



**NEW STANDARD
ENERGY**

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ASX Announcement

NEW STANDARD SALE OF BURU STAKE (ASX: NSE)

In line with the board endorsed capital management plan to manage and balance the risk and volatility associated with its balance sheet and leave the Company well positioned for growth, New Standard Energy Ltd (**New Standard**) has sold its remaining stake in Buru Energy Ltd (**Buru**).

New Standard has sold 10 million Buru shares at an agreed price of \$2.74 per share to realise cash proceeds of \$27.4 million before costs. The sale price represents a return of more than 1,600% for New Standard shareholders.

The share sale proceeds will increase the Company's cash position to in excess of \$65 million and provides the Company with a strong cash position to progress and expand its oil and gas activities.

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About New Standard: New Standard Energy is an emerging hydrocarbon explorer with a mandate to explore for oil and gas. Its exploration and drilling program is active, well funded and extensive. The company's exploration program is underpinned and complemented by targeted corporate activity to take advantage of opportunities and to build an extensive pipeline of exploration projects. New Standard's board has extensive technical and commercial experience in the oil and gas sector.

New Standard currently has cash resources of approximately \$65m post the BRU share sale transaction with this cash position to be further supplemented by income being generated from the Colorado County Project in Texas and cash calls under the ConocoPhillips farm-in agreement. The Company is primarily focused on aggressively progressing its oil and gas exploration portfolio focused on the onshore Canning and Carnarvon Basins in Western Australia. The portfolio includes:

- 🔹 100% (diluting to 25%) operated interest in EP's 443, 450, 451, 456 in Western Australia's Canning Basin
- 🔹 100% (diluting to 25%) operated interest in application areas 1/09-0, 2/09-0 and 5/09-0 in the Canning Basin
- 🔹 65% (diluting to 50%) operated interest in EP417 in the Canning Basin
- 🔹 60% operated interest in the Seven Lakes SPA area in the Canning Basin
- 🔹 100% operated interest in the Merlinleigh project, onshore Carnarvon Basin Western Australia
- 🔹 32.5% working interest in the Colorado County Project, onshore Texas USA
- 🔹 38.5% working interest in the Moeller Project, onshore Texas USA
- 🔹 36% working interest in the Wharton County Project, onshore Texas USA
- 🔹 32.5% interest in a license for 1,000 square miles of 3D seismic data

In addition to the above portfolio, New Standard has a 13.7% equity interest in ASX listed Elixir Petroleum Ltd (ASX: EXR). New Standard is also continuing to actively assess other opportunities to complement and expand its exploration portfolio.