing activities		
1.14	Proceeds from issues of shares, options, etc.	366	1,430
1.15	Proceeds from sale of forfeited shares		
1.16	Proceeds from borrowings		
1.17	Repayment of borrowings		
1.18	Dividends paid		
1.19	Other (Share Issue Costs)	(62)	(69)
	Net financing cash flows	304	1,361
	Net increase (decrease) in cash held	(73)	94
1.20	Cash at beginning of quarter/year to date	880	713
1.21	Exchange rate adjustments to item 1.20		
1.22	Cash at end of quarter	807	807

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'ooo
		<i>\$</i> 11000
1.23	Aggregate amount of payments to the parties included in item 1.2	37
1.24	Aggregate amount of loans to the parties included in item 1.10	-
1.25	Explanation necessary for an understanding of the transactions	

### Non-cash financing and investing activities

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

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

## Financing facilities available

<sup>+</sup> See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the position.

		Amount available \$A'ooo	Amount used \$A'000
3.1	Loan facilities	0	0
3.2	Credit standby arrangements	0	0

## Estimated cash outflows for next quarter

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		\$A'ooo		
4.1	Exploration and evaluation	80		
	Development	80		
4.2	Development			
4.3	Production			
4.4	Administration	300		
		300		
	Total	380		

# **Reconciliation of cash**

show	nciliation of cash at the end of the quarter (as n in the consolidated statement of cash flows) e related items in the accounts is as follows.	Current quarter \$A'ooo	Previous quarter \$A'ooo
5.1	Cash on hand and at bank	752	826
5.2	Deposits at call	55	54
5.3	Bank overdraft		
5.4	Other (provide details)		
	Total: cash at end of quarter (item 1.22)	807	880

# Changes in interests in mining tenements

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

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# **Issued and quoted securities at end of current quarter** Description includes rate of interest and any redemption or conversion rights together with prices and dates.

		Total number	Number quoted	Issue price per security (see note 3) (cents)	Amount paid up per security (see note 3) (cents)
7.1	<b>Preference</b> <b>*securities</b> (description)				
7.2	Changes during quarter (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through returns of capital, buy- backs, redemptions				
7.3	<sup>+</sup> Ordinary securities	804,381,671	804,381,671		
7.4	Changes during quarter (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through returns of capital, buy- backs	201,095,924	201,095,924	\$0.005 (0.5 cents)	\$0.005 (0.5 cents)
7.5	*Convertible debt securities (description)				
7.6	Changes during quarter (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through securities matured, converted				
7.7	<b>Options</b> (description and conversion factor)	-	-	Exercise price	Expiry Date
7.8 7.9	Issued during quarter Exercised				
7.9 7.10	during quarter Expired during quarter				

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7.11	Debentures	
	(totals only)	
7.12	Unsecured	
	<b>notes</b> (totals	
	only)	
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## **Compliance statement**

- <sup>1</sup> This statement has been prepared under accounting policies which comply with accounting standards as defined in the Corporations Act or other standards acceptable to ASX (see note 4).
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This statement does give a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

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## Notes

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- 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.
- <sup>2</sup> The "Nature of interest" (items 6.1 and 6.2) includes options in respect of interests in mining tenements acquired, exercised or lapsed during the reporting period. If the entity is involved in a joint venture agreement and there are conditions precedent which will change its percentage interest in a mining tenement, it should disclose the change of percentage interest and conditions precedent in the list required for items 6.1 and 6.2.
- 3 **Issued and quoted securities** The issue price and amount paid up is not required in items 7.1 and 7.3 for fully paid securities.
- 4 The definitions in, and provisions of, *AASB 1022: Accounting for Extractive Industries* and *AASB 1026: Statement of Cash Flows* apply to this report.
- 5 **Accounting Standards** ASX will accept, for example, the use of International Accounting Standards for foreign entities. If the standards used do not address a topic, the Australian standard on that topic (if any) must be complied with.

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