

# QUARTERLY REPORT

for the Quarter ended 31 March 2013

23 April 2013

## Highlights

- **Increased production and revenue:** oil produced rose by 13% on the previous quarter to 123,348 barrels; sales revenue rose by 6% to \$13.1 million.
- **Production growth in June Quarter expected:** oil production forecast to rise further in the June Quarter with the benefit of a full quarter's output from new wells connected during the March Quarter.
- **Full year production:** expected to be between 460,000 barrels and 500,000 barrels for 12 months to 30 June 2013.
- **Increasing exploration activity:** drilling underway in the Cooper Basin and Tunisia and highly prospective new Indonesian acreage awarded.
- **Strong cash and financial assets position:** total financial assets of \$72 million maintained.

## Managing Director's Comments

"The improved performance in the March Quarter is pleasing ahead of what will be a very busy and potentially significant closing quarter for the 2013 financial year.

Production rose 13% and is forecast to rise further in the June Quarter. Exploration activity level is at an all-time high for the company, with the six well drilling program underway in the Cooper Basin and the Hammamet West-3 well offshore Tunisia expected to be completed by the end of June.

In the Otway Basin, the hydrocarbon indications from the Casterton Shale in the Sawpit-2 well finished in March provide strong encouragement for further evaluation of this well-located and under-explored acreage. In the Cooper Basin we have announced a new oil field discovery, Rincon North-1, since the end of the March Quarter.

Cooper Energy is now firmly established in Adelaide having completed our office relocation from Perth in January and the Chairman succession is complete with the appointment of John Conde as Chairman in February.

Our strong financial position has been maintained. Cooper Energy is well-resourced to further progress the development of opportunities available – particularly in the eastern Australia oil and gas market."

### ASX Code: COE

Capital structure as at: 31 Mar 2013  
Shares on issue: 329,099,922  
Performance Rights: 8,293,763

### Board of Directors

John C Conde AO – Chairman  
David P Maxwell – Managing Director  
Jeffrey W Schneider – Non Executive Director  
Laurie Shervington – Non Executive Director  
Hector M Gordon – Executive Director  
Alison Evans – Company Secretary

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# Financial

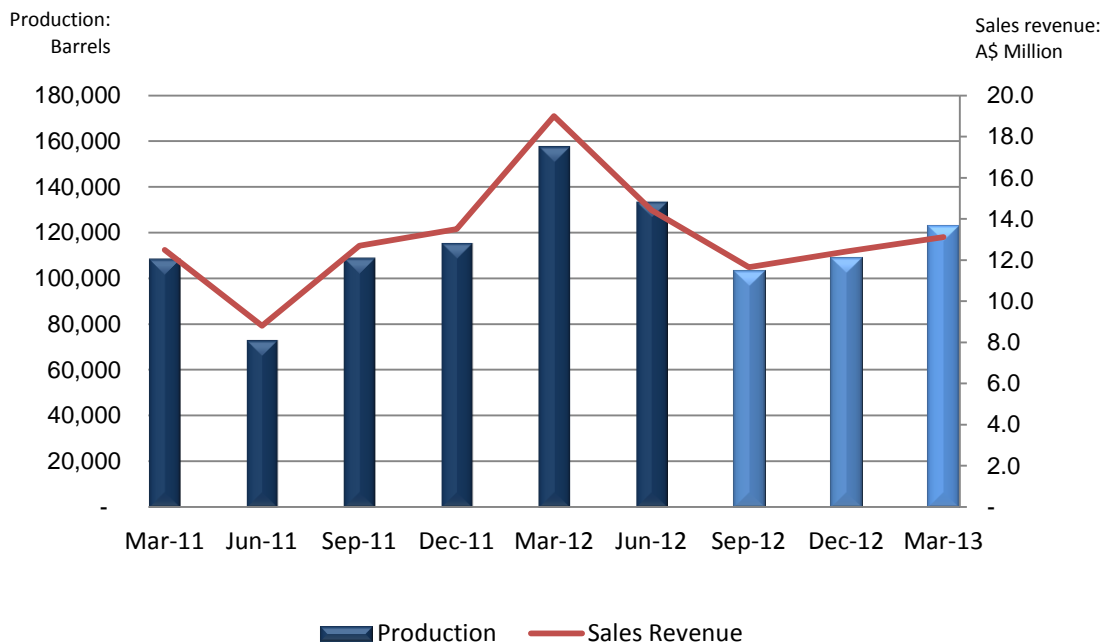
Sales revenue for the March Quarter 2013 was \$13.1 million, 6% higher than the previous quarter's revenue of \$12.4 million. The increased revenue was the result of 13% higher oil production, which was offset in part by a 6% lower average oil price. Average oil price received during the March Quarter was A\$106.36/bbl compared with A\$113.44/bbl for the previous quarter.

The March Quarter sales revenue includes accrual for 36,257 barrels of oil produced during the period for which sales proceeds are still to be received.

Capital expenditure for the quarter was \$4.8 million, up from \$3.0 million due to increased oil development expenditure, principally in PEL 92 (Cooper Basin).

Total financial assets at 31 March 2013 were \$71.9 million, comprising cash and term deposits of \$47.3 million and investments at cost of \$24.5 million. This position is essentially unchanged from the quarter's opening total financial assets of \$71.7 million.

## Quarterly Oil Production and Sales Revenue (Australia and Indonesia)



# Quarterly Production and Financial Summary

March 2013

| Description                                      | Units   | Quarter ending           |                          | Change | Year to Date |
|--|---------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------|--------------|
|  |         | 31 Mar 2013 <sup>1</sup> | 31 Dec 2012 <sup>2</sup> |        |              |
| PRODUCTION AND SALES                             |         |                          |                          |        |              |
| Group oil produced and sold                      | barrels | 123,348                  | 109,398                  | 13%    | 336,283      |
| Group sales revenue                              | \$000   | 13,119                   | 12,410                   | 6%     | 37,183       |
| Average oil price                                | A\$/bbl | 106.36                   | 113.44                   | -6%    | 110.57       |
| CAPITAL EXPENDITURE                              |         |                          |                          |        |              |
| Exploration and appraisal                        | \$000   | 1,270                    | 1,796                    | -29%   | 3,506        |
| Development and fixed assets                     | \$000   | 3,557                    | 1,227                    | 190%   | 8,544        |
| Total capital expenditure                        |         | 4,827                    | 3,023                    | 60%    | 12,050       |
| FINANCIAL ASSETS                                 |         |                          |                          |        |              |
| Cash and term deposits                           | \$000   | 47,307                   | 47,571                   | -1%    | 47,307       |
| Available for sale financial assets<br>(at cost) | \$000   | 24,554                   | 24,122                   | 2%     | 24,554       |
| Total financial assets                           |         | 71,861                   | 71,693                   | 0%     | 71,861       |
| CAPITAL  |         |                          |                          |        |              |
| Issued shares                                    | million | 329.1                    | 329.0                    | 0%     | 329.1        |
| Performance rights                               | million | 8.3                      | 8.7                      | -5%    | 8.3          |

## Notes :

- (1) The current quarter includes preliminary production figures for PEL 92 in the Cooper Basin
- (2) The previous quarter has been updated for final reconciled production figures

# Production and Exploration Activities

## Australia

### Production – Cooper Basin

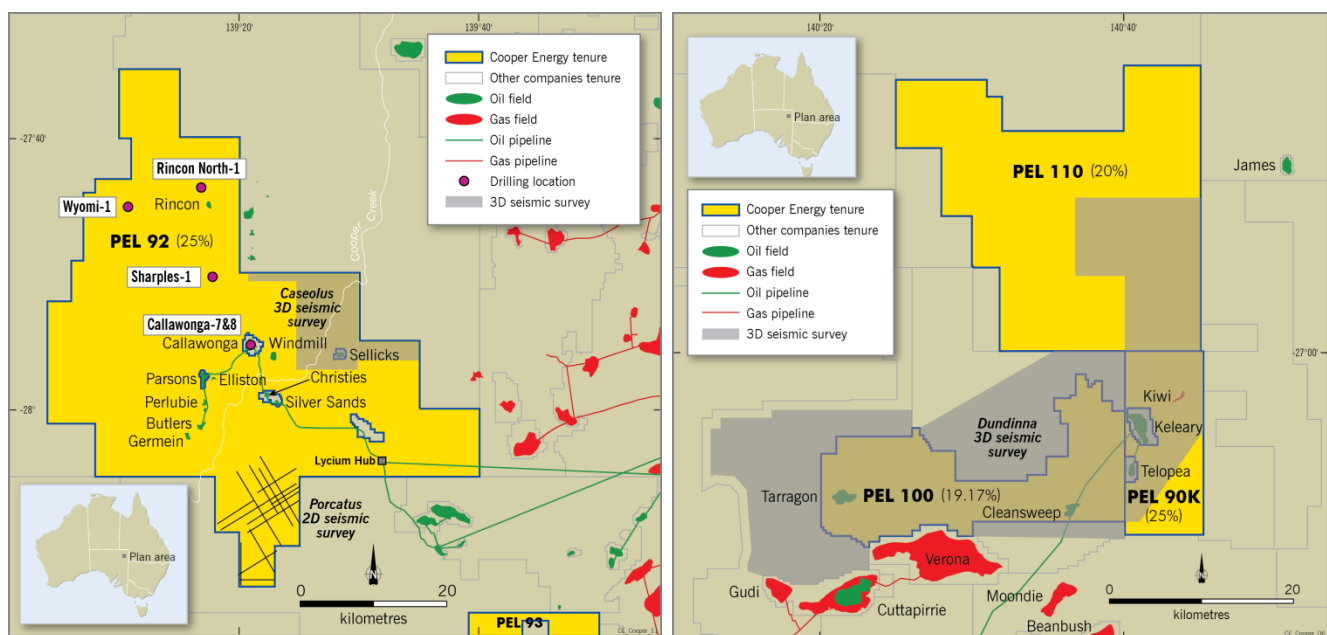
The Company's share of oil production from its Cooper Basin tenements for the March Quarter was 119,120 barrels (averaging 1,324 bopd), 15% above the corresponding figure of 103,396 barrels (average 1,124 bopd) achieved in the previous quarter. The increase in production was due to the commencement of the Lycium to Moomba oil pipeline and the connection of additional production wells in PEL 92. Total production for the quarter was affected by temporary interruption to oil flowline operations from Callawonga to Lycium and the impact of heavy rain in the area.

An updated full year production outlook is provided under the heading 'Outlook' on page 8 of this report.

### Exploration and Development – Cooper Basin

In PEL 92, processing of the Porcatus 2D seismic survey was completed and acquisition of the Caseolus 3D seismic survey commenced in February. The new and planned seismic data will be used to assist in the delineation of future well locations.

The Company's drilling activity in the Cooper Basin in the 2013 Second Half-Year will be concentrated in the June Quarter with a six-well campaign in PEL 92. Rincon North-1, the first well in the program commenced on 7 April.



The PEL 92 drilling campaign currently underway comprises four exploration/appraisal wells and two development wells:

- Rincon North-1, appraising the Rincon-1 oil discovery made in July 2011. Rincon North-1 was cased and suspended for future oil production from the McKinlay Formation and Namur Sandstone. The results of logging and testing at Rincon North-1 show that a gross oil column of up to 7 metres is present in the McKinlay/Namur. Further work is required to understand the size of the discovery, and its relationship to Rincon-1. This result has upgraded the prospectivity of the greater Rincon area and other prospects in northern PEL 92.

- two exploration wells, Sharples-1 and Wyomi-1, west of the north-south trend of producing fields with the objective of extending the productive Jurassic oil fairway beyond its current known limit. The first of these wells, Sharples-1, was plugged and abandoned after failing to encounter any significant hydrocarbon shows.
- a fourth exploration well, at a location to be finalised after assessment of results of the previous wells; and
- two development wells, Callawonga-7 and Callawonga-8, to accelerate production from the Callawonga Field.

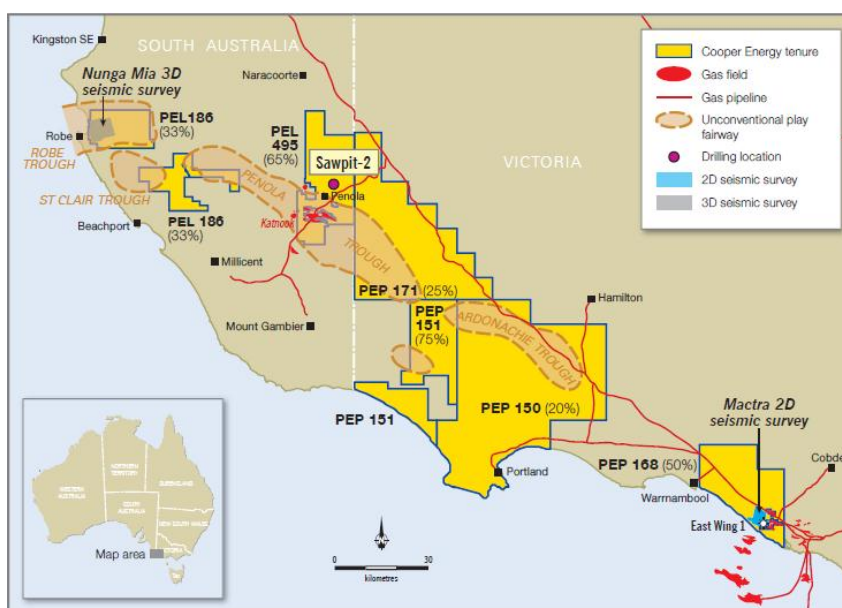
The Dundinna 3D Seismic Survey acquisition is planned to begin in the June Quarter within PELs 100, 110 and 90(Kiwi).

## Exploration – Otway Basin

Sawpit-2, a dual objective exploration well, was drilled in PEL 495 in the onshore Otway Basin during the quarter. The well's purpose was to evaluate the Sawpit sandstone updip of Sawpit-1 and to assess the hydrocarbon potential of the Casterton and Sawpit Shales. Sawpit-2 was drilled to a total depth of 2,585 metres and wireline logs indicated no pay present in the Sawpit Sandstone conventional target. Mud-gas shows (C1-C4) were observed in the Casterton Shale.

Three conventional cores, totalling 56 metres, were recovered from shales in the Sawpit and Casterton Formations and 42 side-wall cores were collected. The results gained from analysis of these core samples will be integrated into the next phase of exploration to further evaluate the unconventional potential of the Penola Trough. The well was plugged and abandoned.

### Otway Basin Permits and Sawpit-2 Location



## Exploration – Gippsland Basin

Cooper Energy did not undertake exploration activity in the Gippsland Basin during the period.

## Tunisia

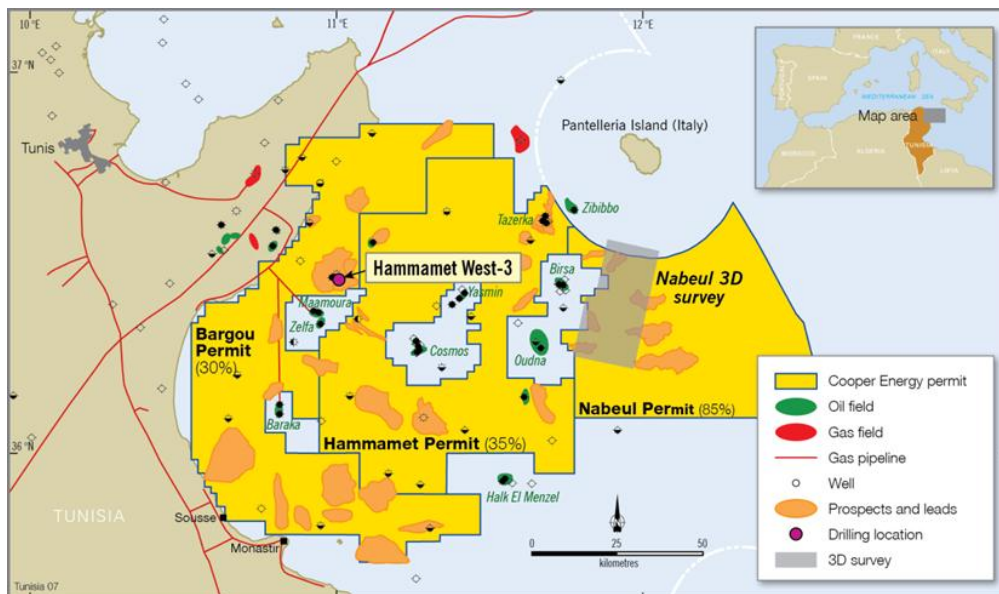
The jack-up drilling rig “GSP Jupiter” arrived in Tunisia in late March and commenced pre-spud activities for the drilling of Hammamet West-3, (Bargou Permit - Cooper Energy 30%). The well was spudded on April 4, and is currently drilling ahead.

Hammamet West-3 is located offshore Tunisia in water depths of approximately 54 metres. The well objective is to drill and test a highly deviated wellbore through the naturally fractured Abiod Formation reservoir to confirm oil productivity. This reservoir has proven productive in fields adjacent to the Bargou Permit, including the Maamoura field operated by ENI located 12km south west of Hammamet West. Results of two vertical wells previously drilled indicate that an oil column is present in the Abiod Formation. Based on the results of 3D seismic studies, the horizontal well will target areas of the Abiod Formation identified as being the most likely ‘sweet spots’ for the presence of fracture development that were not tested by the previously drilled wells.

Cooper Energy’s contribution to the well is being fully funded up to a gross amount of US\$26.6 million by Dragon Oil (paying 75% to earn 55%) and Jacka Resources (paying 30% to earn 15%).

The Nabeul Permit (Cooper Energy 85%) joint venture partners have been granted a 2 year extension to the Initial Period of the exploration permit. The 3D seismic survey received in late 2012 is being reprocessed and the results of the interpretation will be used for farm-out discussions being planned for mid-2013.

### Tunisia Permits, Drilling and Seismic Surveys



## Indonesia

### Production

Production from Bunian-1 (Sukananti KSO, Cooper Energy 55%) during the quarter totalled 10,186 barrels of oil (Cooper Energy’s net oil entitlement 4,228 barrels). This was lower than the previous quarter’s net production entitlement of 6,002 barrels (147.1 bopd) due to heavy rains which temporarily interrupted crude oil export.

The workover of Tangai-1 in the Sukananti KSO is expected to proceed in the June Quarter.



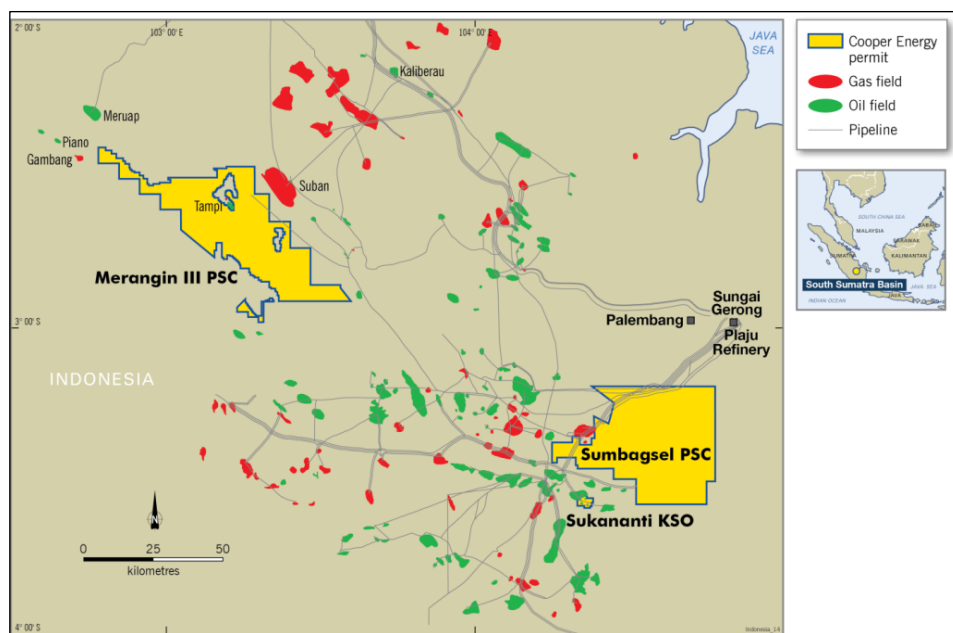
## Exploration and Development

Cooper Energy was awarded the Merangin III Production Sharing Contract (“PSC”) onshore Indonesia during the quarter. The new PSC is located within the central portion of the highly productive South Sumatra Basin (refer map below) and is considered by Cooper Energy to be very prospective for both oil and gas.

The committed Merangin III PSC work program consists of seismic acquisition and one well at a total cost (100% basis) of US\$9.7 million over the initial 3 years. There is also a signature bonus of US\$2 million for the PSC. Initial activity in the PSC is expected to consist of seismic reprocessing and interpretation, followed by seismic acquisition in 2014 and drilling in 2015. Cooper Energy intends to farm-out a portion of its interest prior to any significant capital expenditure.

The evaluation of drilling opportunities in Sukananti and the Sumbagsel PSC (Cooper Energy 100%) is continuing and is likely to lead to the commencement of a 1 to 3 well drilling program in the December Quarter 2013. Seismic acquisition is expected to commence in the Sumbagsel PSC in mid-calendar 2013. Farmout discussions in relation to the Sumbagsel PSC are ongoing.

### Indonesia Acreage



## Corporate

### Chairman and Board of Directors

The Chairman succession process announced at the 2011 Annual General Meeting was completed during the quarter with the appointment of Mr John Conde AO as Chairman of the Company effective from 25 February 2012. Details of Mr Conde's qualifications and experience can be found in the Company's ASX announcement on that day or on the Company's website.

The previous Chairman, Mr Laurie Shervington, will continue to serve as a Director until he retires from the Board later in calendar 2013.

### Head Office Relocation

The relocation of the registered office functions from Perth to Adelaide was completed in January 2013. The move locates the Cooper Energy Head Office much closer to most of its key partners, assets and governments and is in the best interests of the business for both strategic and long term cost reasons.

# Outlook


















## Production



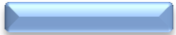

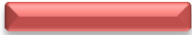





Cooper Energy expects the June Quarter production to be significantly higher than the preceding quarter as output from PEL 92 benefits from a full quarter's production from wells connected during the March Quarter – subject to no unforeseen events.

The deferral of production that was previously expected in the March Quarter effectively shifts anticipated production from FY13 to FY14. Cooper Energy's expectations for 2013 financial year production now range from 460,000 barrels to 500,000 barrels of oil.

## Exploration Activities

The June Quarter is expected to be a period of high activity for drilling and seismic acquisition. The exploration program is specifically directed at adding value in the core areas of activity and building sustainable medium term production and reserves growth. In parallel with this exploration program, Cooper Energy continues to evaluate acquisition opportunities which are consistent with the Company's strategy.

| Location     | Licence               | Operator | COE Equity | 2013  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | Comments / Total  |  |  |
|--------------|-----------------------|----------|------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|
|              |                       |          |            | Jun Qtr   |   |   | Sept Qtr  |   |   | Dec Qtr   |   |   |   |  |  |
| Cooper Basin | PEL 92                | Beach    | 25%        |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |    | 6 well program started March, Caseolus 3D started February. Further drilling likely later in 2013. |  |
|              | PEL 90, 100, 110      | Senex    | 19.2 - 25% |    |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | Dundinna 3D starts April   |  |
| Otway Basin  | PEL 495               | Beach    | 65%        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  | Sawpit- 2 evaluation   |
| Tunisia      | Bargou Permit         | Cooper   | 30%        |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  | Hammamet West-3  |
| Indonesia    | Sukananti & Sumbagsel | Cooper   | 55% & 100% |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |  | Tangai-1 workover - April. Sukananti drilling & Sumbagsel seismic Q4 |

|            |   |                     |   |   |                        |   |   |
|------------|---|---------------------|---|---|------------------------|---|---|
| Seismic    |  | Drilling            |  |  | Development            |  |  |
| Evaluation |  | Contingent Drilling |  |  | Contingent Development |  |  |

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# Cooper Energy Licences

| Australia       | Licence             | COE Equity        | Operator       | Notes          |
|-----------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Cooper Basin    | PEL 90 (Kiwi)       | 25%               | Senex          |                |
|                 | PEL 92 <sup>1</sup> | 25%               | Beach          | Oil production |
|                 | PEL 93 <sup>2</sup> | 30%               | Senex          | Oil production |
|                 | PEL 100             | 19.16%            | Senex          |                |
|                 | PEL 110             | 20%               | Senex          |                |
|                 | PEL 186             | 33.33%            | Cooper         |                |
|                 | PEL 495             | 65%               | Beach          |                |
|                 | PEP 150             | 20% <sup>2</sup>  | Beach          |                |
|                 | PEP 151             | 75%               | Cooper         |                |
|                 | PEP 168             | 50%               | Beach          |                |
|                 | PEP 171             | 25% <sup>2</sup>  | Beach          |                |
| Gippsland Basin | PRL 2               | Earning up to 5%  | Beach          |                |
| Tunisia         | Bargou              | 30% <sup>3</sup>  | Cooper         |                |
|                 | Hammamet            | 35%               | Storm Ventures |                |
|                 | Nabeul              | 85% <sup>4</sup>  | Cooper         |                |
| Poland          | MUA 2               | 40%               | RWE            |                |
| Indonesia       | Sukananti KSO       | 55%               | Cooper         | Oil production |
|                 | Sumbagsel PSC       | 100%              | Cooper         |                |
|                 | Merangin III PSC    | 100% <sup>5</sup> | Cooper         |                |

1. Oil fields are separate licenses delineated from within these original exploration licenses.
2. Subject to Native Title Agreement.
3. Cooper Energy's contribution to Hammamet West 3 is being fully funded up to a gross amount of US\$26.6 million by Dragon Oil (paying 75% to earn 55%) and Jacka Resources (paying 30% to earn 15%)
4. Enterprise Tunisienne d'Activites Petrolieres (ETAP) can back in up to 55% in the event of a commercial hydrocarbon development.
5. Cooper Energy to sign agreement on 17 May 2013 for Merangin III PSC awarded 22 March 2013

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