

COOPER POSTS 40.2% INCREASE IN HALF YEAR REVENUE, STRONG OUTLOOK FOR SECOND HALF 2012

Highlights

- 40% increase in revenue from operations to \$25.8 million (2010 pcp: \$18.4m) from sale of 225,291 barrels of oil (2010: 216,878)
- 137% increase in consolidated profit from continuing operations to \$8.3m (2010 pcp: \$3.5m). A \$12.4 million revaluation of international assets marked for sale resulted in a net loss of \$5.4m
- Cooper share of Cooper Basin production has increased to now more than 1,500 bopd from PEL 92 which underpins a strong outlook for the Cooper Basin oil business – FY 2012 production outlook increased to more than 500,000 barrels (FY11 406,710)
- Strong working capital position of \$68m with zero debt
- New strategy and Board has repositioned Cooper for improved results and growth
- Tunisia (Bargou) farm-out to Dragon Oil to progress Hammamet West-3 well
- International expenditure reduced – monetisation of non-core assets to achieve the best return is underway

Cooper Energy Limited (**ASX: COE**) (“**the Company**” or “**COE**” or “**Cooper**”) is pleased to report the outcome of its financial and operating performance for the 6 months ending 31 December 2011.

Managing Director, David Maxwell said:

“We are very confident about the outlook for FY 2012, having repositioned the Company over the last 4 months to focus on the highly profitable Cooper Basin business where we are expecting significantly increased production will continue to underpin strong revenue growth and profitability. Additionally, the Company will focus on the Otway and Eromanga basins oil and gas business as well as the highly promising Tunisia opportunities”.

“We look forward to pursuing several potential game changing opportunities in 2012, including both unconventional and conventional gas opportunities in the Otway Basin (PEL 495), as well as the commencement of drilling at the Hammamet West-3 well in Tunisia in the December 2012 quarter”.

“With a strong cash position and cash flows, we are actively pursuing further value generating opportunities which build on the existing business, including potential corporate activity”.

“We have a clear focus on prudent capital allocation, reducing international expenditure and progressing the monetisation of non-core international assets. We exited Romania in November 2012, and we will announce the outcome of the review of the Indonesia and Poland assets by June 2012”.

Financial and Operating Summary

Consolidated profit from continuing operations for the six months to 31 December 2011 increased by 135% to \$8.3m (2010 pcp: \$3.5m) derived from production of 225,291 barrels of oil (2010: 216,878) and a 40% increase in sales revenue to \$25.8 million (2010: \$18.4m). A \$12.4 million revaluation of international assets marked for sale - Poland and Indonesia – resulted in a net loss of \$5.4m.

Cooper retains a strong working capital position of \$68m with no debt.

Reinstatement of the Tantanna to Gidgealpa oil pipeline in the Cooper Basin (capacity 6,000 bopd) in November 2011, together with additional road transport increased the Cooper share of oil production capacity to more than 1,500 bopd from the PEL 92 Joint Venture.

The 2011 nine well exploration drilling program on the PEL 92 Joint Venture was completed, which resulted in three new discoveries (Rincon, Germein and Elliston). In 2011 seven appraisal and development wells were drilled in PEL 92 and six were successful.

In Tunisia, a farm-out agreement was announced with Dragon Oil Plc (55% earn in by funding 75% of the first \$US26.6 million for an exploration well to be drilled in the Bargou Permit). Preparations have commenced for the drilling of the Hammamet West-3 well in the Bargou Permit. In addition, the marine 600km² 3D seismic survey over the western portion of the Nabeul Permit was completed.

Consistent with the results of the strategic review announced on 12 October, 2011 the Company has increased the focus on the Cooper, Eromanga and Otway Basins oil and gas business and is pursuing the valuable Tunisia opportunities. At the same time, the Company has made quick progress in reducing international exploration expenditure and commercialisation of non-core international assets, having exited the Romania assets and is well progressed in a review of the best monetisation options for the Poland and Indonesia assets.

Forward Plans and Outlook

As previously announced, the FY 2012 production outlook has been increased by more than 23% from 2011 levels to +500,000 barrels (FY11 406,710).

Drilling of the Otway Basin (PEL 495) well (COE: 50%) is due to commence during the second half of 2012, where Cooper is fully funded by the farminees - Beach Energy and Somerton Energy.

Preparations have commenced for the drilling of the Hammamet West-3 well in the Bargou Permit, which is expected to spud in the December Quarter of 2012. The seismic acquired from the marine 600km² 3D seismic survey over the western portion of the Nabeul Permit is being processed by CGGVeritas in Singapore and is expected to be available for interpretation in the September Quarter of 2012.

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ABN 93 096 170 295



HALF-YEARLY REPORT

31 DECEMBER 2011

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Interim Financial Report

Cooper Energy Limited		
ABN 93 096 170 295	Report ending Corresponding period	31 December 2011 31 December 2010

Results for announcement to the market

Revenue from ordinary activities
Profit from continuing operations after tax
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period attributable to members

Net tangible assets per share
(inclusive of Exploration and Evaluation expenditure capitalised)

The Directors do not propose to pay a dividend.
The attached Half Year Report has been audit reviewed

Percentage Change %	Amount \$'000
up 40.0% up 134.6%	\$25,803 \$8,329 (\$5,431)
31 December 2011	30 June 2011
37.4 cents	39.3 cents

Review and Results of Operations

In the six month period to December 2011, oil sales revenue was \$25,803,000 (2010: \$18,435,000) from the sale of 225,291 barrels of oil (2010: 216,878) which generated a consolidated profit from continuing operations of \$8,329,000 (2010: \$3,551,000).

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Directors' Report

for the half-year ended 31 December 2011

The Directors of Cooper Energy Limited ("the Company" or "Cooper") present their report and the consolidated Financial Report for the half-year ended 31 December 2011. The dollar figures are expressed in Australian currency and to the nearest thousand unless otherwise indicated.

Directors

The names of the Directors in office during the half-year and until the date of this report are as below. Directors were in office for the entire period unless otherwise stated.

Board of Directors

Laurence J Shervington (Chairman)

Jeffrey W Schneider (Non-Executive Director)¹

David P Maxwell (Managing Director)¹

Neil Fearis (Alternate Director to Chairman)³

Former Directors

Gregory G Hancock²

Stephen H Abbott²

Christopher R Porter²

¹ Appointed on 12 October 2011

³ Appointed on 4 November 2011

² Resigned on 12 October 2011

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Auditor's Independence Declaration

We have obtained an independence declaration from our auditors, Ernst & Young, which forms part of this report.

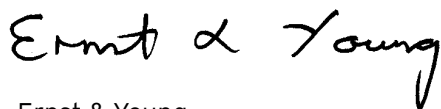
Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors



David P. Maxwell
Managing Director
26 February 2012

Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Cooper Energy Limited

In relation to our review of the financial report of Cooper Energy Limited for the half year ended 31 December 2011, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* or any applicable code of professional conduct.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ernst & Young'.

Ernst & Young

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'G A Buckingham'.

G A Buckingham
Partner
26 February 2012

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

for the half- year ended 31 December 2011

	Notes	31 December 2011 \$'000	31 December 2010 \$'000
Revenue			
Revenue from oil sales	8	25,803	18,435
Other revenue	8	2,761	1,986
Total Revenue		<u>28,564</u>	<u>20,421</u>
Expenses			
Cost of sales	8	(10,465)	(7,686)
Administration and other expenses	8	(5,232)	(5,333)
Exploration and evaluation expenditure written off	8	(1,050)	(1,521)
Profit before income tax		<u>11,817</u>	<u>5,881</u>
Income tax expense		(3,488)	(2,330)
Profit after income tax		<u>8,329</u>	<u>3,551</u>
Discontinued operations: Exploration assets held for sale			
Amounts written off exploration assets held for sale after income tax	5	(12,432)	-
Total (loss)/income for the period		<u>(4,103)</u>	<u>3,551</u>
Total (loss)/profit for the period attributable to members		<u>(4,103)</u>	<u>3,551</u>
Other comprehensive expenditure			
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations		(1,328)	-
Other comprehensive expenditure for the period net of tax		<u>(1,328)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the period attributable to members		<u>(5,431)</u>	<u>3,551</u>
		cents	cents
Basic (loss)/earnings per share from continuing operations		2.9	1.2
Diluted (loss)/earnings per share from continuing operations		2.9	1.2
Basic (loss)/earnings per share		(1.9)	1.2
Diluted (loss)/earnings per share		(1.9)	1.2

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

as at 31 December 2011

	Notes	31 December 2011 \$'000	30 June 2011 \$'000
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	64,287	51,891
Term deposits at banks	3	-	19,070
Trade and other receivables		13,670	16,076
Materials		348	273
Prepayments		37	72
		78,342	87,382
Exploration assets classified as held for sale	5	5,869	-
Total Current Assets		84,211	87,382
Non-Current Assets			
Available for sale financial assets		1,049	-
Trade and other receivables		1,590	1,397
Oil properties		19,712	17,846
Exploration and evaluation		19,809	21,300
Total Non-Current Assets		42,160	40,543
TOTAL ASSETS		126,371	127,925
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables		10,133	7,817
Income tax payable		245	45
		10,378	7,862
Liabilities associated with exploration assets held for sale	5	638	-
Total Current Liabilities		11,016	7,862
Non-Current Liabilities			
Deferred tax liabilities		4,385	3,786
Provisions		1,384	1,414
Total Non-Current Liabilities		5,769	5,200
TOTAL LIABILITIES		16,785	13,062
NET ASSETS		109,586	114,863
EQUITY			
Contributed equity	4	98,745	98,657
Reserves		865	2,127
Retained profits		9,976	14,079
TOTAL EQUITY		109,586	114,863

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

for the half- year ended 31 December 2011

	Issued Capital \$'000	Consoli- dation Reserve \$'000	Share- Based Payment Reserve \$'000	Option Reserve \$'000	Foreign Currency Translation Reserve \$'000	Retained Earnings \$'000	Total Equity \$'000
At 1 July 2011	98,657	(541)	2,643	25	-	14,079	114,863
Loss for the period	-	-	-	-	-	(4,103)	(4,103)
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	(1,328)	-	(1,328)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	(1,328)	(4,103)	(5,431)
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:							
Share based payments	-	-	66	-	-	-	66
Shares issued	88	-	-	-	-	-	88
At 31 December 2011	98,745	(541)	2,709	25	(1,328)	9,976	109,586
At 1 July 2010	98,657	(541)	2,528	25	-	24,428	125,097
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	3,551	3,551
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	3,551	3,551
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:							
Share based payments	-	-	109	-	-	-	109
At 31 December 2010	98,657	(541)	2,637	25	-	27,979	128,757

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

for the half- year ended 31 December 2011

		31 December 2011 \$'000	31 December 2010 \$'000
	Note		
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		22,672	17,266
Payments to suppliers and employees		(9,150)	(9,610)
Income tax paid		(2,689)	(2,159)
Interest received – other entities		2,977	1,455
Net cash from operating activities		13,810	6,952
Cash flows from investing activities			
Advance to joint venture partner		(630)	-
Secured loan to associate		-	(14,803)
Investment in associate		-	(1,701)
Investment in available for sale financial assets		(1,049)	-
Payments for continuing exploration and evaluation		(6,432)	(6,260)
Investments in oil properties		(4,885)	(1,727)
Payments for exploration assets now classified for sale		(6,266)	-
Release/(Placement) of term deposits that exceed 90 days		18,000	(45,960)
Net cash flows used in investing activities		(1,262)	(70,451)
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held		12,548	(63,499)
Net foreign exchange differences		(152)	(513)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the half-year		51,891	92,273
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the half-year	3	64,287	28,261

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the half year ended 31 December 2011

1. Basis of preparation and accounting policies

This general purpose condensed financial report for the half-year ended 31 December 2011 has been prepared in accordance with AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the Corporations Act 2001.

The half-year financial report does not include all notes of the type normally included within the annual financial report and therefore cannot be expected to provide as full an understanding of the financial performance, financial position and financing and investing activities of the consolidated entity as the full financial report.

It is recommended that the half-year financial report should be read in conjunction with the annual financial report for the year ended 30 June 2011 and considered together with any public announcements made by Cooper Energy Limited during the half year ended 31 December 2011 in accordance with the continuous disclosure obligations of the ASX Listing Rules.

Apart for the changes in accounting policy noted below, the accounting policies and methods of computation are the same as those adopted in the most recent annual financial report.

Changes in accounting policy

From 1 July 2011 the Group has adopted all the Standards and Interpretations mandatory for annual periods beginning on 1 July 2011. Adoption of these Standards and Interpretations did not have any effect on the financial position or performance of the Group.

The Group has not elected to early adopt any new Standards or Interpretations.

Non-current assets held for sale

Non-current assets and disposal groups classified as held for sale are measured at the lower of their carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell. Non-current assets and disposal groups are classified as held for sale if their carrying amounts will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. This condition is regarded as met only when the sale is highly probable and the asset or disposal group is available for immediate sale in its present condition. Management must be committed to the sale, which should be expected to qualify for recognition as a completed sale within one year from the date of classification.

In the statement of comprehensive income, income and expenses from discontinued operations are reported separately from income and expenses from continuing operations, down to the level of profit after taxes, even when the Group retains a non-controlling interest in the subsidiary after the sale. The resulting profit or loss (after taxes) is reported separately in the statement of comprehensive income.

Property, plant and equipment once classified as held for sale are not depreciated or amortised.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the half year ended 31 December 2011 (continued)

2. Operating Segments

Identification of reportable segments and types of activities

The Group operates throughout the world and prepares reports internally and externally by continental geographical segments.

Within each segment the costs of operations and income are prepared firstly by joint venture and then by legal entity. Revenue and outgoings are allocated by way of their expense classification and income category. These reports are drawn up on a quarterly basis. Resources are allocated between each segment on a as needs basis. Selective reporting is provided to the Board quarterly while the annual and bi-annual results are reported to the Board.

The following are the current geographical segments:

Australian Business Unit

Exploration and evaluation for oil and gas, development and production and sale of crude oil in a number of areas in the Cooper Basin located in South Australia.

African Business Unit

Exploration and evaluation for oil and gas in the Bargou, Nabeul and Hammamet Permit area off the coast of Tunisia. No income is derived from these units.

Asian Business Unit

Production and the sale of crude oil from the Tangai-Sukananti KSP which is located on the island of Sumatra Indonesia. Revenue is derived from the sale of crude oil to PT Pertamina EP. The Company has announced its intention to dispose of the equity interest in the Sumbagsel PSC.

European Business Unit

The Company has announced its intention to dispose of the equity interest in the MUA 1,2 and 3 in Poland.

Other prospective opportunities outside of these geographical segments are also considered from time to time and, if they are secured, will then be attributed to the continental geographical segment where they are located.

Accounting Policies and inter-segment transactions

The accounting policies used by the Group in reporting segments internally are the same as those contained in note 1 to the accounts and in the prior period.

The following table presents revenue, profit information, assets and liabilities and cash expenditure for reportable segments for the half-years ended 31 December 2011 and 2010.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the half year ended 31 December 2011 (continued)

2. Operating Segments (continued)

	Business Units				Consolidated
	Australian	African	Asian	Europe	
	<u>\$'000</u>	<u>\$'000</u>	<u>\$'000</u>	<u>\$'000</u>	<u>\$'000</u>
Half year ended 31 December 2011					
Revenue	25,401	-	402	-	25,803
Other revenue	2,761	-	-	-	2,761
Total consolidated revenue	28,162	-	402	-	28,564
Depreciation of property	(44)	-	-	-	(44)
Amortisation of:-					
:Development costs	(2,104)	-	(46)	-	(2,150)
:Exploration costs	(823)	-	-	-	(823)
Share based payments	(66)	-	-	-	(66)
Exploration costs written off	(966)	(84)	-	-	(1,050)
Segment result					11,817
Income tax expense					(3,488)
Net Profit					8,329
Segment liabilities	15,599	284	264	-	16,147
Segment assets	98,064	19,658	2,780	-	120,502
Half year ended 31 December 2010					
Revenue	18,435	-	-	-	18,435
Other revenue	1,986	-	-	-	1,986
Total consolidated revenue	20,421	-	-	-	20,421
Depreciation of property	(39)	-	-	-	(39)
Amortisation of:-					
:Development costs	(1,747)	-	-	-	(1,747)
:Exploration costs	(647)	-	-	-	(647)
Share based payments	(109)	-	-	-	(109)
Exploration costs written off	(1,521)	-	-	-	(1,521)
Segment result					5,881
Income tax expense					(2,330)
Net profit					3,551
As at 30 June 2011					
Segment liabilities	(12,546)	(516)	-	-	(13,062)
Segment assets	99,006	15,371	2,960	10,588	127,925

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the half year ended 31 December 2011 (continued)

		31 December 2011 \$'000	30 June 2011 \$'000
3. Cash and Cash Equivalents and Term Deposits			
Current Assets			
Cash at banks and in hand		4,287	6,891
Short term deposits at banks (i)		60,000	45,000
		64,287	51,891
Medium term deposits at the bank (ii)		-	19,070
(i) Short term deposits at the banks are for periods of up to 90 days and earn interest at money market interest rates.			
(ii) Medium term deposits at the bank are for periods exceeding 90 days but not longer than one year and earn interest at money market interest rates.			
4. Contributed equity			
Ordinary shares			
Issued and fully paid		98,745	98,657
	Thousands		
<i>Movement in ordinary shares on issue</i>			
At 1 July 2011	292,576	98,657	
Issue of shares	216	88	
At 31 December 2011	292,792	98,745	

5. Exploration assets held for sale

During the period the Board resolved to dispose of its exploration assets in Indonesia and Poland. Management is in the process of obtaining expressions of interest from third parties for the Company's equity holding in each of these exploration activities.

The losses from the exploration assets classified as held for sale are presented on a separate line in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income. The comparative figures have been restated.

The producing operation at Sukananti KSO in Indonesia has not been reclassified as held for sale.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the half year ended 31 December 2011 (continued)

6. Commitments	31 December 2011 \$'000	30 June 2011 \$'000
Operating lease commitments under non-cancellable office lease not provided for in the financial statements and payable:		
Within one year	346	340
After one year but not more than five years	1,737	1,913
After more than five years	-	-
Total minimum lease payments	2,083	2,253

The parent entity leases a suite of offices from which it conducts its operations. The lease is for seven years with an option to renew after that date.

7. Contingent liability

The syndicate of buyers of all oil produced by the parent entity are in disagreement with the State Government of South Australia over the level of charges, set at the port of export, which are on charged to the parent entity. The parent entity is not a party to any of the discussions with the State Government of South Australia. At this stage, the syndicate of buyers and the State Government of South Australia are in discussion to resolve their points of difference. At this time no claim has been received by the parent entity. However in the event that a claim is made on the parent entity or either of the above parties commences legal action, the Directors will then further assess liability recognition. At the date of this report the parent entity estimates that the maximum contingent exposure, before any penalties and other charges, could be \$1,141,000 (30 June 2011: \$1,060,000) if the syndicate of buyers are not successful in resolving the disagreement.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements

for the half year ended 31 December 2011 (continued)

8. Revenue and expenses

Profit (loss) from continuing operations before income tax expense includes the following revenues and expenses whose disclosure is relevant in explaining the performance of the entity:

	31 December 2011 \$'000	31 December 2010 \$'000
Revenues from Oil Operations		
Oil sales	25,803	18,435
Total revenue from oil sales	25,803	18,435
Other Revenue		
Interest revenue	1,937	1,900
Other revenue	824	86
Total other revenue	2,761	1,986
Cost of Sales		
Production expenses and royalties	(7,492)	(5,292)
Amortisation of exploration costs in areas under production	(823)	(647)
Amortisation of development costs in areas of production	(2,150)	(1,747)
Total cost of sales	(10,465)	(7,686)
Administration and Other Expenses		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	(44)	(39)
Share based payments	(66)	(109)
Finance cost – accretion of rehabilitation cost	(18)	(18)
Minimum lease payment – operating leases	(148)	(221)
Unrealised translation gain/(loss) on foreign currency assets	151	(1,700)
Administration and other expenses	(5,107)	(3,246)
	(5,232)	(5,333)
Exploration and evaluation expenditure written off	(1,050)	(1,521)

9. Events subsequent to the year end

The Directors are not aware of any matter or circumstance that has arisen since 31 December 2011 which has significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the Group, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the Group in future financial years.

Directors' Declaration

In accordance with a resolution of the directors of Cooper Energy Limited, we state that:

In the opinion of the directors:

- a) the financial statements and notes of the consolidated entity are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
 - i) giving a true and fair view of the financial position at 31 December 2011 and the performance for the half-year ended on that date of the consolidated entity; and
 - ii) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 "Interim Financial Reporting" and Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

On behalf of the Board



David P. Maxwell
Managing Director

26 February 2012

To the members of Cooper Energy Limited

Report on the Half-Year Financial Report

We have reviewed the accompanying half-year financial report of Cooper Energy Limited, which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2011, the condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the half-year ended on that date, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration of the consolidated entity comprising the company and the entities it controlled at the half-year end or from time to time during the half-year.

Directors' Responsibility for the Half-Year Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the half-year financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal controls as the directors determine are necessary to enable the preparation of the half-year financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the half-year financial report based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements ASRE 2410 *Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*, in order to state whether, on the basis of the procedures described, we have become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the financial report is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* including: giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2011 and its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*. As the auditor of Cooper Energy Limited and the entities it controlled during the half year, ASRE 2410 requires that we comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the audit of the annual financial report.

A review of a half-year financial report consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

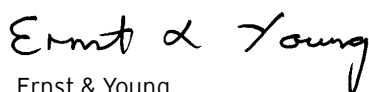
Independence

In conducting our review, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. We have given to the directors of the company a written Auditor's Independence Declaration, a copy of which is included in the Directors' Report.

Conclusion

Based on our review, which is not an audit, we have not become aware of any matter that makes us believe that the half-year financial report of Cooper Energy Limited is not in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- a) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 31 December 2011 and of its performance for the half-year ended on that date; and
- b) complying with Accounting Standard AASB 134 *Interim Financial Reporting* and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.


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