



ASX Announcement

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Northern Energy Confirms Rejection of New Hope's offer

Northern Energy Corporation Limited (ASX : NEC) today lodged with the ASX a Target's Statement urging shareholders to **REJECT** New Hope Corporation's (ASX : NHC) inadequate and unsolicited offer of \$1.50 per NEC share (the Offer). The Target's Statement is being mailed to all of the Company's shareholders today.

The Target's Statement includes a Report from Independent Expert Lonergan Edwards which concludes:

- The Offer is **not fair or reasonable**
- The value of Northern Energy shares is in a range of **\$3.48 to \$4.75** per share
- Even in the event an equity capital raising is required to meet funding requirements for the Maryborough Project, the valuation range is **\$2.70 to \$3.99** per share

Dr Chris Rawlings, Chairman of Northern Energy, urged Northern Energy shareholders to retain their shareholding in their Company and not to surrender the value of that investment to New Hope shareholders at a price that does not recognise its future earnings potential.

"The Independent Expert establishes beyond doubt that there is significant value in the price of Northern Energy shares which is not recognised by the Offer," he said.

Dr Rawlings noted that each of the Northern Energy Directors, who together with major shareholders own or control ~ 29% of the shares outstanding, intend to reject the Offer for their Northern Energy shares.

Dr Rawlings encouraged Northern Energy shareholders to read the Company's Target's Statement, including the Lonergan Edwards Independent Experts report, carefully and **REJECT** New Hope's Offer by taking no action.

A Northern Energy Information Line relating to the Offer is in operation.

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For and on behalf of the Board

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