



**COOPER ENERGY LIMITED**

And its controlled entities

ABN 93 096 170 295

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**30 June 2015**

# Appendix 4E

## Preliminary Final Report

Cooper Energy Limited		
ABN 93 096 170 295	Report ending	30 June 2015
	Corresponding period	30 June 2014

*Results for announcement to the market*

Revenue from ordinary activities  
 Net Profit after tax from continuing operations  
 Total profit for the period attributable to members

Percentage Change %	Amount \$'000
Down 45.9%	39,084
Down 171.4%	(15,833)
Down 389.1%	(63,468)

Net tangible assets per share  
 (inclusive of exploration and development expenditure capitalised)

30 June 2014	<b>30 June 2015</b>
51.0 cents	<b>31.3 cents</b>

The Directors do not propose to pay a dividend.  
 The attached Financial Report has been audited.

### Review and Results of Operations

The attached Operating and Financial Review provides further information and explanation.

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# Operating and Financial Review

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Cooper Energy completed the financial year with the company's highest level of reserves and resources on record and significant progress on executing its value enhancing gas strategy. However, the substantial decline in the world oil price during the period has had a significant effect on Cooper Energy's reported financial results in two principal areas – first, reduced revenues from operations have resulted in a loss and, secondly, the Board has resolved to make impairment (non-operating) adjustments to the Tunisian portfolio and other assets. These non-operating items have affected adversely the reported loss after tax by \$62.2 million. Further details of the financial performance and the impairment adjustments are presented later in this Report.

## Operations

### Overview

Cooper Energy is a petroleum exploration and production company which seeks to create shareholder value through cash generating hydrocarbon production and the creation of a gas supply business which is focussed particularly on eastern Australia.

Revenue is generated from the discovery, development and sale of oil from licences held in the Cooper Basin, Australia and the South Sumatra Basin, Indonesia. The company held proved and probable reserves of 3.1 million barrels of oil in these regions as at 30 June 2015.

The emerging gas business includes Contingent Resources (2C) of 196.5PJ<sup>1</sup> in the Gippsland Basin, offshore Victoria, Australia and a 50% interest in the Orbost Gas Plant, onshore Gippsland Basin. Cooper Energy is working towards commercialisation and development of these resources, which are scheduled to commence revenue generation from as early as January 2019. Gas exploration acreage is also held in the onshore Otway Basin.

A portfolio of offshore Tunisian acreage is currently subject to a divestment process, the status of which is discussed under the heading "Business Strategies and Prospects" later in this report.

### Production

Cooper Energy produced a total of 0.48 million barrels of oil in 2015, 84% of which was sourced from the Cooper Basin, with the balance from Indonesia. The production result compares to 0.59 million barrels in the preceding year, with the movement incorporating natural decline of Cooper Basin fields and increased, and record, output from the Indonesian operations.

Cooper Basin production for the year was 0.40 million barrels, down from 0.54 million barrels in the prior year. Indonesian production benefited from a successful workover and development drilling campaign conducted in the Sukananti KSO, most particularly the Bunian-3 well completed in May 2015. The company's share of production from Sukananti for the 12 months to 30 June 2015 was 0.075 million barrels compared with 0.055 million barrels in the previous year. The commencement of production in May from Bunian-3 took production from the Sukananti KSO to the limit permitted by existing storage and transportation.

### Project and portfolio development

In 2012 the company identified an opportunity for value creation in the gas supply opportunities it foresaw as emerging in eastern Australia as existing supply contracts ran down and demand escalated with the commencement of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) production in Gladstone.

The company continues to implement a strategy to realise this opportunity, through creating a market focussed, portfolio-style gas supply business. Core to this strategy is the accumulation of gas resources with the technical and commercial characteristics to be among the most cost competitive and available in the market and a portfolio of gas supply contracts.

The results achieved in 2015 have seen the company establish the gas resource, infrastructure interests and, subsequent to year-end, the first commercial agreements for the gas business envisaged by the strategy. The key developments in the strategy that led to this position are:

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<sup>1</sup>BMG contingent resource initially disclosed to the market on 18 August 2014, Sole contingent resources disclosed on 25 May 2015 and an update to Manta resources announced on 16 July 2015. Cooper Energy is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information provided in those releases and all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the assessment in the announcements continue to apply.

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- the acquisition of a 50% interest in the Sole gas field (Gippsland Basin- VIC/RL3) and a 50% interest in the Orbost gas plant;
- recognition of Contingent Resources (2C) of 105.5 PJ<sup>2</sup> of gas in the Sole field (Cooper Energy share);
- the Sole Gas Project entering into Front End Engineering and Design (FEED) for a gas development to supply eastern Australia via the Orbost Gas Plant from January 2019;
- an upgrade to resources of the Manta gas field in VIC/L26 and VIC/L27. The Manta field is now assessed to hold Contingent Resources (2C) of 106.0PJ of gas and 3.2 million barrels of oil and condensate (total joint venture volume, Cooper Energy interest is 65%);
- completion of the Cooper Energy Business Case analysis for the Basker-Manta-Gummy gas and liquids resource in VIC/L26, VIC/L27 and VIC/L28. The Business Case identified an opportunity for development of a gas project at the Manta gas field to supply gas to eastern Australia, via the Orbost gas plant, from mid 2021; and
- negotiation with gas buyers, which resulted in the announcement of the first Heads of Agreement for supply of gas from Sole.

Discussion of the ongoing execution of the gas strategy is provided under the heading Business Strategies and Prospects below.

In Indonesia the company is pursuing a strategy which adds value through adding low risk production and reserve increments with limited recourse to capital. As noted under the headings Exploration and development and Reserves and resources this strategy has been successful, to the point where a new range of field appraisal and development opportunities have emerged, with the capacity to add significantly to production rates in the coming years. The company is presently assessing the potential and shareholder value offered by these opportunities in the context of its capital management and growth plans.

### *Exploration and development*

Cooper Energy has interests in petroleum exploration tenements in the Cooper, Otway and Gippsland Basins in Australia, the South Sumatra Basin in Indonesia and the Pelagian Basin offshore Tunisia. As noted, above the Tunisian acreage is the subject of a divestment process.

Exploration and development activity during the period included the drilling of 9 wells. In the Cooper Basin, 4 exploration, 2 appraisal wells and 2 development wells were drilled. The Callawonga-10 development well and Callawonga-11 appraisal wells were successful. In Indonesia, the Bunian-3 development well was successful, leading to increased reserves and production from the field and identifying further potential to be addressed by subsequent drilling.

### *Reserves and resources*

Reserves and Resources were increased substantially during the year and at 30 June 2015 were the highest yet recorded by Cooper Energy. Proved and probable reserves of 3.1 million barrels of oil were 53% higher than the corresponding figure of 2.0 million barrels at the beginning of the year. The increase is attributable to Indonesia, where the successful Bunian-3 well resulted in a major upgrade to reserves in the Sukananti KSO, additions arising from drilling at the Callawonga field and better than forecast performance from some of the existing Cooper Basin production wells. Proved and probable reserves additions in the Cooper Basin PEL 92 fields were sufficient to replace 120% of the permit's yearly production.

Contingent Resources (2C) of 58.4 million boe were 66% higher than at the start of the year, with nearly all of the increment being attributable to the Gippsland Basin, where an initial resource booking was made for the Sole gas field acquired on 25 May and the assessment for the Manta field upgraded. Gippsland Basin resources account for 38.4 million boe of 2C Contingent Resources, with the balance being accounted for by Tunisia (17.0 million boe and unchanged), Indonesia (2.6 million boe, previously zero) and Cooper Basin (0.4 million boe).

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<sup>2</sup>As disclosed to the ASX on 25 May 2015. Cooper Energy is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information provided in those releases and all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the assessment in the announcements continue to apply.

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## Financial Performance

Financial Performance		FY15	FY14	Change	%
Production volume	MMbbl	0.47	0.59	-0.12	-20%
Sales volume	MMbbl	0.46	0.58	-0.12	-21%
Sales revenue	\$ million	39.1	72.3	-33.2	-46%
Average oil price	\$/bbl	85.48	124.10	-38.62	-31%
Gross profit	\$ million	14.1	46.2	-32.1	-69%
Gross profit / Sales revenue	%	36.0	64.0	-28.0	-44%
Operating cash flow	\$ million	2.0	50.3	-48.3	-96%
Reported NPAT / (loss)	\$ million	-63.5	22.0	-85.5	-389%
Underlying NPAT / (loss)	\$ million	-1.3	25.3	-26.6	-105%
Underlying EBITDA*	\$ million	8.2	40.2	-32.0	-80%

\* Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation

Calculation of underlying NPAT / loss by adjusting for items unrelated to the ongoing operating performance is considered to provide meaningful comparison of results between periods. Underlying NPAT / loss and Underlying EBITDA are not defined measures under International Financial Reporting Standards and are not audited. Reconciliations of NPAT / loss and Underlying NPAT / loss and Underlying EBITDA are included at the end of this review.

Cooper Energy recorded a statutory loss after tax of \$63.5 million for the 30 June 2015 financial year which compares with the profit after tax of \$22.0 million recorded in the 2014 financial year. The 2015 statutory loss included a number of non-operating items which adversely affected profit after tax by \$62.2 million. These items which principally comprise impairment in respect of the Tunisian discontinued operations are detailed in the reconciliation for NPAT to Underlying NPAT at the end of this review.

Underlying loss exclusive of these items was \$1.3 million, compared with the previous year underlying NPAT of \$25.3 million, with the movement being attributable to:

- significantly lower oil prices. The average oil price of A\$85.48/bbl was 31% lower than the 2014 average of \$124.10 /bbl. This difference was responsible for a \$22.5 million reduction in sales revenue;
- lower sales volumes, due to lower production. Sales volumes were 21% lower than in 2014, resulting in a \$10.7 million reduction in sales revenue;
- amortisation of costs in areas under production rose \$1.5 million due to revised estimated development expenditure on undeveloped reserves; and
- lower other revenue, \$1.0 million, with lower joint venture fees.

These factors were offset in part by:

- lower tax expense by \$12.0 million, mainly due to the lower underlying profit before tax; and
- lower royalties by \$3.2 million due to lower oil prices and production.

## Financial Position

Financial Position		FY15	FY14	Change	%
Total assets	\$ million	174.0	248.3	-74.3	-30%
Total liabilities	\$ million	70.1	80.5	-10.4	-13%
Total equity	\$ million	103.9	167.8	-63.9	-38%

### Assets

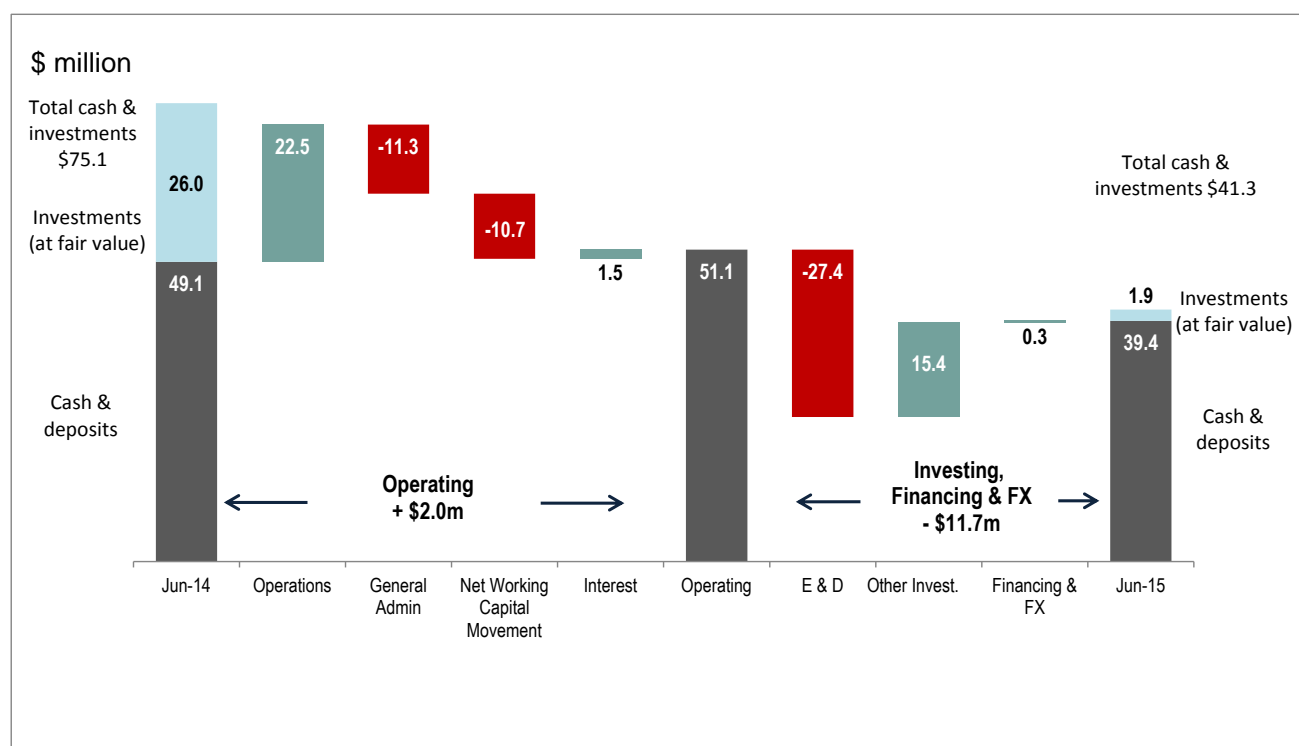
Total assets decreased by \$74.3 million from \$248.3 million to \$174.0 million.

Cooper Energy has a strong balance sheet. As at 30 June the company held cash and deposit balances of \$39.4 million, investments of \$1.9 million and no debt.

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Total financial assets declined by \$33.9 million over the period after funding exploration and development of \$27.4 million. As illustrated below, operating net cash was \$2.0 million after net working capital movements of \$10.7 million including income tax of \$5.9 million relating to 2014.



Exploration and evaluation assets (including those held for sale at 30 June 2014) decreased \$36.1 million from \$141.5 million to \$105.4 million primarily as a result of the impairment of \$47.5 million on the Tunisian discontinued operations partially offset by exploration expenditure during the period, including the acquisition of Sole and the Orbost gas plant.

Oil properties decreased by \$6.4 million from \$18.3 million to \$11.9 million mainly due to an impairment of \$7.5 million for PEL 93 (refer to note 14) and amortisation, partially offset by capital expenditure during the period.

### Total Liabilities

Total liabilities decreased by \$10.4 million from \$80.5 million to \$70.1 million.

Trade and other payables decreased \$3.4 million from \$12.3 million to \$8.9 million mainly due to the timing of payments to suppliers with FY14 payables being high relative to a three year average.

Income tax payable decreased by \$5.0 million to nil due to payment of tax made in the period. Subsequent to year end the FY14 income tax return was amended for a research and development claim of \$0.8 million which is shown as income tax receivable as at 30 June 2015. No income tax is payable at 30 June 2015.

Net deferred tax liabilities decreased by \$3.4 million from \$14.4 million to \$11.0 million mainly due to the impairment losses recognised in respect of exploration and evaluation.

Financial liabilities decreased by \$0.9 million from \$4.0 million to \$3.1 million due to a reset of assumptions relating to the BMG success fee liability.

Provisions increased by \$5.2 million from \$41.9 million to \$47.1 million mainly due to the acquisition of the Sole field and Orbost gas plant with abandonment provisions of \$8.1 million, partially offset by a decrease in the Basker-Manta-Gummy rehabilitation provision as a result of a reset of assumptions.

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## Total Equity

Total equity has decreased by \$64.0 million from \$167.8 million to \$103.8 million. In comparing equity for the period to the prior corresponding period the key movements were:

- higher accumulated losses due to the total loss for the year of \$63.5 million;
- lower reserves of \$1.3 million mainly due to fair value adjustments on investments available for sale in addition to a sale of investments; and
- higher contributed equity of \$0.8 million due to vesting of performance rights into shares.

## Business Strategies and Prospects

The company's strategy has three key elements:

- cash generating production, both from existing operations and from new sources in Australia;
- retention of a strong financial position and balance sheet; and
- development of a gas business supplying eastern Australia.

The company will apply its resources to these key elements with the objectives of generating optimal shareholder value, on those opportunities which satisfy fundamental, commercial and technical merit criteria whilst taking due care for safety, the environment and communities in which we operate.

The company's oil production on the western flank of the Cooper Basin features low direct operating costs, including transport and royalties, averaging A\$35/bbl in 2015. The operating costs for the Indonesian operations are reducing as its production increases, and averaged A\$45/bbl for the full year. These existing production operations are considered to be viable at current and anticipated Australian dollar oil prices.

Production from existing Cooper Basin and Indonesian interests will be optimised to continue to maximize cash flow and support the company's clear growth plans. Low risk exploration and appraisal drilling will continue in the Cooper Basin and Indonesia with the intention of maintaining production of approximately 500,000 barrels of oil per annum. Additional production opportunities will also be considered where they add value consistent with the company's strategy.

The establishment of a gas business supplying eastern Australia is now well underway with both the Sole and Manta projects being advanced, albeit at different stages of maturity. Marketing activities have confirmed there is demand for gas from Sole and Manta and that price expectations are comfortably within that required for an economic project.

Ongoing execution of the gas strategy will now focus on:

- progression of the Sole project through FEED for a Final Investment Decision (FID) likely in the September 2016 quarter;
- joint venture review of the Manta opportunity concurrent with planning of appraisal activity;
- negotiation of additional gas sales agreements prior to FID for the Sole project; and
- determination and implementation of the most suitable funding arrangements.

The company has previously announced its intention to divest its Tunisian portfolio in order to concentrate its resources on assets consistent with its strategy. The divestment process is yet to generate acceptable offers. Current market conditions and sentiment mean that exit from Tunisia through a transaction of the portfolio is not presently foreseeable. Cooper Energy is seeking to defer and limit further capital expenditure and accordingly has advised the Tunisian Government of its intention to not extend or renew the Nabeul permit and is continuing efforts to divest and reduce commitments in the Bargou and Hammamet permits as soon as practicable.



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## 2016 Outlook

Cooper Energy expects production for the twelve months to 30 June of between 0.45 million to 0.55 million barrels of oil from the Cooper Basin and Indonesia with the range of expectations reflecting the potential impact of drilling results and the timing of well connections.

Increased production from Indonesian operations is forecast to offset natural decline from current Cooper Basin wells. Indonesia is forecast to broadly account for 35% of the year's production. Direct operating costs, including transport and royalties, are forecast to approximate A\$38/barrel for total production.

Capital expenditure is being primarily directed to the company's growth projects, whilst maintaining investment in production from existing operations. Total capital expenditure of approximately \$39 million is planned, with more than half of this attributable to the Gippsland gas projects.

Exploration and development activity for the year is expected to include:

- the drilling of 2 exploration wells and 2 development wells by the PEL92 Joint Venture and interpretation of 3D seismic data reprocessed in the previous year;
- the drilling of the Bunian-4 development well and establishment of additional production capacity in the Sukananti KSO;
- data processing of seismic information acquired in the northern Cooper Basin permits PEL 90K, 100 and 110; and
- reprocessing of 3D seismic information acquired in the Otway Basin.

Contingent activity not included in the firm capital expenditure plan includes 3 development wells in the Cooper Basin (PEL 92 Joint Venture: 2 contingent wells; and PEL93 Joint Venture 1 contingent well), and a contingent exploration well in the Otway Basin.

Progression of the Sole Gas Project through FEED to an affirmative FID stands as the most significant opportunity for value accretion in the year. To achieve this important milestone requires completion of the necessary engineering and commercial analysis, securing the required government approvals, finalising gas sales contracts and determining the most appropriate funding arrangements. Achievement of these outcomes will result in the translation of the field's gas resources to proven and probable reserves, which on 2C Contingent Resource current estimates represents an uplift of 18 million boe.

Cooper Energy expects to secure satisfactorily priced gas contracts and FEED in the coming 12 months.

## Funding and Capital Management

As at 30 June 2015 the company had cash, deposits, and investments of \$41.3 million. The company currently has \$40 million in bank facilities which are subject to conditions and are currently being restructured from corporate to reserve based lending. The company considers its funding to be adequate for capital expenditure anticipated in the 2016 financial year.

The company has conducted and completed a comprehensive analysis of funding requirements and options available, especially in view of the capital expenditure requirements anticipated for the development of the company's gas projects in the Gippsland Basin. The analysis confirmed a range of funding alternatives is likely to be available to provide coverage of the funding requirements anticipated for these projects and the Company's participation in them. The determination of the most suitable combination of these options and timing is a matter of ongoing deliberation.

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## Risk Management

The company manages risks in accordance with its risk management policy with the objective of ensuring all risks facing the business are identified, measured and then managed or kept as low as reasonably practicable. The Management Team perform risk assessments on a regular basis and a summary is reported to the Audit and Risk Committee. The Audit and Risk Committee approves and oversees an internal audit program undertaken by an external tier 1 accounting firm.

Key risks which may materially impact the execution and achievement of the business strategies and prospects for Cooper Energy in future financial years are risks inherent in the oil and gas industry including technical, economic, commercial, operational, environmental and political risks. This should not be taken to be a complete or exhaustive list of risks. Many of the risks are outside the control of the company and its officers.

Appropriate policies and procedures are continually being developed and updated to help manage the risks.

## Reconciliations for NPAT to Underlying NPAT and Underlying EBITDA

<b>Reconciliation to Underlying (loss) / NPAT</b>		<b>FY15</b>	<b>FY14</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>%</b>
Net (loss) / profit after income tax (NPAT)	\$ million	-63.5	22.0	-85.5	-389%
Adjusted for:					
Discontinued operations	\$ million	47.6	0.2	47.4	23700%
Impairment of oil properties	\$ million	7.5	0.0	7.5	100%
Impairment of exploration and evaluation	\$ million	7.2	0.0	7.2	100%
Impairment of financial assets AFS	\$ million	7.5	3.1	4.4	142%
Impairment of investment in associate	\$ million	0.5	0.0	0.5	100%
Fair value movement on disposal of investments	\$ million	-3.6	0.0	-3.6	-100%
Accounting gain on acquisition of associate investment	\$ million	-0.3	0.0	-0.3	-100%
Unrealised fair value movement on derivatives	\$ million	0.2	0.0	0.2	100%
Tax impact of above changes	\$ million	-4.4	0.0	-4.4	-100%
<b>Underlying (loss) / NPAT</b>	<b>\$ million</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>-26.6</b>	<b>-105%</b>
<b>Reconciliation to Underlying EBITDA*</b>		<b>FY15</b>	<b>FY14</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>%</b>
Underlying NPAT / (loss)	\$ million	-1.3	25.3	-26.6	-105%
Add back:					
Interest revenue	\$ million	-1.2	-1.4	0.2	-14%
Accretion expense	\$ million	0.5	0.0	0.5	100%
Tax expense / (benefit)	\$ million	1.4	9.0	-7.6	-84%
Depreciation	\$ million	0.5	0.5	0.0	0%
Amortisation	\$ million	8.3	6.8	1.5	22%
<b>Underlying EBITDA*</b>	<b>\$ million</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>-32.0</b>	<b>-80%</b>

\* Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation

# Directors' Statutory Report

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The Directors present their report together with the consolidated financial report of the Group, being Cooper Energy Limited (the "parent entity" or "Cooper Energy" or "Company") and its controlled entities, for the financial year ended 30 June 2015, and the independent auditor's report thereon.

## 1. Directors

The Directors of the parent entity at any time during or since the end of the financial year are:

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**Mr John C. Conde AO**

B.Sc. B.E(Hons), MBA

CHAIRMAN

INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR

Appointed 25 February 2013

**Experience and expertise**

Mr Conde has extensive experience in business and commerce and in chairing high profile business, arts and sporting organisations.

Previous positions include, a Director of BHP Billiton, Chairman of Pacific Power (the Electricity Commission of NSW), Chairman of Events NSW, President of the National Heart Foundation and Chairman of the Pymble Ladies' College Council.

**Current and other directorships in the last 3 years**

Mr Conde is currently Chairman of Bupa Australia (since 2008) and The McGrath Foundation (since 2013 and Director since 2012). He is President of the Commonwealth Remuneration Tribunal (since 2003) and a director of Dexus Property Group ASX: DXS (since 2009). He is Deputy Chairman of Whitehaven Coal Limited ASX: WHC (since 2007). Mr Conde is a former Chairman of Destination NSW (2011 – 2014) and the Sydney Symphony Orchestra (2007 – 2015) and is a former director of AFC Asian Cup (2015) (2012 – 2015).

**Special Responsibilities**

Mr Conde is a member of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee and the Audit and Risk Committee.

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**Mr David P. MAXWELL**

M.Tech, FAICD

MANAGING DIRECTOR

Appointed 12 October 2011

**Experience and expertise**

Mr Maxwell is a leading oil and gas industry executive with more than 25 years in senior executive roles with companies such as BG Group, Woodside Petroleum Limited and Santos Limited. Mr. Maxwell has very successfully led many large commercial, marketing and business development projects.

Prior to joining Cooper Energy Mr Maxwell worked with the BG Group, where he was responsible for all commercial, exploration, business development, strategy and marketing activities in Australia and led BG Group's entry into Australia including a number of material acquisitions.

Mr Maxwell has served on a number of industry association boards, government advisory groups and public company boards. He was a member of the Australia Federal Government Energy White Paper Reference Group in 2011.

**Current and other directorships in the last 3 years**

Mr Maxwell is a director of wholly owned subsidiaries of Cooper Energy Ltd.

**Special Responsibilities**

Mr Maxwell is responsible for the day to day leadership of Cooper Energy. He is the leader of the management team.

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### **Mr Hector M. GORDON**

B.Sc. (Hons). FAICD  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
Appointed 26 June 2012

#### **Experience and expertise**

Mr Gordon is a very successful geologist with over 35 years of experience in the petroleum industry. Mr Gordon was previously Managing Director of Somerton Energy until it was acquired by Cooper Energy in 2012. Previously he was an Executive Director with Beach Energy Limited where he was employed for more than 16 years. In this time Beach Energy experienced significant growth and Mr Gordon held a number of roles including Exploration Manager, Chief Operating Officer and, ultimately, Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Gordon's previous employers also include Santos Limited, AGL Petroleum, TMOC Resources, Esso Australia and Delhi Petroleum Pty Ltd.

#### **Current and other directorships in the last 3 years**

Mr Gordon is a director Bass Strait Oil Company Ltd ASX: BAS (since 2014) and various wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company. He is a former director of ERO Mining Limited (2011-2013).

#### **Special Responsibilities**

As a part time executive of the Company, Mr Gordon is responsible for overseeing exploration and production activities and providing technical expertise in these areas. He is also Chairman of the HSEC Management Committee and the Indonesian Management Committee.

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### **Mr Jeffrey W. SCHNEIDER**

B.Com  
INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR  
Appointed 12 October 2011

#### **Experience and expertise**

Mr Schneider has over 30 years of experience in senior management roles in the oil and gas industry, including 24 years with Woodside Petroleum Limited. He has extensive corporate governance and board experience as both a non-executive director and chairman in resources companies.

#### **Current and other directorships in the last 3 years**

Mr Schneider is a former director of Comet Ridge Limited ASX: COI (2003 – 2014) and Green Rock Energy Limited ASX: GRK (2010 – 2013).

#### **Special Responsibilities**

Mr Schneider is Chairman of the Remuneration and Nomination Committees and member of the Audit and Risk Committee.

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### **Ms Alice J. WILLIAMS**

B.Com, FAICD, FCPA, CFA  
INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR  
Appointed 28 August 2013

#### **Experience and expertise**

Ms Williams has over 25 years of senior management and Board level experience in corporate, investment banking and Government sectors.

Ms Williams has been a consultant to major Australian and international corporations as a corporate advisor on strategic and financial assignments. Ms Williams has also been engaged by Federal and State based Government organisations to undertake reviews of competition policy and regulation. Prior appointments include Director of Airservices Australia, Telstra Sale Company, V/Line Passenger Corporation, State Trustees, Western Health and the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

#### **Current and other directorships in the last 3 years**

Ms Williams is a non-executive Director of Djerriwarrh Investments Ltd ASX: DJW (since 2010), Equity Trustees Ltd ASX: EQT (since 2007), Barristers Chambers Ltd (since 2015), the Foreign Investment Review Board (since 2015), Guild Group, Defence Health and Port of Melbourne Corporation. Ms Williams is also a Council member of the Cancer Council of Victoria. Ms Williams is a former director of Victorian Funds Management Corporation (2008 – 2015).

#### **Special Responsibilities**

Ms Williams is Chairman of the Audit and Risk Committee and a member of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee.

# Directors' Statutory Report

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### 2. Company secretaries

Ms. Alison Evans B.A., LLB was appointed to the position of Company Secretary and Legal Counsel on 25 February 2013. Ms Evans is an experienced company secretary and corporate legal counsel with extensive knowledge of corporate and commercial law in the resources and energy sectors. Ms Evans has held Company Secretary and Legal Counsel roles in a number of minerals and energy companies including Centrex Metals, GTL Energy and AGL. Ms Evans' public company experience is supported by her work at leading corporate law firms.

Mr Jason de Ross was appointed to the position of Company Secretary on 25 November 2013. Mr de Ross has over 20 years' experience in finance, treasury, strategy and commercial management, mostly in the construction and resources sectors. Prior to joining Cooper Energy as CFO he was employed by OZ Minerals as Group Manager Commercial Operations and was previously Group Commercial Manager and Treasurer with the Futuris/Elders Group.

### 3. Directors' meetings

The number of Directors' meetings (including meetings of committees of Directors) and number of meetings attended by each of the Directors of the parent entity during the financial year are:

Director	Board Meetings		Audit & Risk Committee Meetings		Remuneration and Nomination Committee Meetings	
	A	B	A	B	A	B
Mr J. Conde	8	8	2	2	3	3
Mr D. Maxwell	8	8	-	-	-	-
Mr H. Gordon	8	8	-	-	-	-
Mr J. Schneider	8	8	2	2	3	3
Ms A. Williams	8	8	2	2	3	3

**A** = Number of meetings attended.

**B** = Number of meetings held during the time the Director held office, or was a member of the committee, during the year

### 4. Remuneration report (Audited)

This Remuneration Report sets out information about the remuneration of the Company's key management personnel for the financial year ended 30 June 2015. The information in this Report has been audited as required by the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) and forms part of the Directors' Report.

#### 4.1 Key Management Personnel (KMP)

The following were KMP of the Group during the reporting period and, unless indicated otherwise, for the whole of the reporting period:

Non-Executive Directors	Executive Directors
Mr J. Conde AO (Chairman)	Mr D. Maxwell (Managing Director)
Mr J. Schneider	Mr H. Gordon (Executive Director – Production and Exploration))
Ms A. Williams	

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### Executives

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Mr J. de Ross (Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary)	Ms A. Evans (Company Secretary and Legal Counsel)
Mr A. Thomas (Exploration Manager)	Mr I. MacDougall (Operations Manager)

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Mr E. Glavas (Commercial and Business Development Manager) <sup>1</sup>
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<sup>1</sup> Appointed 4 August 2014

### 4.2 Remuneration Philosophy and Objectives

The Company is committed to a remuneration philosophy that rewards consistent and sustainable individual performance and superior corporate performance.

Cooper Energy's approach towards remuneration aims to ensure that an appropriate balance is achieved between:

- maximising sustainable shareholder returns;
- operational and strategic requirements; and
- providing attractive and appropriate remuneration packages to management and employees.

The primary objectives of the Company's remuneration policy are to:

- attract and retain high-calibre people;
- ensure that remuneration is fair and competitive with both peers and competitor employers;
- provide significant incentive to deliver superior performance (when compared to peers) against Cooper Energy's strategy and key business goals;
- achieve the most effective returns (employee productivity) for total employee spend; and
- ensure transparency and credibility for all employees and in particular for Executive remuneration.

It is the Company's policy to pay fixed remuneration at the median level of the market and supplement this with the opportunity to earn performance based remuneration. This is intended to bring the overall total remuneration package to the upper quartile of the market only when top level performance is achieved.

### 4.3 Remuneration Framework

Remuneration for Non-Executive Directors consists of Directors fees and statutory superannuation only, and for employees (including Executive Directors) consists of base salary, statutory superannuation, short term incentives, other short term benefits and long term incentives.

Remuneration is determined by reference to market conditions and comparisons (e.g. benchmark reports). It is determined in conjunction with an annual review of the performance of Executive Directors, Executives and other employees of the Company. Performance of the Directors of the Company, including the Managing Director, is evaluated by the Board, who may be assisted by the Remuneration & Nomination Committee. The Managing Director reviews the performance of Executives with the assistance of the Remuneration & Nomination Committee. These evaluations take into account criteria such as the contribution toward the Company's performance benchmarks and the achievement of individual performance objectives.

During the reporting period, the Board obtained and used independent Australian hydrocarbon industry remuneration data to benchmark remuneration rates for all employees (see also Section 4.11).

## 4.4 Remuneration & Nomination Committee

The Company's Remuneration & Nomination Committee (comprised during the reporting period of 3 Non-Executive Directors, all of whom are independent) makes recommendations to the Board regarding remuneration strategies and policies in relation to KMP. The Committee assesses annually the nature and amount of KMP remuneration by reference to relevant employment market conditions and third party remuneration benchmark reports. The Committee determines remuneration arrangements in conjunction with the annual performance reviews of KMP.

## 4.5 Nature and amount of Non-Executive Director remuneration

Non-Executive Directors are remunerated solely by way of fees and statutory superannuation and their remuneration is reviewed annually to ensure that the fees reflect the demands on, and responsibilities of, such Directors. Non-Executive Directors do not receive any performance related remuneration. Non-Executive Director remuneration was last increased in February 2013. After reviewing the Non-executive Directors' fees, the Board has determined that, given the current market conditions, there would be no increase in Non-Executive Directors fees for the 2016 financial year.

Remuneration paid to the Non-Executive Directors for the reporting period, and for the previous reporting period, is shown in the table in Section 4.14.

The maximum aggregate remuneration pool for Non-Executive Directors, as approved by shareholders at the Company's 2014 Annual General Meeting, is \$750,000 per annum. This pool is not currently fully utilised. It allows for fair and competitive remuneration of additional well-credentialed directors as may be appointed in the future to assist the Company to achieve its strategic goals.

The Company has entered into written letters of appointment with its Non-Executive Directors. The term of the appointment of a Non-Executive Director is determined in accordance with the Company's Constitution and is subject to the provisions of the Constitution dealing with retirement, re-election and removal of Non-Executive Directors. The Constitution provides that all Non-Executive Directors of the Company are subject to re-election by shareholders by rotation every three years during their term.

The Company has entered into deeds of indemnity, insurance and access with each of the Non-Executive Directors under which the Company will, on the terms set out in the deed, provide an indemnity, maintain an appropriate level of Directors' & Officers' indemnity insurance and provide access to Company records.

## 4.6 Nature and amount of Executive (including Executive Director) remuneration

Executive remuneration during the reporting period consisted of:

- base salary including statutory superannuation;
- short term incentive plan (being performance based cash bonuses);
- other short term benefits; and
- long term incentive plan (being the award of performance rights under the Company's employee performance rights plan).

Remuneration payable to the Executive Directors, and the Executives, for the reporting period, and for the previous reporting period, is shown in the tables in Sections 4.14 and 4.15 (respectively), and each of the above remuneration components is discussed further below.

### Fixed Remuneration - Base salary and superannuation

Base salary is paid in cash and is not at risk (other than by termination). The Company pays statutory superannuation contributions on behalf of the Executives.

Executives are paid base salaries which are competitive in the markets in which the Company operates and consistent with the remuneration philosophy. Individual base salary is set each year based on job description, competitive market salary information sourced by the Company and overall competence of the Executive in fulfilling the requirements of the particular role.

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The Company benchmarks Executive base salaries against hydrocarbon industry market surveys which are published annually. Additionally, the pay levels of Executive positions in the Company may be benchmarked against national market executive remuneration surveys. It is the Company's policy to position itself at the median level of the market when benchmarking base salary.

The Company's base salary review process is performed annually and takes into consideration factors such as market benchmark increases, changes in individual responsibility, individual performance, the performance of the Company and relevant economic indicators. Overall increases will typically reflect market benchmark increases, with individual increases varying according to an assessment of individual performance.

The Board reviewed the base salaries for the Managing Director and Executive Director – Production & Exploration in August 2015. Following this review, the Board determined that given current market conditions, there would be no increase to their base salaries as a result of this annual review.

#### Short term incentive plan (STIP)

The short term incentive plan (STIP) award is made by way of a cash bonus.

All performance criteria under the STIP are relevant to the Company's strategic objectives and designed to incentivise Executives to meet goals which enhance shareholder value. Performance criteria are challenging and maximum award opportunities are only achieved by outstanding performance. Each year the Board reviews and approves the performance criteria for the year ahead.

The maximum short term incentive award opportunities for Executives are as follows:

Position	Maximum opportunity as percentage of base salary (including superannuation)
Managing Director	100%
Executive Director	75%
Executives	50%

The relative weighting of Company and individual performance varies dependant on the level of the Executive and is as follows:

Position	Company Performance	Individual Performance
Managing Director	80%	20%
Executive Director	75%	25%
Executives	70%	30%

The measurement of Company performance is based on the achievement of key performance indicators (KPIs) set out in a Company scorecard. The KPIs focus on the core elements the Board believes are needed to successfully deliver Company strategy and maximise sustainable shareholder returns. Personal performance is measured against performance criteria agreed between the Executive and Cooper Energy each year.



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In the financial year 2015, the scorecard KPIs and their relative weightings were as follows:

STIP Key Performance Indicators	%	Rationale for choosing KPI
HSEC Performance	20%	Care is a core value for Cooper Energy - prioritising safety, health the environment and community.
Increased production from existing assets	25%	Oil production generates cash flow for the Company which underpins its other activities
Growth in reserves and resources	40%	Growth in oil and gas reserves and production are at the heart of Cooper Energy's business. Growth in Cooper Energy's gas portfolio is a key element of the Company's eastern states gas strategy
Key gas strategy milestones		
Cost management		
Processes and Risk Management	15%	These are enablers to support the Company's other key drivers in an efficient and cost effective way. By including risk management KPIs, it is made clear to employees that excessive risk taking is not rewarded or encouraged when pursuing incentive awards.
Stakeholder Relationships		

For each KPI in the scorecard, a base or threshold performance level is established the measure for which will be articulated in the scorecard as well as a target, stretch target and super stretch target performance level. The measures will be set in accordance with the following objectives:

Threshold	Measure*	STIP Award as % of maximum opportunity
Base	Level of performance that is expected to be achieved and is nearly at target level (ie a near miss)	0 %
Target	This is a challenging and achievable level of performance	50%
Stretch	Excellent performance - doing better than target and consistent with leading peers	75%
Super stretch	Outstanding performance - doing better than, or best in class, when compared to peers	100%

The Board assesses performance against the scorecard each year. Average weighted performance of the total scorecard is the sum of the performance assessed for each item multiplied by the weighting for each item.

In the event of a change in control event such as the Company merging or being taken over, the scorecard may be assessed and/or re-set at the discretion of the Board. The Board may determine to make STIP payments to employees in the instance where the change in control event occurs prior to the completion of the relevant performance year, in which case the STIP will be prorated in accordance with the portion of the year worked.

An employee must have been with the Company for 3 months to qualify for any STIP. If the employee is with the Company for 3 months but less than the full year the STIP is prorated according to the period of time the employee has been with the Company.

If an employee leaves the Company during a year (other than for retirement or due to redundancy) no STIP is payable. If the employee retires or is made redundant then the STIP is prorated in accordance with the portion of the year worked.

STIP payments, if any, are made in October each year. Therefore any STIP payments for the year ended 30 June 2015 will be paid in October 2015. Irrespective of the scorecard outcome, payment of any STIP is entirely at the discretion of the Board.

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STIP payments made to Executive Directors, and Executives, during the reporting period, and during the previous reporting period, are shown in the tables in Sections 4.14 and 4.15(respectively).

### Other short term benefits

Other short term benefits for Executives include fringe benefits on car parking, accommodation and other benefits as set out in the table in Section 4.15.

### Long term incentive plan

The Company believes that encouraging its employees, including Executives, to become shareholders is the best way of aligning their interests with those of the Company's shareholders. Having a long term incentive plan is also intended to be a retention incentive for employees (with a vesting period of at least 3 years before securities under the plan are available to employees).

The Company's current long term incentive plan has been in operation since 2011 (**2011 Plan**). Following feedback from shareholders at the Company's 2014 Annual General Meeting, the directors conducted a review of the 2011 Plan including seeking independent advice on the plan, as noted in Section 4.11. Following that review, the Company proposes to implement a new equity incentive plan to address shareholder feedback and better align the Company's long term incentive plan with its current strategy and objectives and current peer group market practice (**New EIP**). Shareholders will be asked to approve the new plan at the 2015 Annual General Meeting.

In this reporting period, grants of performance rights were made under the 2011 Plan. Subject to shareholders approving the New EIP, for the next reporting period, it is expected that future grants will be made under the New EIP. The key features of the current 2011 Plan and the offer the Board proposes to make under the New EIP are set out in the following table.

Plan Feature	Current 2011 Plan	Proposed offer - New EIP																				
Vehicle	Performance Rights	A combination of Performance Rights, Share Appreciation Rights (SARs) and/or Options (as determined by the board). <sup>3</sup> <b>Rationale for change:</b> This gives the Board flexibility to use the vehicle appropriate to the Company's objectives at the time of grant. The Board expects to issue 50% SARs and 50% Performance Rights in 2015																				
Maximum award opportunity for Executives (% of fixed annual remuneration)	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Managing Director</td> <td>120%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Executive Director</td> <td>95%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Executives</td> <td>70%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Senior technical employee</td> <td>50%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff</td> <td>30%</td> </tr> </table>	Managing Director	120%	Executive Director	95%	Executives	70%	Senior technical employee	50%	Staff	30%	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Managing Director</td> <td>120%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Executive Director</td> <td>95%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Executives</td> <td>70%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Senior technical employee</td> <td>50%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff</td> <td>will not participate in long term incentive plan</td> </tr> </table>	Managing Director	120%	Executive Director	95%	Executives	70%	Senior technical employee	50%	Staff	will not participate in long term incentive plan
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<sup>3</sup>**Performance right** – a right granted for nil consideration which, on vesting, will result in the employee being entitled to one share in the Company (for nil consideration) or the cash equivalent.

**Share Appreciation Right (SAR)** – a right granted for nil consideration which, on vesting, will result in the employee being entitled to an amount equal to the difference in value in the Company share price between the grant date and vesting date, settled in cash or shares in the Company (for nil consideration).

**Option** – a right granted for nil consideration which, on vesting and subject to exercise of the option (including payment of any applicable exercise price), will result in the employee being entitled to one share in the Company for each option exercised (for nil consideration) or the cash equivalent.

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Plan Feature	Current 2011 Plan	Proposed offer - New EIP
Vesting Period	3 years	3 – 4 years (3 years plus 1 retest at 4 years – see below).
Performance measures (Non-market)	None (incorporated in STIP)	None (incorporated in STIP)
Performance Measures (Market) and Vesting criteria	25% Absolute TSR <5% zero vests =5% 25% vests =15% 50% vests >25%, 100% vests	0% Absolute TSR however no SARs will be exercisable unless the share price appreciates over the measurement period.  100% Relative TSR <50 <sup>th</sup> percentile = 0% vesting = 50 <sup>th</sup> percentile = 30% vesting >50 <sup>th</sup> percentile and < 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile = pro rata vesting = or >90 <sup>th</sup> percentile = 100% vesting <b>Rationale for change:</b> Absolute shareholder returns measures can be influenced by factors over which the Company has no control such as the volatility in oil price. Relative measures ensure that incentives are only achieved if Cooper Energy's performance exceeds that of its peers.
	75% Relative TSR Ranked out of 9: <5 zero vests 5, 50% vests 3 or 4 partial vesting, 1 or 2, 100% vests (this is equivalent to 75 <sup>th</sup> percentile 100% vests)	
Relative TSR peer group	8 peer group companies: Beach Energy Limited; Senex Energy Limited; Drillsearch Energy Limited; Tap Oil Limited; Cue Energy Resources Limited; Central Petroleum Limited, AWE Limited and Icon Energy Limited.	12 peer group companies: Beach Energy Limited; Senex Energy Limited; Drillsearch Energy Limited; Tap Oil Limited; Central Petroleum Limited, AWE Limited, Icon Energy Limited, Buru Energy Limited, Carnarvon Petroleum Limited, Strike Energy Limited, Empire Oil & Gas NL and Horizon Oil Limited. <b>Rationale for change:</b> Comparable peers for Cooper Energy are limited, however independent advice to the Company was that an extended peer group was more appropriate.
Re-testing	Annually following initial test up until 3 years.	1 retest only 12 months after original 3 year test date <b>Rationale for change:</b> A retest has been retained but in the context of a longer measurement and vesting period. A re-test is considered to be justified because the Company's growth is dependent on development of projects that will take greater than 3 years from conception to start-up.
Vesting	Vesting to the extent applicable performance criteria are met.	Vesting to the extent applicable performance criteria are met.
Clawback	Any unvested rights will not vest if the Board determines that the employee has acted fraudulently, dishonestly or in breach of the Employee's obligations.	Any unvested rights will not vest if the Board determines that the employee has acted fraudulently, dishonestly or in breach of the Employee's obligations.
Grant frequency	Annual	Annual
Change of control provisions	Board discretion.	Pro rata vesting based on service and performance.

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Plan Feature	Current 2011 Plan	Proposed offer - New EIP
Eligibility to participate	All employees	Management and senior technical staff <b>Rationale for change:</b> Decisions regarding longer term Company growth are more relevant for management and senior employees. Staff taken out of the LTIP will be given the opportunity to become shareholders by receiving a deferred component of a STIP which will be paid in equity.
Dilution	2% for each tranche 5% total on issue (excluding KMP).	5% total on issue (excluding KMP). <b>Rationale for change:</b> 5% is the required threshold under ASIC Class Order disclosure relief relating to employee incentive schemes.

### 4.7 Relationship between remuneration framework and Company performance

The Company's remuneration policy seeks to encourage alignment between the performance of the Company and the remuneration of Executives.

It is the Company's policy that the performance based (or at risk) pay of Executives forms a significant portion of their total remuneration. In addition, within performance based pay, an appropriate balance is targeted between rewarding long-term sustainable performance (through the long term incentive plan) and rewarding operational performance (through the short term incentive cash bonuses).

The oil and gas industry is a specialised industry in which highly skilled workers are usually both mobile and highly sought after in Australia and overseas. The Company competes for talent with much larger organisations, often able to pay higher base salaries. It is important that the Company attracts people motivated and aligned to doing all they can to deliver top level performance whilst being mindful of effective employee cost management. In order to attract, motivate, reward and retain the right employees, it is the Company's policy to pay fixed remuneration at the median level of the market, and supplement this with the opportunity to earn performance based remuneration to bring the overall total remuneration package to the upper quartile level of the market only when top level performance is achieved.

The Company's remuneration profile for Executives is as follows:

Remuneration Element	Expressed as percentage of total remuneration at target level performance			Expressed as percentage of total remuneration at maximum (super stretch) level performance		
	Managing Director	Executive Director	Executives	Managing Director	Executive Director	Executives
Base	52%	56%	57%	31%	37%	45%
STI	24%	23%	27%	31%	28%	23%
LTI	24%	21%	16%	38%	35%	32%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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#### Company performance – STIP and 2011 Plan results

For the reporting period to 30 June 2015, the Company's performance was measured against Company KPIs which were set out in a scorecard and weighted (as described in Section 4.6 above). The Company met or exceeded a number of its STIP KPIs but did not meet others:

STIP KPIs	2015 financial year performance	Comment
HSEC Performance	Between base and target	Performance in the area of safety was below the target set by the Board but better than peers. However, there was strong performance in the areas of process improvement, community and health.
Increased production from existing assets	Below base	The Company did not meet the base production target set by the Board, mainly due to drilling activity in PRLs 85-104 and Indonesia being undertaken later than forecast.
Growth in reserves and resources	Super stretch	The Company exceeded targets in achieving key milestones in its plans to establish a valuable gas business to supply eastern Australia (see Operating and Financial Review under the heading "Project and portfolio development" on page 4). 2P reserves were increased significantly following the results of the Bunian-3 well in Indonesia. (see Operating and Financial Review under the heading "Reserves and resources" on page 5).
Cost management	Stretch	The Company responded quickly to lower oil prices and exceeded cost targets. As the Company develops and evolves, fit for purpose systems and processes continue to be developed, including prudent to risk management
Processes and Risk Management		
Stakeholder Relationships		

The overall performance will be assessed by the Board. The score, in conjunction with individual performance reviews, will form the basis of individual STIP payments in October 2015.

As described in Section 4.6 above, the LTIP aligns the rewards received by participants with the longer term performance of the Company including by measuring the total shareholder returns against that of its peers.

Performance rights issued under the 2011 Plan vested for the first time in 2015. The Company's absolute shareholder return and relative shareholder return for the vesting period for performance rights granted on 2 January 2012 (2012 Award) were tested for the final time on 29 September 2014 in accordance with the 2011 Plan rules. This resulted in a total of 2,669,814 performance rights held by employees vesting (and the issue of 2,669,814 shares in the Company for nil consideration) and the cancellation of the remaining 223,478 performance rights granted in the reporting period to these employees as part of the 2012 Award. This equates to the vesting of a total of 92% of the 2012 Award performance rights.

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### 4.8 Realised remuneration

The Company believes that reporting pay 'actually realised' (i.e. received) by Executives is useful to shareholders and provides clear and transparent disclosure of remuneration paid by the Company. The following table shows remuneration 'actually realised' by the Executives during the reporting period. This information is non-IFRS and is in addition to and different from the disclosures required by the Corporations Act and Accounting Standards, in the rest of the Remuneration Report on pages 13 to 27.

The table below sets out the STIP cash bonus that was actually paid to the Executive during the reporting period in respect of prior period performance. In contrast, the amounts shown in the tables in Sections 4.14 and 4.15 represent an estimate of the bonus that the Executive will receive in the subsequent financial year for their current reporting period performance, along with a true-up for any difference between the amount accrued and the amount paid for the preceding period.

As a general principle, the Accounting Standards require a value to be placed on long term incentive awards based on probabilistic calculations at the time of grant. This value is not relative to or indicative of the actual benefit (if any) that may ultimately be realised by Executives if the performance hurdles are met and the performance rights vest. The table below sets out the value of the long term incentive based on the closing price of the shares issued to the Executive on the date of vesting (if any). Subsequent to this the price of the shares may rise or fall.

Name	Year	Fixed Remuneration <sup>1</sup> \$	STIP <sup>2</sup> \$	LTIP <sup>3</sup> \$	Other <sup>4</sup> \$	Total \$
<b>Executive Directors</b>						
Mr D Maxwell	<b>2015</b>	<b>645,000</b>	<b>422,100</b>	<b>465,480</b>	<b>82,810</b>	<b>1,615,390</b>
	2014	630,000	280,350	-	68,367	978,717
Mr H Gordon <sup>5</sup>	<b>2015</b>	<b>223,736</b>	<b>180,370</b>	-	<b>6,134</b>	<b>410,240</b>
	2014	385,000	146,850	-	6,101	537,951
<b>Executives</b>						
Mr A Thomas	<b>2015</b>	<b>396,408</b>	<b>112,283</b>	-	<b>6,248</b>	<b>514,939</b>
	2014	390,550	91,341	-	5,568	487,459
Mr J de Ross	<b>2015</b>	<b>351,719</b>	<b>110,559</b>	-	<b>6,025</b>	<b>468,303</b>
	2014	343,350	80,252	-	5,992	429,594
Ms A Evans <sup>6</sup>	<b>2015</b>	<b>187,024</b>	<b>55,989</b>	-	<b>6,025</b>	<b>249,038</b>
	2014	167,670	11,342	-	5,992	185,004
Mr I MacDougall	<b>2015</b>	<b>379,019</b>	<b>48,277</b>	-	<b>6,114</b>	<b>433,410</b>
	2014	145,661	-	-	1,957	147,618
Mr E Glavas <sup>7</sup>	<b>2015</b>	<b>241,902</b>	<b>5,000</b>	-	<b>5,112</b>	<b>252,014</b>
	2014	-	-	-	-	-

1. 'Fixed Remuneration' comprises base salary and superannuation.

2. 'STIP' is the amount of the STIP cash bonus that was actually paid to the Executive during the 2015 financial year in respect of performance in the 2014 financial year. For the value of the STIP calculated in accordance with the Accounting Standards, see the tables in Section 4.14 and Section 4.15.

3. The figures in this 'LTIP' column show the pre-tax vested value of performance rights which vested during the reporting period, calculated based on the share price on the date the performance rights were vested.

4. 'Other' short term benefits include fringe benefits on accommodation, car parking and other benefits.

5 Mr Gordon works part time (0.5 full time equivalent – from 1 March 2014) and accordingly his entitlements are prorated.

6 Ms Evans works part time (0.7 full time equivalent) and accordingly her entitlements are prorated.

7 Mr Glavas was appointed on 4 August 2014.

### 4.9 Options

No options were issued (or forfeited) during the year.

### 4.10 Employment contracts

#### **Mr David Maxwell – Managing Director**

Mr Maxwell commenced as Managing Director on 12 October 2011 under a contract of employment. The initial term of the Managing Director's contract expired on 10 October 2014 and was renewed to now end on 10 October 2017.

The Company may terminate the contract by providing twelve months written notice or payment in lieu of notice. The Company may also terminate the contract immediately for cause. Mr Maxwell may terminate the contract by providing 6 months' written notice.

#### **Mr Hector Gordon – Executive Director Exploration and Production**

Mr Gordon commenced as Executive Director Exploration and Production on 26 June 2012 under a contract of employment. The initial term of Mr Gordon's contract expires on 24 June 2015 and was renewed to now end on 24 June 2017. From 1 March 2014, Mr Gordon's role has been part-time (0.5 full time equivalent). Mr Gordon continues to provide oversight of the exploration and production business.

Mr Gordon or the Company may terminate the contract by providing six months written notice or payment in lieu of notice. The Company may also terminate the contract immediately for cause.

#### **Deeds of indemnity**

The Company also entered into deeds of indemnity, insurance and access with each of the Executive Directors under which the Company will, on the terms set out in the deed, provide an indemnity, maintain an appropriate level of Directors' & Officers' indemnity insurance and provide access to Company records.

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The Company has entered into a contract of employment with each Executive. The term of each contract continues until termination. The Company may terminate the contract by providing six months' notice or payment in lieu of notice. The Company may also terminate the contract immediately for cause. The Executive may terminate the contract by providing 3 months' written notice.

### 4.11 External remuneration advisers

During the reporting period, the Remuneration & Nomination Committee engaged Strategic Human Resources Pty Ltd (SHR) to benchmark salaries for all employees, including Executives. This involved the review and application of remuneration data sourced from National Rewards Group Inc. Fees payable to SHR for services to 30 June 2015 totalled \$558. Annual membership fees payable to National Rewards Group were \$4,785.

In addition, the Remuneration & Nomination Committee engaged Guerdon Associates to provide advice to the Board regarding the Company's new equity incentive plan. Fees payable to Guerdon Associates for services to 30 June 2015 totalled \$12,081.

Egan Associates was engaged by the Remuneration and Nomination Committee to provide advice regarding the terms of renewal of the Managing Director's contract of employment, including benchmarking of his remuneration package. Fees payable to Egan Associates for this work totalled \$14,784.

The Board is satisfied that all remuneration advice received was provided free from undue influence by any KMP to whom the advice related.

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### 4.12 Accounting for performance rights

The value of the performance rights issued under the 2011 Plan is recognised as Share Based Payments in the Company's statement of comprehensive income and amortised over the vesting period.

Performance rights were granted on 1 December 2014. The performance rights were granted for no consideration and the employee received no cash benefit at the time of receiving the rights. The cash benefit will be received by the employee following the sale of the resultant shares, which can only be achieved after the rights have been vested and the shares are issued.

Performance rights granted under the 2011 Plan were valued by an independent consultant who applied the Monte Carlo simulation model to determine the probability of achievement of the absolute shareholder total return (ASTR), and relative shareholder total return (RSTR), performance conditions (as described in Section 4.6 above).

The value of performance rights shown in the tables below are the accounting fair values for grants in the reporting period:

Recipient of rights granted under the 2011 Plan during the reporting period	No. of rights granted during reporting period	Fair value of rights at grant date	No. of rights under 2011 Plan vested during reporting period	% of rights under 2011 Plan vested to 30 June 2015
<b>Executive Directors</b>				
Mr D Maxwell	1,448,737	\$281,055	1,483,712	25%
Mr H Gordon	419,825	\$81,446	Nil	0%
<b>Executives</b>				
Mr A Thomas	517,929	\$100,478	Nil	0%
Mr J de Ross	460,914	\$89,417	Nil	0%
Ms A Evans	239,634	\$46,489	Nil	0%
Mr I MacDougall	496,689	\$96,358	Nil	0%
Mr E. Glavas	338,039	\$65,580	Nil	0%

The vesting date of the performance rights granted on 1 December 2014 is 1 October 2017. The fair value of these rights is \$0.194 per right. These performance rights have a commencement date of 30 September 2014.

### 4.13 Additional remuneration disclosures

#### Movement in performance rights

The movement during the reporting period in the number of performance rights granted but not exercisable over ordinary shares in Cooper Energy held, directly, indirectly or beneficially, by each KMP, including their related parties, is as follows:

	Held at 1 July 2014	Granted	Lapsed	Vested	Held at 30 June 2015
<b>Directors</b>					
Mr D. Maxwell	4,430,269	1,448,737	164,001	1,483,712	4,231,293
Mr H. Gordon	1,578,992	419,825	-	-	1,998,817
<b>Executives</b>					
Mr A. Thomas	1,228,028	517,929	-	-	1,745,957
Mr J. de Ross	864,668	460,914	-	-	1,325,582
Ms A. Evans	389,577	239,634	-	-	629,211
Mr I. MacDougall	312,033	496,689	-	-	808,722
Mr E. Glavas	-	338,039	-	-	338,039



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	Held at 1 July 2013	Granted	Lapsed	Vested	Held at 30 June 2014
<b>Directors</b>					
Mr D. Maxwell	2,965,705	1,464,564	-	-	4,430,269
Mr H. Gordon	728,731	850,261	-	-	1,578,992
<b>Executives</b>					
Mr A. Thomas	698,412	529,616	-	-	1,228,028
Mr J. de Ross	399,059	465,609	-	-	864,668
Ms A. Evans	153,782	235,795	-	-	389,577
Mr I. MacDougall	-	312,033	-	-	312,033

### Movement in shares

The movement during the reporting period in the number of ordinary shares in Cooper Energy held, directly, indirectly or beneficially, by each KMP, including their related parties, is as follows:

	Held at 1 July 2014	Purchases	Received on vesting of performance rights	Sales	Held at 30 June 2015
<b>Directors</b>					
Mr J. Conde AO	250,000	-	-	-	250,000
Mr D. Maxwell	1,263,190	-	1,483,712	-	2,746,902
Mr H. Gordon	173,608	-	-	-	173,608
Mr J. Schneider	300,000	-	-	-	300,000
Ms A. Williams	-	30,000	-	-	30,000
<b>Executives</b>					
Mr J. de Ross	200,000	-	-	-	200,000

	Held at 1 July 2013	Purchases	Received on vesting of performance rights	Sales	Held at 30 June 2014
<b>Directors</b>					
Mr J Conde AO	-	250,000	-	-	250,000
Mr L. J. Shervington	405,933	-	-	-	Resigned
Mr D. Maxwell	1,013,190	250,000	-	-	1,263,190
Mr H. Gordon	173,608	-	-	-	173,608
Mr J. Schneider	300,000	-	-	-	300,000
Ms A. Williams	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Executives</b>					
Mr J de Ross	-	200,000	-	-	200,000

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## 4.14 Table of Directors' remuneration for 2014 and 2015 financial years

	Benefits					Share Based Remuneration <sup>b</sup>	Total	
		Short-term			Long Term			Post Employment
Directors		Base salary & Fees \$	STIP \$	Other Short Term Benefits <sup>a</sup> \$	Long Service Leave \$	Superannuation \$	LTIP Performance Rights \$	Total \$
<b>Mr J. Conde AO</b> Appointed as Chairman on 25/02/13	2015	146,119	-	-	-	13,881	-	160,000
	2014	146,453	-	-	-	13,547	-	160,000
<b>Mr L. Shervington</b> Resigned on 07/11/13	2015	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2014	34,325	-	1,942	-	3,175	-	39,442
<b>Mr J. Schneider</b> Appointed as Non-Executive Director on 12/10/11	2015	86,758	-	-	-	8,242	-	95,000
	2014	89,627	-	-	-	8,290	-	97,917
<b>Mr D. Maxwell</b> Appointed as Managing Director on 12/10/11	2015	626,217	509,713	82,810	-	18,783	491,800	1,729,323
	2014	612,225	315,000	68,367	-	17,775	442,841	1,456,208
<b>Mr H. Gordon</b> Appointed as Executive Director on 26/06/12 (0.5 FTE from 1/3/14)	2015	204,953	139,901	6,134	-	18,783	215,518	585,289
	2014	367,225	139,018	6,101	-	17,775	135,021	665,140
<b>Ms A Williams</b> Appointed as Non-Executive Director on 28/08/13	2015	86,758	-	-	-	8,242	-	95,000
	2014	70,557	-	1,158	-	6,526	-	78,241

a) Other short term benefits include fringe benefits on accommodation, car parking and other benefits.

b) In accordance with the requirements of the Accounting Standards, remuneration includes a proportion of the value of the equity-linked compensation determined as at the grant date of the performance rights and progressively expensed over the vesting period. The amount allocated as remuneration is not relative to or indicative of the actual benefit (if any) that may ultimately be realised should the equity instruments vest. The value of the performance rights was determined in accordance with AASB 2 Share-based Payments and is discussed in Section 4.12 above and in more detail in Note 26 of the Notes to the Financial Statements. None of the performance rights issued vested and no payments were made for performance rights during the current financial year.

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### 4.15 Table of Executives' remuneration for 2014 and 2015 financial years

Executives		Benefits					Share Based Remuneration <sup>b</sup>	Total
		Base salary & Fees \$	Short-term STIP \$	Other Short Term Benefits <sup>a</sup> \$	Long-term Long Service Leave \$	Post Employment Superannuation \$		
<b>Mr A. Thomas</b> Commenced as Exploration Manager on 01/07/12	<b>2015</b>	<b>377,625</b>	<b>153,256</b>	<b>6,248</b>	-	<b>18,783</b>	<b>179,910</b>	<b>735,822</b>
	2014	372,775	97,638	5,568	-	17,775	114,515	608,271
<b>Mr J. de Ross</b> Commenced as Chief Finance Officer on 27/02/12 and as Company Secretary on 25/11/13	<b>2015</b>	<b>332,936</b>	<b>135,551</b>	<b>6,025</b>	-	<b>18,783</b>	<b>126,734</b>	<b>620,029</b>
	2014	325,575	108,588	5,992	-	17,775	73,939	531,869
<b>Ms A. Evans</b> Commenced as Company Secretary and Legal Counsel (0.7 FTE ) on 21/02/12	<b>2015</b>	<b>168,241</b>	<b>67,961</b>	<b>6,025</b>	-	<b>18,783</b>	<b>46,326</b>	<b>307,336</b>
	2014	153,474	43,470	5,992	-	14,196	27,069	244,201
<b>Mr I. MacDougall</b> Commenced as Operations Manager 02/02/14	<b>2015</b>	<b>360,236</b>	<b>146,660</b>	<b>6,114</b>	-	<b>18,783</b>	<b>56,180</b>	<b>587,973</b>
	2014	138,664	37,760	1,957	-	6,998	6,241	191,620
<b>Mr E. Glavas</b> Commenced as Commercial and Business Development Manager 04/08/14	<b>2015</b>	<b>224,684</b>	<b>97,799</b>	<b>5,112</b>	-	<b>17,218</b>	<b>12,752</b>	<b>357,565</b>
	2014	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

a) Other short term benefits include fringe benefits on accommodation, car parking and other benefits.

b) In accordance with the requirements of the Accounting Standards, remuneration includes a proportion of the value of the equity-linked compensation determined as at the grant date of the performance rights and progressively expensed over the vesting period. The amount allocated as remuneration is not relative to or indicative of the actual benefit (if any) that may ultimately be realised should the equity instruments vest. The value of the performance rights was determined in accordance with AASB 2 Share-based Payments and is discussed in Section 4.12 above and in more detail in Note 26 of the Notes to the Financial Statements. None of the performance rights issued vested and no payments were made for performance rights during the current financial year.

End of remuneration report.

## 5. Principal activities

Cooper Energy is an upstream oil and gas exploration and production company whose primary purpose is to secure, find, develop, produce and sell hydrocarbons. These activities are undertaken either solely or via unincorporated joint ventures. There was no significant change in the nature of these activities during the year.

## 6. Operating and financial review

Information on the operations and financial position of Cooper Energy and its business strategies and prospects is set out in the Operating and Financial Review.

## 7. Dividends

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend and no amount has been paid or declared by way of dividends since the end of the previous financial year, or to the date of this report.

## 8. Environmental regulation

The Group is a party to various exploration and development licences or permits. In most cases, the licence or permit terms specify the environmental regulations applicable to oil and gas operations in the respective jurisdiction. The Group aims to ensure that it complies with the identified regulatory requirements in each jurisdiction in which it operates. There have been no significant known breaches of the environmental obligations of the Group's licences.

## 9. Likely developments

Other than disclosed elsewhere in the Financial Report (including the Operating and Financial Review under the heading "2016 Outlook"), further information about likely developments in the operations of the Group and the expected results of those operations in future financial years has not been included in this report because disclosure of the information would likely result in unreasonable prejudice to the consolidated entity.

## 10. Directors' interests

The relevant interest of each Director in ordinary shares and options over shares issued by the parent entity as notified by the Directors to the Australian Stock Exchange in accordance with S205G(1) of the *Corporations Act 2001*, at the date of this reports is as follows:

	Cooper Energy Limited	
	Ordinary Shares	Performance Rights
Mr J. Conde AO	250,000	-
Mr D. Maxwell	2,746,902	4,231,293
Mr H. Gordon	173,608	1,998,817
Mr J. Schneider	300,000	-
Ms A. Williams	30,000	-

## 11. Share options and performance rights

At the date of this report, there are no unissued ordinary shares of the parent entity under option.

At the date of this report, there are 17,023,996 outstanding performance rights granted to employees under the 2011 Plan.

## 12. Events after financial reporting date

Refer to Note 28 of the Notes to the Financial Statements.

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## 13. Proceedings on behalf of the company

No person has applied to the Court under section 237 of the Corporations Act for leave to bring proceedings on behalf of the Company, or to intervene in any proceedings to which the Company is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Company for all or part of the proceedings.

No proceedings have been brought or intervened in on behalf of Cooper Energy Limited with leave of the Court under section 237 of the Corporations Act.

## 14. Indemnification and insurance of directors and officers

### 14.1 Indemnification

The parent entity has agreed to indemnify the current Directors and past Directors of the parent entity and of the subsidiaries, where applicable, against all liabilities (subject to certain limited exclusions) to persons (other than the Group or a related body corporate) which arise out of the performance of their normal duties as a Director or Executive Director unless the liability relates to conduct involving a lack of good faith. The parent entity has agreed to indemnify the Directors and Executive Directors against all costs and expenses incurred in defending an action that falls within the scope of the indemnity and any resulting payments.

### 14.2 Insurance premiums

During the financial year, the parent entity has paid insurance premiums in respect of Directors' and Officers' liability and legal insurance contracts for current and former Directors and Officers including senior employees of the Parent entity.

The insurance premium relates to costs and expenses incurred by the relevant officers in defending proceedings, whether civil or criminal and whatever their outcome and other liabilities that may arise from their position, with the exception of conduct involving a wilful breach of duty or improper use of information or position to gain a personal advantage.

The insurance policy outlined above does not contain details of premiums paid in respect of individual Directors, Officers and senior employees of the parent entity.

## 15. Indemnification of auditors

To the extent permitted by law, the Company has agreed to indemnify its auditors, Ernst & Young, as part of the terms of its audit engagement agreement against claims by third parties arising from the audit (for an unspecified amount) except in the case where the claim arises because of Ernst & Young's negligent, wrongful or wilful acts or omissions. No payment has been made to indemnify Ernst & Young during or since the financial year.

## 16. Auditor's independence declaration

The auditor's independence declaration is set out on page 85 and forms part of the Directors' report for the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

## 17. Non-audit services

The amounts paid to the auditor of the Group, Ernst & Young and its related practices for non-audit services provided during the year was \$nil (2014: \$nil).

## 18. Rounding

The Group is of a kind referred to in ASIC Class Order 98/0100 dated 10 July 1998 and in accordance with that Class Order, amounts in the financial report have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars, unless otherwise stated.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.



Mr John C Conde AO  
Chairman

Dated at Adelaide 17 August 2015



Mr David P Maxwell  
Managing Director

# Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 30 June 2015

		Consolidated	
	Notes	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
<b>Continuing Operations</b>			
Revenue from oil sales	4	39,084	72,303
Cost of sales	4	(25,032)	(26,056)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>14,052</b>	46,247
Other revenue	4	1,867	2,842
Exploration and evaluation expenditure written off		(2,342)	(1,261)
Finance costs	4	(495)	(296)
Impairment	14	(22,642)	(3,064)
Reclassification of fair value movement on sale of available for sale investments		3,634	-
Share of loss in associate		(166)	-
Administration and other expenses	4	(12,696)	(13,258)
<b>(Loss) / Profit before tax</b>		<b>(18,788)</b>	31,210
Income tax benefit / (expense)	5	2,955	(9,028)
<b>Total tax benefit / (expense)</b>	5	<b>2,955</b>	(9,028)
<b>Net (loss) / profit after tax from continuing operations</b>		<b>(15,833)</b>	22,182
<b>Discontinued operations</b>			
Total loss for the year from discontinued operations	10	(47,635)	(232)
<b>Total profit for the period attributable to members</b>		<b>(63,468)</b>	21,950
<b>Other comprehensive income/(expenditure)</b>			
<b>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss</b>			
Foreign currency translation reserve		1,059	(164)
Fair value movements on available for sale investments		(8,325)	5,796
Income tax effect on fair value movements		1,346	(1,346)
Reclassification during the year to profit or loss of impairment loss on available for sale investments		7,471	3,064
Reclassification during the year to profit or loss of profit on sale of available for sale investments		(3,634)	-
<b>Other comprehensive (expenditure) / income for the period net of tax</b>		<b>(2,083)</b>	7,350
<b>Total comprehensive (loss) / income for the period attributable to members</b>		<b>(65,551)</b>	29,300
		<b>cents</b>	cents
Basic earnings per share from continuing operations	6	(4.8)	6.7
Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations	6	(4.8)	6.5
Basic earnings per share	6	(19.2)	6.7
Diluted earnings per share	6	(19.2)	6.4

The above Statement of Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2015

	Notes	Consolidated	
		2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	7	39,373	47,178
Trade and other receivables	8	12,001	11,145
Inventory		940	289
Income tax receivable		859	-
Prepayments	9	640	732
		<b>53,813</b>	59,344
Exploration Assets classified as held for sale	10	-	46,906
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>53,813</b>	106,250
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Available for sale financial assets	11	1,343	26,040
Investment in associate	12	520	-
Term deposits at banks	7	59	1,919
Oil properties	13	11,921	18,293
Property, plant & equipment	15	981	1,141
Exploration and evaluation	16	105,363	94,621
<b>Total Non-Current Assets</b>		<b>120,187</b>	142,014
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>174,000</b>	248,264
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	17	8,936	12,343
Provisions	18	1,913	553
Income tax payable	5	-	5,040
		<b>10,849</b>	17,936
Exploration Liabilities and provisions classified as held for sale	10	-	2,740
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>10,849</b>	20,676
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
Deferred tax liabilities	5	11,020	14,431
Provisions	18	45,194	41,360
Financial liabilities	19	3,066	4,004
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<b>59,280</b>	59,795
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>70,129</b>	80,471
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>103,871</b>	167,793
<b>Equity</b>			
Contributed equity	20	115,460	114,625
Reserves	20	6,151	7,440
(Accumulated losses) / Retained profits	20	(17,740)	45,728
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>103,871</b>	167,793

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

## Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

For the Year ended 30 June 2015

	Issued Capital \$'000	Reserves \$'000	(Accumulated Losses) / Retained Earnings \$'000	Total Equity \$'000
<b>Balance at 1 July 2014</b>	114,625	7,440	45,728	167,793
Loss for the period	-	-	(63,468)	(63,468)
Other comprehensive expenditure	-	(2,083)	-	(2,083)
<b>Total comprehensive expenditure for the period</b>		(2,083)	(63,468)	(65,551)
<b>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</b>				
Share based payments	-	1,629	-	1,629
Transferred to issued capital	835	(835)	-	-
Shares issued	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 30 June 2015</b>	115,460	6,151	(17,740)	103,871
<b>Balance at 1 July 2013</b>				
<b>Balance at 1 July 2013</b>	114,570	(1,138)	23,778	137,210
Profit for the period	-	-	21,950	21,950
Other comprehensive income	-	7,350	-	7,350
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	-	7,350	21,950	29,300
<b>Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:</b>				
Share based payments	-	1,283	-	1,283
Transferred to issued capital	55	(55)	-	-
Shares issued	-	-	-	-
<b>Balance at 30 June 2014</b>	114,625	7,440	45,728	167,793

The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.



## Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30 June 2015

		Consolidated	
	Notes	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>			
Receipts from customers		38,613	80,991
Payments to suppliers and employees		(33,065)	(32,431)
Income tax (paid)/received		(5,062)	300
Interest received – other entities		1,549	1,398
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	7	<b>2,035</b>	50,258
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>			
Transfers of term deposits		1,860	2,847
Payment for available for sale financial assets	11	-	(62)
Receipts from sale of other property, plant & equipment		-	12
Payment for acquisition of investment in associate		(273)	
Receipts from sale of financial assets	11	15,660	-
Payments for exploration and evaluation		(13,189)	(41,456)
Acquisition of exploration and evaluation		(4,470)	(1,877)
Investments in oil properties		(9,763)	(5,967)
<b>Net cash flows used in investing activities</b>		<b>(10,175)</b>	(46,503)
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>			
Payment for shares		-	(55)
<b>Net cash flow used in financing activities</b>		<b>-</b>	(55)
<b>Net (decrease)/increase in cash held</b>		<b>(8,140)</b>	3,700
Net foreign exchange differences		335	324
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents At 1 July</b>		<b>47,178</b>	43,154
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents At 30 June</b>	7	<b>39,373</b>	47,178

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

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### 1. Corporate information

The consolidated financial report of Cooper Energy Limited (the parent entity) for the year ended 30 June 2015 was authorised for issue in accordance with a resolution of the Directors on 14 August 2015.

Cooper Energy Limited is a company limited by shares incorporated and domiciled in Australia whose shares are publicly traded on the Australian Securities Exchange.

The nature of the operations and principal activities of the Group are described in note 5 of the Directors Report.

### 2. Summary of significant accounting policies

#### a) Basis of preparation

The financial report is a general-purpose financial report, which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and Australian Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

The financial report has also been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for available for sale financial assets which have been measured at fair value. Cooper Energy Limited is a for profit company.

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars (\$'000) unless otherwise stated under the option available to the Group under ASIC Class Order 98/0100. The Group is an entity to which the class order applies.

#### Significant event and transaction

On 16 December 2014 Cooper Energy Ltd announced the acquisition of a 50% interest in the Sole gas field and Orbost gas plant. The acquisition was completed in May 2015. This acquisition consisted of one retention licence with undeveloped resources, the Orbost gas plant and land and the assumption of abandonment liabilities relating to one appraisal well and the gas plant. For cash consideration of \$2.5 million and pre completion costs of \$2.0 million, Cooper Energy made an asset acquisition consisting of the following:

- Sole exploration and evaluation asset \$12.6 million
- Appraisal well abandonment liability \$2.4 million
- Orbost gas plant and land abandonment liability \$5.8 million

#### b) Statement of compliance

##### (i) Changes in accounting policy and disclosures

The financial report complies with Australian Accounting Standards and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

The Accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year except as follows:

The Group has adopted the following new and amended Australian Accounting Standard and AASB Interpretations as of 1 July 2015:

- AASB 2012-3 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities
- AASB 2013-3 Amendments to AASB 136 – Recoverable Amount Disclosure for Non-Financial Assets
- AASB 1031 Materiality
- AASB 2013-9 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Conceptual Framework, Materiality and Financial Instruments
- AASB 2014-1 Part A -Annual Improvements 2010–2012 Cycle
- AASB 2014-1 Part A -Annual Improvements 2011–2013 Cycle

Adoption of these standard interpretations is described below:

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### b) Statement of compliance continued

<b>AASB 2012-3</b>	<b>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards - Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities</b>
Summary	AASB 2012-3 adds application guidance to AASB 132 Financial Instruments: Presentation to address inconsistencies identified in applying some of the offsetting criteria of AASB 132, including clarifying the meaning of "currently has a legally enforceable right of set-off" and that some gross settlement systems may be considered equivalent to net settlement.
Application Date of the Standard	1 January 2014
Application date for Group	1 July 2014
Impact on Group financial report	The application of this standard has not resulted in any significant change in the 2015 year end accounts.
<b>AASB 2013-3</b>	<b>Amendments to AASB 136 – Recoverable Amount Disclosures for Non-Financial Assets</b>
Summary	AASB 2013-3 amends the disclosure requirements in AASB 136 Impairment of Assets. The amendments include the requirement to disclose additional information about the fair value measurement when the recoverable amount of impaired assets is based on fair value less costs of disposal.
Application Date of the Standard	1 January 2014
Application date for Group	1 July 2014
Impact on Group financial report	The application of this standard has not resulted in any significant change in the 2015 year end accounts.
<b>AASB 1031</b>	<b>Materiality</b>
Summary	The revised AASB 1031 is an interim standard that cross-references to other Standards and the Framework (issued December 2013) that contain guidance on materiality. AASB 1031 will be withdrawn when references to AASB 1031 in all Standards and Interpretations have been removed
Application Date of the Standard	1 January 2014
Application Date for Group	1 July 2014
Impact on Group Financial report	The application of this standard has not resulted in any significant change in the 2015 year end accounts.
<b>AASB 2013-9</b>	<b>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Conceptual Framework, Materiality and Financial Instruments</b>
Summary	The Standard contains three main parts and makes amendments to a number Standards and Interpretations. Part A of AASB 2013-9 makes consequential amendments arising from the issuance of AASB CF 2013-1. Part B makes amendments to particular Australian Accounting Standards to delete references to AASB 1031 and also makes minor editorial amendments to various other standards. Part C makes amendments to a number of Australian Accounting Standards, including incorporating Chapter 6 Hedge Accounting into AASB 9 Financial Instruments.
Application Date of the Standard	1 January 2014
Application Date for Group	1 July 2014
Impact on Group Financial report	The application of this standard has not resulted in any significant change in the 2015 year end accounts.

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<b>AASB 2014-1</b>	<b>Part A -Annual Improvements 2010–2012 Cycle</b>
Summary	<p>AASB 2014-1 Part A: This standard sets out amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the issuance by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2010–2012 Cycle and Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2011–2013 Cycle.</p> <p>Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2010–2012 Cycle addresses the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ AASB 2 - Clarifies the definition of 'vesting conditions' and 'market condition' and introduces the definition of 'performance condition' and 'service condition'.</li> <li>▶ AASB 3 - Clarifies the classification requirements for contingent consideration in a business combination by removing all references to AASB 137.</li> <li>▶ AASB 8 - Requires entities to disclose factors used to identify the entity's reportable segments when operating segments have been aggregated. An entity is also required to provide a reconciliation of total reportable segments' asset to the entity's total assets.</li> <li>▶ AASB 116 &amp; AASB 138 - Clarifies that the determination of accumulated depreciation does not depend on the selection of the valuation technique and that it is calculated as the difference between the gross and net carrying amounts.</li> </ul> <p>AASB 124 - Defines a management entity providing KMP services as a related party of the reporting entity. The amendments added an exemption from the detailed disclosure requirements in paragraph 17 of AASB 124 for KMP services provided by a management entity. Payments made to a management entity in respect of KMP services should be separately disclosed.</p>
Application Date of the Standard	1 July 2014
Application Date for Group	1 July 2014
Impact on Group Financial report	The application of this standard has not resulted in any significant change in the 2015 year end accounts.
<b>AASB 2014-1</b>	<b>Part A -Annual Improvements 2011–2013 Cycle</b>
Summary	<p>Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2011–2013 Cycle addresses the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ AASB13 - Clarifies that the portfolio exception in paragraph 52 of AASB 13 applies to all contracts within the scope of AASB 139 or AASB 9, regardless of whether they meet the definitions of financial assets or financial liabilities as defined in AASB 132.</li> </ul> <p>AASB 140 - Clarifies that judgment is needed to determine whether an acquisition of investment property is solely the acquisition of an investment property or whether it is the acquisition of a group of assets or a business combination in the scope of AASB 3 that includes an investment property. That judgment is based on guidance in AASB 3.</p>
Application Date of the Standard	1 July 2014
Application Date for Group	1 July 2014
Impact on Group Financial report	The application of this standard has not resulted in any significant change in the 2015 year end accounts.

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#### (ii) Accounting standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective

The accounting standards and interpretations that have recently been issued or amended but are not yet effective and have not been adopted by the Group and for which the Group has elected not to early adopt for the annual reporting period ending 30 June 2015, are outlined below:

<b>AASB 2014-3</b>	<b>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests in Joint Operations [AASB 1 &amp; AASB 11]</b>
Summary	<p>AASB 2014-3 amends AASB 11 to provide guidance on the accounting for acquisitions of interests in joint operations in which the activity constitutes a business. The amendments require:</p> <p>(a) the acquirer of an interest in a joint operation in which the activity constitutes a business, as defined in AASB 3 Business Combinations, to apply all of the principles on business combinations accounting in AASB 3 and other Australian Accounting Standards except for those principles that conflict with the guidance in AASB 11; and</p> <p>(b) the acquirer to disclose the information required by AASB 3 and other Australian Accounting Standards for business combinations.</p> <p>This Standard also makes an editorial correction to AASB 11</p>
Application Date of the Standard	1 January 2016
Application Date for Group	1 July 2016
Impact on Group Financial report	The adoption of this standard in the current format is not expected to have a material impact on the Group.
<b>AASB 2014-10</b>	<b>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture</b>
Summary	<p>AASB 2014-10 amends AASB 10 Consolidated Financial Statements and AASB 128 to address an inconsistency between the requirements in AASB 10 and those in AASB 128 (August 2011), in dealing with the sale or contribution of assets between an investor and its associate or joint venture. The amendments require:</p> <p>(a) a full gain or loss to be recognised when a transaction involves a business (whether it is housed in a subsidiary or not); and</p> <p>(b) a partial gain or loss to be recognised when a transaction involves assets that do not constitute a business, even if these assets are housed in a subsidiary.</p> <p>AASB 2014-10 also makes an editorial correction to AASB 10.</p> <p>AASB 2014-10 applies to annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016. Early adoption permitted.</p>
Application Date of the Standard	1 January 2016
Application Date for Group	1 July 2016
Impact on Group Financial report	The adoption of this standard in the current format is not expected to have a material impact on the Group.

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#### AASB 2015-1

#### Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Annual Improvements to Australian Accounting Standards 2012–2014 Cycle

##### Summary

The subjects of the principal amendments to the Standards are set out below:

AASB 5 Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations:

- Changes in methods of disposal – where an entity reclassifies an asset (or disposal group) directly from being held for distribution to being held for sale (or vice versa), an entity shall not follow the guidance in paragraphs 27–29 to account for this change.

AASB 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures:

- Servicing contracts - clarifies how an entity should apply the guidance in paragraph 42C of AASB 7 to a servicing contract to decide whether a servicing contract is 'continuing involvement' for the purposes of applying the disclosure requirements in paragraphs 42E–42H of AASB 7.
- Applicability of the amendments to AASB 7 to condensed interim financial statements - clarify that the additional disclosure required by the amendments to AASB 7 Disclosure–Offsetting Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities is not specifically required for all interim periods. However, the additional disclosure is required to be given in condensed interim financial statements that are prepared in accordance with AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting when its inclusion would be required by the requirements of AASB 134.

AASB 119 Employee Benefits:

- Discount rate: regional market issue - clarifies that the high quality corporate bonds used to estimate the discount rate for post-employment benefit obligations should be denominated in the same currency as the liability. Further it clarifies that the depth of the market for high quality corporate bonds should be assessed at the currency level.

AASB 134 Interim Financial Reporting:

- Disclosure of information 'elsewhere in the interim financial report' - amends AASB 134 to clarify the meaning of disclosure of information 'elsewhere in the interim financial report' and to require the inclusion of a cross-reference from the interim financial statements to the location of this information.

Application Date of the Standard	1 January 2016
Application Date for Group	1 July 2016
Impact on Group Financial report	The adoption of these updates is not expected to have a material impact on the Group.

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<b>AASB 2015-2</b>	<b>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure Initiative: Amendments to AASB 101</b>
Summary	The Standard makes amendments to AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements arising from the IASB's Disclosure Initiative project. The amendments are designed to further encourage companies to apply professional judgment in determining what information to disclose in the financial statements. For example, the amendments make clear that materiality applies to the whole of financial statements and that the inclusion of immaterial information can inhibit the usefulness of financial disclosures. The amendments also clarify that companies should use professional judgment in determining where and in what order information is presented in the financial disclosures.
Application Date of the Standard	1 January 2016
Application Date for Group	1 July 2016
Impact on Group Financial report	The adoption of these updates is not expected to have a material impact on the Group.
<b>AASB 2015-3</b>	<b>Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from the Withdrawal of AASB 1031 Materiality</b>
Summary	The Standard completes the AASB's project to remove Australian guidance on materiality from Australian Accounting Standards.
Application Date of the Standard	1 July 2015
Application Date for Group	1 July 2015
Impact on Group Financial report	The adoption of this standard is not expected to have a material impact on the Group.
<b>AASB 2014-4</b>	<b>Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation (Amendments to IAS 16 and IAS 38)</b>
Summary	AASB 116 and AASB 138 both establish the principle for the basis of depreciation and amortisation as being the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits of an asset. The IASB has clarified that the use of revenue-based methods to calculate the depreciation of an asset is not appropriate because revenue generated by an activity that includes the use of an asset generally reflects factors other than the consumption of the economic benefits embodied in the asset. The amendment also clarified that revenue is generally presumed to be an inappropriate basis for measuring the consumption of the economic benefits embodied in an intangible asset. This presumption, however, can be rebutted in certain limited circumstances.
Application Date of the Standard	1 January 2016
Application Date for Group	1 July 2016
Impact on Group Financial report	The Group currently uses diminishing value and units of production bases for the calculation of depreciation and amortisation. This standard will have no impact upon the Group's current methodologies.

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<b>AASB 15</b>	<b>Revenue from Contracts with Customers</b>
Summary	<p>In May 2014, the IASB issued IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers, which replaces IAS 11 Construction Contracts, IAS 18 Revenue and related Interpretations (IFRIC 13 Customer Loyalty Programmes, IFRIC 15 Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate, IFRIC 18 Transfers of Assets from Customers and SIC-31 Revenue—Barter Transactions Involving Advertising Services).</p> <p>The core principle of IFRS 15 is that an entity recognises revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. An entity recognises revenue in accordance with that core principle by applying the following steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Step 1: Identify the contract(s) with a customer</li> <li>(b) Step 2: Identify the performance obligations in the contract</li> <li>(c) Step 3: Determine the transaction price</li> <li>(d) Step 4: Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract</li> <li>(e) Step 5: Recognise revenue when (or as) the entity satisfies a performance obligation</li> </ul> <p>Early application of this standard is permitted.</p> <p>AASB 2014-5 incorporates the consequential amendments to a number Australian Accounting Standards (including Interpretations) arising from the issuance of AASB 15.</p>
Application Date of the Standard	1 January 2017
Application Date for Group	The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) in its July 2015 meeting decided to confirm its proposal to defer the effective date of IFRS 15 (the international equivalent of AASB 15) from 1 January 2017 to 1 January 2018. The amendment to give effect to the new effective date for IFRS 15 is expected to be issued in September 2015. At this time, it is expected that the AASB will make a corresponding amendment to AASB 15, which will mean that the application date of this standard for the Group will move from 1 July 2017 to 1 July 2018.
Impact on Group Financial report	The group is currently assessing the impact of this standard however, given the small number of individual contracts currently in place the Group expects the impact will be minimised.
<b>AASB 9</b>	<b>Financial Instruments</b>
Summary	<p>AASB 9 (December 2014) is a new Principal standard which replaces AASB 139. This new Principal version supersedes AASB 9 issued in December 2009 (as amended) and AASB 9 (issued in December 2010) and includes a model for classification and measurement, a single, forward-looking 'expected loss' impairment model and a substantially-reformed approach to hedge accounting.</p> <p>AASB 9 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018. However, the Standard is available for early application. The own credit changes can be early applied in isolation without otherwise changing the accounting for financial instruments.</p> <p>The final version of AASB 9 introduces a new expected-loss impairment model that will require more timely recognition of expected credit losses. Specifically, the new Standard requires entities to account for expected credit losses from when financial instruments are first recognised and to recognise full lifetime expected losses on a more timely basis.</p> <p>Amendments to AASB 9 (December 2009 &amp; 2010 editions and AASB 2013-9) issued in December 2013 included the new hedge accounting requirements, including changes to hedge effectiveness testing, treatment of hedging costs, risk components that can be hedged and disclosures.</p> <p>AASB 9 includes requirements for a simpler approach for classification and measurement of financial assets compared with the requirements of AASB 139.</p>



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#### AASB 9

#### Financial Instruments

The main changes are described below.

- a) Financial assets that are debt instruments will be classified based on (1) the objective of the entity's business model for managing the financial assets; (2) the characteristics of the contractual cash flows.
- b) Allows an irrevocable election on initial recognition to present gains and losses on investments in equity instruments that are not held for trading in other comprehensive income. Dividends in respect of these investments that are a return on investment can be recognised in profit or loss and there is no impairment or recycling on disposal of the instrument.
- c) Financial assets can be designated and measured at fair value through profit or loss at initial recognition if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would arise from measuring assets or liabilities, or recognising the gains and losses on them, on different bases.
- d) Where the fair value option is used for financial liabilities the change in fair value is to be accounted for as follows:
  - The change attributable to changes in credit risk are presented in other comprehensive income (OCI)
  - The remaining change is presented in profit or loss

AASB 9 also removes the volatility in profit or loss that was caused by changes in the credit risk of liabilities elected to be measured at fair value. This change in accounting means that gains caused by the deterioration of an entity's own credit risk on such liabilities are no longer recognised in profit or loss.

Consequential amendments were also made to other standards as a result of AASB 9, introduced by AASB 2009-11 and superseded by AASB 2010-7, AASB 2010-10 and AASB 2014-1 – Part E.

AASB 2014-7 incorporates the consequential amendments arising from the issuance of AASB 9 in Dec 2014.

AASB 2014-8 limits the application of the existing versions of AASB 9 (AASB 9 (December 2009) and AASB 9 (December 2010)) from 1 February 2015 and applies to annual reporting periods beginning on after 1 January 2015.

Application Date of the Standard	1 January 2018
Application Date for Group	1 July 2015
Impact on Group Financial report	<p>The Group intends to early adopt AASB 9 from 1 July 2015 and has performed an initial assessment of the impacts to the financial report. The material impacts include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• treating the available for sale financial assets as fair value through other comprehensive income, with no impairment of these assets or recycling of amounts in other comprehensive income on disposal; and</li> <li>• using the amended hedge accounting rules for the Group's collar options which would be classified as fair value through other comprehensive income.</li> </ul> <p>The standard is planned to be applied prospectively. No other material changes are expected from its application.</p>

The Group has not early adopted any other standard, interpretation or amendment that has been issued but is not yet effective.

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### c) Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements are those of the consolidated entity, comprising Cooper Energy Limited ("the parent entity") and its subsidiaries ("the Group").

The financial statements of subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting period as the parent entity, using consistent accounting policies. Adjustments are made to bring into line any dissimilar accounting policies that may exist. All inter-company balances and transactions, income and expenses and profit and losses arising from intra-group transactions, have been eliminated in full.

Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group and cease to be consolidated from the date on which control is transferred out of the Group.

### d) Business combinations

Business combinations are accounted for using the acquisition method. The cost of an acquisition is measured as the aggregate of the consideration transferred, measured at acquisition date fair value and the amount of any non-controlling interest in the acquiree. For each business combination, the Group elects whether it measures the non-controlling interest in the acquiree at fair value or at the proportionate share of the acquiree's identifiable net assets. Acquisition costs incurred are expensed and included in administrative expenses.

When the Group acquires a business, it assesses the financial assets and liabilities assumed for appropriate classification and designation in accordance with the contractual terms, economic circumstances and pertinent conditions as at the acquisition date. This includes the separation of embedded derivatives in host contracts by the acquiree.

If the business combination is achieved in stages, the acquisition date fair value of the acquirers previously held equity interest in the acquiree is remeasured to fair value at the acquisition date through profit or loss.

Any contingent consideration to be transferred by the acquirer will be recognised at fair value at the acquisition date. Subsequent changes to the fair value of the contingent consideration that is deemed to be an asset or liability will be recognised in accordance with AASB 139 either in profit or loss or as a change to other comprehensive income. If the contingent consideration is classified as equity it will not be remeasured. Subsequent settlement is accounted for within equity. In instances where the contingent consideration does not fall within the scope of AASB 139, it is measured in accordance with the appropriate AASB.

Goodwill is initially measured at cost, being the excess of the aggregate of the consideration transferred and the amount recognised for non-controlling interest over the net identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed. If this consideration is lower than the fair value of the net assets of the subsidiary acquired, the difference is recognised in profit or loss.

After initial recognition, goodwill is measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. For the purpose of impairment testing, goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the Group's cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the acquirer are assigned to those units.

Where goodwill forms part of the cash generating unit and part of the operation within that unit is disposed of, the goodwill associated with the operation disposed of is included in the carrying amount of the operation when determining the gain or loss on disposal of the operation. Goodwill disposed of in this circumstance is measured based on the relative values of the operation disposed of and the portion of the cash-generating unit retained.

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### e) Joint arrangements

The Group has an interest in arrangements that are controlled jointly. A joint arrangement is either a joint operation or a joint venture. The Group has a number of joint arrangements which are classified as joint operations. A joint operation is a joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control of the arrangement, have rights to the assets, and obligations for the liabilities, relating to the arrangement. Currently the Group does not have any interests in joint ventures.

In relation to its interests in joint operations, the Group recognises its:

- Assets, including its share of any assets held jointly
- Liabilities, including its share of any liabilities incurred jointly
- Revenue from the sale of its share of the output arising from the joint operation
- Share of the revenue from the sale of the output by the joint operation
- Expenses, including its share of any expenses incurred jointly

### f) Foreign currency

The functional and presentation currency of the Company is Australian dollars.

#### *Translation of foreign currency transactions*

Transactions in foreign currencies are initially recorded in the functional currency of the transacting entity at the exchange rates ruling at the date of transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at that date. Exchange differences in the consolidated financial statements are taken to the income statement.

#### *Translation of the financial result of foreign operations*

An entity's functional currency is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity, or a significant component of the entity, operates.

Other than Sukananti Ltd, which has a US dollar functional currency, all other foreign operations of the group have an Australian dollar functional currency.

### g) Investments

#### *Available-for-sale Investments*

Investments are classified as available-for-sale and are initially recognised at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. The classification depends on the purpose for which the investments were acquired. Designation will be re-evaluated at each financial year-end.

After initial recognition, investments are remeasured to fair value. Changes in the fair value of available-for-sale investments are recognised as a separate component of equity until the investment is sold, collected or otherwise disposed of, or until the investment is determined to be impaired when there is a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value, at which time the cumulative change in fair value previously reported in equity is included in earnings.

For investments that are actively traded in organised financial markets, fair value is determined by reference to stock exchange quoted market bid prices at the close of business on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position date. Where investments are not actively traded, fair value is established by using other market accepted valuation techniques.

#### *Investments in associates*

Investments in associates are initially recognised at cost. Any surplus over the Group's share in the associates net assets on acquisition is accounted for as goodwill; any deficit is treated as an accounting gain and recognised immediately in the income statement.

After initial recognition, the Group recognises its share of the associated profit or loss.

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### h) Revenue and cost recognition

Revenue is recognised and measured at fair value of consideration received or receivable to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and the revenue can be reliably measured. The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

#### *Revenues and costs from production sharing contracts*

Revenue earned and production costs incurred from a production sharing contract are recognised when title to the product passes to the customer and is based upon the Group's share of sales and costs relating to oil production that are allocated to the Group under the contract.

#### *Interest revenue*

Interest revenue is recognised as interest accrues (using the effective interest method, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument) to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

#### *Joint venture fees*

Joint venture fees are in respect of the Group's parent's ability to recover overhead costs relating to operated activities. Joint venture fees include overhead recoveries on operated activities, parent company overheads, operator overhead allowances and other indirect charges. Revenue is recognised when the Group's right to receive payment is established or services are rendered.

### i) Depreciation and amortisation

Oil properties are amortised on the Units of Production basis using the best estimate of proved and probable (2P) reserves. No amortisation is charged on areas under development where production has not commenced.

Depreciation on property plant and equipment is calculated at between 7.5% and 37.5% per annum using the diminishing value method over their estimated useful lives.

### j) Employee benefits

Provision is made for employee benefits accumulated as a result of employees rendering services up to the end of the reporting period. These benefits included wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits and annual leave. Liabilities are recognised in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date and are measured at the amount expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled. Expenses for non-accumulating sick leave are recognised when the leave is taken and are measured at the rates paid or payable.

The general provisions for long service leave are recognised and measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures, and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on national government bonds with terms of maturity and currencies that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows. Employees' accumulated long service leave is ascribed to individual employees at the rates payable as and when they become entitled to long service leave. A provision for bonus is recognised and measured based upon the current wage and salary level and forms part of the employee short term incentive plan. The basis for the bonus is set out in the Remuneration Report in section 4 of the Directors' Report.

### k) Share based payments

The Group provides benefits to employees (including Executive Directors) of the Group in the form of share-based payment transactions, whereby employees render services in exchange for rights over shares ("equity-settled transactions").

The cost of these equity-settled transactions with employees is measured by reference to the fair value at the date at which they are granted and are recorded as an expense, with a corresponding increase in reserves, on a straight-line basis over the vesting period of the related instrument.

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#### k) Share based payments continued

The fair value is determined using the Black-Scholes methodology to produce a Monte-Carlo simulation model that takes into account the exercise price, the vesting period, the vesting and performance criteria, the impact of dilution, the non-tradable nature of the performance right, the share price at grant date, the expected price volatility of the underlying share, the expected dividend yield and the risk-free interest rate for the term of the vesting period. The fair value of the performance rights granted excludes the impact of any non-market vesting conditions (for example, profitability and sales growth targets).

The volatility assumption is based on the actual volatility of Cooper Energy's daily closing share price over the three year period to the valuation date.

The cost of equity-settled transactions is recognised, together with a corresponding increase in equity, over the period in which the performance and/or service conditions are fulfilled, ending on the date on which the relevant employees become fully entitled to the award (the vesting period).

The cumulative expense recognised for equity-settled transactions at each reporting date until vesting date reflects:

1. the extent to which the vesting period has expired; and
2. the Group's best estimate of the number of equity instruments that will ultimately vest.

No adjustment is made for the likelihood of market performance conditions being met as the effect of these conditions is included in the determination of fair value at grant date. The Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income charge or credit for a period represents the movement in cumulative expense recognised as at the beginning and end of that period.

No expense is recognised for awards that do not ultimately vest, except for awards where vesting is only conditional upon a market condition.

If the terms of an equity-settled award are modified, as a minimum an expense is recognised as if the terms had not been modified. In addition, an expense is recognised for any modification that increases the total fair value of the share-based payment arrangement, or is otherwise beneficial to the employees as measured at the date of modification.

If an equity-settled award is cancelled, it is treated as if it had vested on the date of cancellation, and any expense not yet recognised for the award is recognised immediately. However, if a new award is substituted for the cancelled award and designated as a replacement award on the date that it is granted, the cancelled and new award are treated as if they were a modification of the original award, as described in the previous paragraph.

The dilutive effect, if any, of outstanding performance rights is reflected as additional share dilution in the computation of diluted earnings per share.

#### l) Leases

The determination of whether an arrangement is or contains a lease is based on the substance of the arrangement and requires an assessment of whether the fulfilment of the arrangement is dependent on the use of a specific asset or assets and the arrangement conveys a right to use the asset.

Finance leases, which transfer to the Group substantially all the risks and benefits incidental to ownership of the leased item, are capitalised at the inception of the lease at the fair value of the leased asset or, if lower, at the present value of the minimum lease payments. Lease payments are apportioned between the finance charges and reduction of the lease liability so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance charges are recognised as an expense in profit or loss.

Capitalised lease assets are depreciated over the shorter of the estimated useful life of the asset and the lease term if there is no reasonable certainty that the Group will obtain ownership by the end of the lease term.

Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

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### m) Income tax

Current tax assets and liabilities for the current and prior periods are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted by the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position date.

Deferred income tax is provided on all temporary differences at the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes.

Deferred income tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences except:

- when the deferred income tax liability arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and that, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; or
- when the taxable temporary difference is associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates or interests in joint ventures, and the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference can be controlled and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred income tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, carry-forward of unused tax assets and unused tax losses, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences and the carry-forward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses can be utilised, except:

- when the deferred income tax asset relating to the deductible temporary difference arises from the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss; or
- when the deductible temporary difference is associated with investments in subsidiaries, associates or interest in joint ventures, in which case a deferred tax asset is only recognised to the extent that it is probable that the temporary difference will reverse in the foreseeable future and taxable profit will be accessible against which the temporary difference can be utilised.

The carrying amount of deferred income tax assets is reviewed at each Consolidated Statement of Financial Position date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the deferred income tax asset to be utilised.

Unrecognised deferred income tax assets are assessed at each Consolidated Statement of Financial Position date and are recognised to the extent that it has become probable that future taxable profit will allow the deferred tax asset to be recovered.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that were expected to apply to the year when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position date.

Income taxes relating to items recognised directly in equity are recognised in equity and not in profit or loss.

Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset only if a legally enforceable right exists to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and the deferred tax asset and liabilities relate to the same taxable entity and the same taxation authority.

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### n) Other taxes

#### **Goods and Services Taxes ("GST")**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of Goods and Services Taxes ("GST") except:-

- where the GST incurred on a purchase of goods and services is not recoverable from the taxation authority, in which case the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense item as applicable; and
- receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of receivables or payables in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

Cash flows are included in the Cash Flow Statement on a net basis and the net GST component of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which is recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority, are classified as operating cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority.

#### **Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT)**

For PRRT purposes, the impact of future augmentation on expenditure is included in the determination of future taxable profits when assessing the extent to which a deferred tax asset can be recognised in the statement of financial position. Deferred tax assets are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised. The Group has lodged starting base returns for all exploration and production areas. In June 2013, participants including the Company were granted a combination certificate for the Cooper Basin projects essentially deeming PEL 92 and PEL 93 to be a single project for PRRT purposes.

### o) Exploration and evaluation expenditure

Exploration and evaluation expenditure is accounted for in accordance with the area of interest method and is capitalised to the extent that:

- i. the rights to tenure of the areas of interest are current and the Group controls the area of interest in which the expenditure has been incurred; and
- ii. such costs are expected to be recouped through successful development and exploration of the area of interest, or alternatively by its sale; or
- iii. exploration and evaluation activities in the area of interest have not at the reporting date:
  - a. reached a stage which permits a reasonable assessment of the existence or otherwise of economically recoverable reserves; and
  - b. active and significant operations in, or in relation to, the area of interest are continuing.

An area of interest refers to an individual geological area where the potential presence of an oil or a natural gas field is considered favourable or has been proven to exist, and in most cases will comprise an individual prospective oil or gas field.

Exploration and evaluation expenditure which does not satisfy these criteria is written off. Specifically, costs carried forward in respect of an area of interest that is abandoned or costs relating directly to the drilling of an unsuccessful well are written off in the year in which the decision to abandon is made or the results of drilling are concluded. The success or otherwise of a well is determined by reference to the drilling objectives for that well. For successful wells, the well costs remain capitalised on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as long as sufficient progress in assessing the reserves and the economic and operating viability of the project is being made. A regular review is undertaken of each area of interest to determine the appropriateness of continuing to carry forward costs in relation to that area of interest.

Where an ownership interest in an exploration and evaluation asset is exchanged for another, the transaction is recognised by reference to the carrying value of the original interest. Any cash consideration paid, including transaction costs, is accounted for as an acquisition of exploration and evaluation assets. Any cash consideration received, net of transaction costs, is treated as a recoupment of costs previously capitalised with any excess accounted for as a gain on disposal of non-current assets.

Where a discovered oil or gas field enters the development phase the accumulated exploration and evaluation expenditure is transferred to oil properties.

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### p) Oil properties

Oil properties are carried at cost including construction, installation of infrastructure such as roads and the cost of development of wells.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

### q) Provision for restoration

The Group records the present value of its share of the estimated cost to restore operating locations. The nature of restoration activities includes the obligations relating to the reclamation, waste site closure, plant closure, production facility removal and other costs associated with the restoration of the site.

A restoration provision is recognised after the construction of the facility and then reviewed on an annual basis.

When the liability is recorded the carrying amount of the production assets is increased by the asset retirement costs and depreciated over the producing life of the asset. Over time, the liability is increased for the change in the present value based on a risk free discount rate. The unwinding of the discount is recorded as an accretion charge within finance costs.

Any changes in the estimate of the provision for restoration arising from changes in the gross cost estimate or changes in the discount rate of the restoration provision are recorded by adjusting the provision and the carrying amount of the production asset and then depreciated over the producing life of the asset. Any change in the discount rate is applied prospectively.

These estimated costs, whilst based on anticipated technological and legal requirements, assume no significant changes will occur in relevant State, Federal and International legislation.

### r) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income during the financial period in which they are incurred.

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each Consolidated Statement of Financial Position date. The carrying values of property, plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment at each reporting date, with recoverable amount being estimated when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may be impaired. The recoverable amount of property, plant and equipment is the higher of fair value less cost to sell and value in use. For an asset that does not generate largely independent cash flows, recoverable amount is determined for the cash generating unit to which the asset belongs, unless the asset's value in use can be estimated to be close to its fair value.

An asset's or cash generating unit's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's or cash generating unit's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These are included in the statement of comprehensive income.



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### r) Property, plant and equipment *continued*

An item of property, plant and equipment is de-recognised upon disposal or when no further future economic benefits are expected from its use. Any gains or losses arising on de-recognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the net carrying amount of the asset) is included in the statement of comprehensive income in the period the asset is de-recognised.

### s) Impairment of non-current assets

Assets that are subject to amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (cash generating units). In assessing value-in-use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

### t) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and short term deposits in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position comprise cash at bank and short term deposits with an original maturity of twelve months or less. For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash includes cash on hand and in banks, and money market investments readily convertible to cash within 90 days from date of investment, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

### u) Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables, which generally have 30 to 90 day terms, are recognised and carried at original invoice amount less an allowance for any uncollectible amounts.

An allowance for doubtful debts is made when there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect the debts. Financial difficulties of the debtor, default payments or debts more than 90 days overdue are considered objective evidence of impairment. The amount of the impairment loss is the receivable carrying amount, compared to the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate. Bad debts are written off when identified.

### v) Inventory

Inventories are carried at the lower of their cost or net realisable value. Inventories held by the group are in respect of stores and spares involved in drilling operations.

### w) Trade and other payables

Trade payables and other payables are carried at amortised costs and represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Group prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid and arise when the Group becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services.

### x) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a legal or constructive obligation to make a future sacrifice of economic benefits to other entities as a result of past transactions or other past events, it is probable that a future sacrifice of economic benefits will be required and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses. Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

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### y) Contributed equity

Issued and paid up capital is recognised as the fair value of the consideration received by the Group.

Any transaction costs arising on the issue of ordinary shares are recognised directly in equity as a reduction of the share proceeds received.

### z) Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share are calculated as net profit attributable to members divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares.

Diluted earnings per share is calculated as net profit attributable to members adjusted for the after tax effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares that have been recognised as expenses during the period divided by the weighted average number of ordinary shares and dilutive potential ordinary shares.

### aa) Derivative financial instruments

Derivatives are initially recognised at their fair value when the Group becomes a party to the contract. Movement in the derivative's fair value is taken directly to profit or loss. The Group does not use hedge accounting.

### bb) Significant accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

#### (i) Significant accounting judgements

In the process of applying the Group's accounting policies, management has made the following judgements, apart from those involving estimations, which have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements:

#### Joint arrangements

Judgement is required to determine when the Group has joint control over an arrangement, which requires an assessment of the relevant activities and when the decisions in relation to those activities require unanimous consent. The Group has determined that the relevant activities for its joint arrangements are those relating to the operating and capital decisions of the arrangement, such as approval of the capital expenditure program for each year and appointing, remunerating and terminating the key management personnel or service providers of the joint arrangement. The considerations made in determining joint control are similar to those necessary to determine control over subsidiaries.

Judgement is also required to classify a joint arrangement. Classifying the arrangement requires the Group to assess their rights and obligations arising from the arrangement. Specifically, the Group considers:

- The structure of the joint arrangement – whether it is structured through a separate vehicle;
- When the arrangement is structured through a separate vehicle, the Group also considers the rights and obligations arising from: The legal form of the separate vehicle; the terms of the contractual arrangement and; other facts and circumstances (when relevant).

This assessment often requires significant judgement, and a different conclusion on joint control and also whether the arrangement is a joint operation or a joint venture, may materially impact the accounting.

#### Taxation

The Group's accounting policy for taxation requires management's judgement in relation to the types of arrangements considered to be a tax on income in contrast to an operating cost.

Judgement is also made in assessing whether deferred tax assets and certain deferred tax liabilities are recognised on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

Deferred tax assets, including those arising from un-recouped tax losses, capital losses, and temporary differences arising from the Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (Imposition – General) Act 2011, are recognised only where it is considered more likely than not they will be recovered, which is dependent on the generation of sufficient future taxable profits.

Judgements are also required about the application of income tax legislation. These judgements and assumptions are subject to risk and uncertainty, hence there is a possibility changes in circumstances will alter expectation, which may impact the amount of deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities recognised on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position and the amount of other tax losses and temporary differences not yet recognised.

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### **(i) Significant accounting judgements** *continued*

In such circumstances, some or all of the carrying amounts of recognised deferred tax assets and liabilities may require adjustment, resulting in a corresponding credit or charge to the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### **Operating lease commitments**

The Group has entered into a commercial property lease. The Group has determined that it does not retain any of the significant risks and rewards of ownership of this property and has thus classified the lease as an operating lease.

### **(ii) Significant accounting estimates and assumptions**

The carrying amounts of certain assets and liabilities are often determined based on estimates and assumptions of future events. The key estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of certain assets and liabilities within the next annual reporting period are:

#### **Determination of recoverable hydrocarbons**

Estimates of recoverable hydrocarbons impact the asset impairment assessment, depreciation and amortisation rates and decommissioning and restoration provisions.

Estimates of recoverable hydrocarbons are evaluated and reported by qualified petroleum reserves and resources evaluators in accordance with the ASX Listing Rules and the Company's Hydrocarbon Guidelines ([www.cooperenergy.com.au/policies](http://www.cooperenergy.com.au/policies)). A technical understanding of the geological and engineering processes enables the recoverable hydrocarbon estimates to be determined by using forecasts of production, commodity prices, production costs, exchange rates, tax rates and discount rates.

Recoverable hydrocarbon estimates may change from time to time if any of the forecast assumptions are revised.

#### **Impairment of capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure**

The future recoverability of capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure is dependent on a number of factors, including whether the Group decides to exploit the related lease itself or, if not, whether it successfully recovers the related exploration and evaluation asset through sale.

Factors which could impact the future recoverability include the level of oil reserves, future technological changes which could impact the cost of extraction, future legal changes (including changes to environmental restoration obligations) and changes to commodity prices.

To the extent that capitalised exploration and evaluation expenditure is determined not to be recoverable in the future, this will reduce profits and net assets in the period in which this determination is made.

In addition, exploration and evaluation expenditure is capitalised if activities in the area of interest have not yet reached a stage which permits a reasonable assessment of the existence or otherwise of economically recoverable oil reserves. To the extent that it is determined in the future that this capitalised expenditure should be written off, this will reduce profits and net assets in the period in which this determination is made.

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### (ii) Significant accounting estimates and assumptions continued

#### **Impairment of oil properties and property, plant & equipment**

The Group reviews the carrying amount of oil properties and property, plant & equipment at each reporting date starting with analysis of any indicators of impairment. Where indicators of impairment are present, the group will test whether the cash generating unit's recoverable amount exceeds its carrying amount. The Group makes assumptions regarding future production and sales volumes, pricing, foreign exchange rates and capital and operating expenditure. The sensitivity of the impairment models to these assumptions is tested as part of this process and shows that the models are most sensitive to management's assumptions relating to production and pricing.

#### **Provisions for decommissioning and restoration costs**

Decommissioning and restoration costs are a normal consequence of oil extraction and the majority of this expenditure is incurred at the end of a well's life. In determining an appropriate level of provision consideration is given to the expected future costs to be incurred, the timing of these expected future costs (largely dependent on the life of the well), and the estimated future level of inflation.

The ultimate cost of decommissioning and restoration is uncertain and costs can vary in response to many factors including changes to the relevant legal requirements, the emergence of new restoration techniques or experience at other wells. The expected timing of expenditure can also change, for example in response to changes in oil reserves or to production rates.

Changes to any of the estimates could result in significant changes to the level of provisioning required, which would in turn impact future financial results.

#### **Share-based payments transactions**

The Group measures the cost of equity-settled transactions with employees by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments at the date at which they are granted. The fair value is determined by an external valuation expert using the calculation criteria detailed in note 2(k).

### 3. Segment reporting

#### **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 legal entity and then by joint venture. Revenue and outgoings are allocated by way of their natural expense and income category. These reports are drawn up on a quarterly basis. Resources are allocated between each segment on an as needs basis. Selective reporting is provided to the Board quarterly while the annual and bi-annual results are reported to the Board. The Managing Director is the chief operating decision maker.

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.

The current external customers by geographical location of production are the Australian Business Unit with two customers and the Indonesian Business Unit with one customer.

The following are the current geographical segments:

#### **Australian Business Unit**

Exploration and evaluation for oil and gas, development, production and sale of crude oil in a number of areas in the Cooper Basin located in South Australia. Revenue is derived from the sale of crude oil to IOR Energy Pty Ltd and a consortium of buyers made up of Santos Limited and its subsidiaries; Delhi Petroleum Pty Ltd and Origin Energy Resources Limited. Interest income is earned from the placement of funds with various Australian Banks for periods of up to six months.

#### **Asian Business Unit**

The Asian business unit involves the production and sale of crude oil from the Tangai-Sukananti KSO. It is located on the island of Sumatra, Indonesia. Revenue is derived from the sale of crude oil to PT Pertamina EP. The Group is also involved in exploration and evaluation for oil and gas in the Sumbagsel and Merangin III Permit areas on the island of Sumatra, Indonesia.

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### 3. Segment reporting continued

#### African Business Unit

Exploration and evaluation for oil and gas in the Bargou, Nabeul and Hammamet permit areas off the coast of Tunisia. No income is derived from these units. The Company has announced its intention to dispose of the equity interests in the Tunisian assets.

#### European Business Unit

The Company has disposed of all exploration interests in Poland and is in the process of winding up the Polish and Dutch subsidiaries.

#### Accounting Policies and inter-segment transactions

The accounting policies used by the Group in reporting segments internally is the same as those contained in note 2 to the accounts and in the prior period.

The following table presents revenue and segment results for reportable segments.

Geographical Segments	Australian Business Unit \$'000	African Business Unit (Disc. Ops.) \$'000	Asian Business Unit \$'000	European Business Unit (disc. Ops) \$'000	Elimination \$'000	Consolidated \$'000
<b>Year ended 30 June 2015</b>						
Revenue	33,510	-	5,574	-	-	39,084
Interest and other revenue	2,423	-	-	-	(556)	1,867
Total consolidated revenue	35,933	-	5,574	-	(556)	40,951
Depreciation of property	(397)	-	(72)	-	-	(469)
Amortisation of:						
- Development costs	(5,256)	-	(2,248)	-	-	(7,504)
- Exploration costs	(771)	-	-	-	-	(771)
Impairment	(22,642)	-	-	-	-	(22,642)
Finance costs	(495)	-	-	-	-	(495)
Share based payments	(1,629)	-	-	-	-	(1,629)
Exploration costs written off	(2,342)	-	-	-	-	(2,342)
Segment result	(17,670)	(47,657)	(562)	22	(556)	(66,423)
Income tax						2,955
Net Profit						(63,468)
Segment liabilities	67,168	1,521	1,675	-	(235)	70,129
Segment assets	148,001	318	25,902	14	(235)	174,000
Non-Current Assets	101,972	-	18,215	-	-	120,187
Cash flow from:						
- Operating activities	5,802	(1,503)	(2,132)	(132)	-	2,035
- Investing activities	(12,862)	325	2,219	141	-	(10,175)
- Financing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Expenditure	(18,966)	(392)	(8,064)	-	-	(27,422)

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### 3. Segment reporting continued

Geographical Segments	Australian Business Unit \$'000	African Business Unit (Disc. Ops.) \$'000	Asian Business Unit \$'000	European Business Unit (disc. Ops) \$'000	Elimination \$'000	Consolidated \$'000
<b>Year ended 30 June 2014</b>						
Revenue	66,457	-	5,846	-	-	72,303
Other revenue	3,973	-	-	-	(1,131)	2,842
Total consolidated revenue	70,430	-	5,846	-	(1,131)	75,145
Depreciation of property	(434)	-	(52)	-	-	(486)
Amortisation of:						
- Development costs	(4,943)	-	(707)	-	-	(5,650)
- Exploration costs	(1,112)	-	-	-	-	(1,112)
Impairment	(3,064)					(3,064)
Finance costs	(296)	-	-	-	-	(296)
Share based payments	(1,283)	-	-	-	-	(1,283)
Exploration costs written off	(1,261)	-	-	-	-	(1,261)
Segment result	30,164	(17)	2,177	(215)	(1,131)	30,978
Income tax						(9,028)
Net Profit						21,950
Segment liabilities	75,767	2,670	1,963	71	-	80,471
Segment assets	185,825	46,844	15,533	62	-	248,264
Non-Current Assets	129,555	-	12,703	-	-	142,014
Cash flow from:						
- Operating activities	48,100	688	1,360	110	-	50,258
- Investing activities	(19,529)	(22,149)	(4,645)	(180)	-	(46,503)
- Financing	(55)	-	-	-	-	(55)
Capital Expenditure	(22,351)	(22,149)	(4,620)	(180)	-	(49,300)

#### Revenue from external customers by geographical location of production

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Australia	33,510	66,457
Indonesia	5,574	5,846
Total revenue	39,084	72,303

Revenue from one customer amounted to \$32,220,000 (2014: \$63,983,000) arising from oil sales.

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### 4. Revenues and expenses

Profit before income tax expense includes the following revenues and expenses whose disclosure is relevant in explaining the performance of the entity:

	<b>Consolidated</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	2014
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
<b>Revenues from oil operations</b>		
Oil sales	<b>39,084</b>	72,303
Total revenue from oil sales	<b>39,084</b>	72,303
<b>Other revenue</b>		
Interest revenue	<b>1,225</b>	1,360
Gain on acquisition of associate	<b>281</b>	-
Joint venture fees	<b>361</b>	1,482
Total other income	<b>1,867</b>	2,842
<b>Cost of sales</b>		
Production expenses	<b>(13,464)</b>	(12,814)
Royalties	<b>(3,293)</b>	(6,480)
Amortisation of exploration costs in areas under production	<b>(771)</b>	(1,112)
Amortisation of development costs in areas under production	<b>(7,504)</b>	(5,650)
Total cost of sales	<b>(25,032)</b>	(26,056)
<b>Finance costs</b>		
Accretion of rehabilitation cost	<b>(1,433)</b>	(257)
Finance cost of success fee	<b>(310)</b>	(39)
Fair value adjustment of success fee liability	<b>1,248</b>	-
Total finance costs	<b>(495)</b>	(296)
<b>Administration and other expenses</b>		
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	<b>(469)</b>	(486)
General administration (includes employee benefits and lease payments)	<b>(12,931)</b>	(12,423)
Losses from change in fair value of derivative financial asset designated as fair value through profit and loss	<b>(206)</b>	-
Realised and unrealised foreign currency translation gain/(loss)	<b>946</b>	(349)
Total other expenses	<b>(12,696)</b>	(13,258)
<b>Employee benefits expense</b>		
Director and employee benefits	<b>(5,067)</b>	(5,401)
Share based payments	<b>(1,629)</b>	(1,283)
Superannuation expense	<b>(364)</b>	(315)
	<b>(7,060)</b>	(6,999)
<b>Lease payments</b>		
Minimum lease payment – operating lease	<b>(326)</b>	(99)

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### 5. Income Tax

The major components of income tax expense are:

	<b>Consolidated</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	2014
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
<b>Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income</b>		
<i>Current income tax</i>		
Current income tax charge	-	(5,040)
Adjustments in respect of prior year income tax <sup>1</sup>	<b>847</b>	290
	<b>847</b>	(4,750)
<i>Deferred income tax</i>		
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	<b>2,108</b>	(4,278)
	<b>2,108</b>	(4,278)
Income tax expense	<b>2,955</b>	(9,028)
Petroleum Resource Rent Tax - deferred tax	-	-
Total tax expenses	<b>2,955</b>	(9,028)
<b>Numerical reconciliation between tax expense and pre-tax net profit</b>		
Accounting (loss)/profit before tax from continuing operations	<b>(18,788)</b>	31,210
Income tax using the domestic corporation tax rate of 30% (2014: 30%)	<b>5,636</b>	(9,363)
Increase/(decrease) in income tax expense due to:		
Non-assessable income	<b>1,055</b>	-
Non-deductible expenditure	<b>(2,957)</b>	(1,411)
(Derecognition) / Recognition of capital losses	<b>(1,346)</b>	1,346
Adjustments in respect to current income tax of previous years	<b>826</b>	290
Non Australian taxation jurisdictional subsidiaries	<b>(259)</b>	110
Total	<b>(2,681)</b>	335
<b>Income tax expense</b>	<b>2,955</b>	(9,028)
<b>Income tax recognised in other comprehensive income</b>		
Revaluation of available for sale financial assets	<b>1,346</b>	(1,346)
Income tax using the domestic corporation tax rate of 30% (2014: 30%)	<b>1,346</b>	(1,346)

(1) During the period, the Group submitted a claim in respect to research and development spent in prior periods. This resulted in an amendment to the 2014 income tax return – a refund of \$0.8 million was received in July 2015.



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#### 5. Income tax continued

Cooper Energy Limited and its 100% owned Australian resident subsidiaries formed a tax consolidated group. Cooper Energy Limited is the head entity of the tax consolidated group. Members of the group entered into a tax sharing arrangement in order to allocate income tax expense to the wholly-owned subsidiaries. In addition, the agreement provides for the allocation of income tax liabilities between the entities should the head entity default on its tax payment obligations. Cooper Energy Limited formally notified the Australian Tax Office of its adoption of the tax consolidation regime when lodging its 30 June 2003 consolidated tax return.

Members of the tax consolidated group have entered into a tax funding agreement. The tax funding agreement requires members of the tax consolidated group to make contributions to the head company for tax liabilities and deferred tax balances arising from transactions occurring after the implementation of tax consolidation. Contributions are payable following the payment of the liabilities by Cooper Energy Limited. The assets and liabilities arising under the tax funding agreement are recognised as intercompany assets and liabilities with a consequential adjustment to income tax expense or benefit. In addition, the agreement provides for the allocation of income tax liabilities between the entities should the head entity default on its tax payment obligations or upon leaving the Group. The current and deferred tax amounts are measured in a systematic manner that is consistent with the broad principles in AASB 112 *Income Taxes*.

#### Unrecognised temporary differences

At 30 June 2015, there are no unrecognised temporary differences associated with the Group's investments in subsidiaries or joint ventures, as the Group has no liability for additional taxation should unremitted earnings be remitted (2014 \$nil).

#### Franking Tax Credits

At 30 June 2015 the parent entity had franking tax credits of \$43,715,169 (2014: \$38,663,576). The fully franked dividend equivalent is \$102,002,060 (2014 \$90,215,011).

#### PRRT

Cooper Energy Limited has not recognised a Deferred Tax Asset for the Petroleum Rent Resource Tax of \$22,341,000 (2014: \$19,071,000) on the basis that it has a significant level of undeducted expenditure and nil PRRT payments projected in the future. As stated in note 28, Events after the reporting period, through the BMG Joint Venture the Group plans to submit applications to revert the existing licenses to petroleum retention leases. This reversion may have an impact on the Group's ability to carry forward the unused PRRT credits in respect of BMG, which if lost would result in the recognition of a deferred tax liability of approximately \$1,000,000.

#### Income Tax Losses

##### (a) Revenue Losses

Cooper Energy Limited has recognised a Deferred Tax Asset for the year ended 30 June 2015 of \$676,797 (2014: nil). All prior recognised Deferred Tax Assets have been fully utilised during the prior financial years.

##### (b) Capital Losses

Cooper Energy has not recognised a Deferred Tax Asset for Australian income tax capital losses of \$22,207,705 (2014: \$15,987,262) on the basis that it is not probable that the carried forward capital losses will be utilised against future assessable capital profits.

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### 5. Income tax continued

	Consolidated Statement of Financial Position		Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income	
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
<b>Deferred income tax from corporate tax</b>				
Deferred income tax at the 30 June relates to the following:				
<i>Deferred tax liabilities</i>				
Trade and other receivables	1,574	1,790	216	1,826
Available for sale financial assets	-	-	-	919
Oil properties	-	1,624	1,624	849
Exploration and evaluation	11,706	12,637	931	(4,751)
Provisions	416	-	(416)	-
Unrealised currency translation gain	144	122	(22)	83
	<b>13,840</b>	16,173		
<i>Deferred tax assets</i>				
Property, plant & equipment	12	15	(3)	(3)
Oil properties	1,296	-	1,296	-
Trade and other payables	29	42	(13)	7
Provision for employee entitlements	681	512	169	(97)
Provisions	-	1,173	(1,173)	388
Other	125	-	168	-
Tax losses	677	-	677	(3,499)
	<b>2,820</b>	1,742		
Deferred tax income (expense)			<b>3,454</b>	(4,278)
Deferred tax liability from corporate tax	<b>11,020</b>	14,431		
<b>Deferred income tax from petroleum resource rent tax</b>				
Deferred income tax 30 June relates to the following:				
<i>Deferred tax liabilities</i>				
Exploration and evaluation	-	-	-	-
<i>Deferred tax assets</i>				
Oil properties	-	-	-	-
As represented on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, deferred tax asset				
	-	-		
As represented on the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, net deferred tax liability				
	<b>11,020</b>	14,431		

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### 6. Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share amounts are calculated by dividing net profit for the year attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent by the weighted average of ordinary shares outstanding during the year.

Diluted earnings per share amounts are calculated by dividing the net profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year plus the weighted average number of ordinary shares that would be issued on the conversion of all the dilutive potential options into ordinary shares. At 30 June 2015 there exists performance rights that if vested in full, would result in the issue of 17,276,975 ordinary shares over the next three years. In the current period these potential ordinary shares are considered antidilutive as their conversion to ordinary shares would reduce the loss per share. Accordingly, they have been excluded from the dilutive earnings per share calculation.

The following reflects the income and share data used in the basic and diluted earnings per share computations:

	Consolidated	
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
<b>Net profit / (loss) attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent from continuing operations</b>	<b>(15,833)</b>	22,182
	<b>2015 Thousands</b>	2014 Thousands
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for basic earnings per share	<b>330,905</b>	329,377
Weighted average number of ordinary shares adjusted for the effect of dilution	<b>330,905</b>	341,666
Basic earnings per share for the period (cents per share)	<b>(4.8)</b>	6.7
Diluted earnings per share for the period (cents per share)	<b>(4.8)</b>	6.5

	Consolidated	
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
<b>Net profit attributable to ordinary equity holders of the parent from continuing and discontinued operations</b>	<b>(63,468)</b>	21,950
	<b>2015 Thousands</b>	2014 Thousands
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for basic earnings per share	<b>330,905</b>	329,377
Weighted average number of ordinary shares adjusted for the effect of dilution	<b>330,905</b>	341,666
Basic earnings per share for the period (cents per share)	<b>(19.2)</b>	6.7
Diluted earnings per share for the period (cents per share)	<b>(19.2)</b>	6.4

There have been no other transactions involving ordinary shares or potential ordinary shares between the reporting date and the date of completion of these financial statements.

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### 7. Cash and cash equivalents and term deposits

	Consolidated	
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	7,380	7,671
Short term deposits at banks (i)	31,993	39,507
	<b>39,373</b>	47,178
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>		
Term deposits at bank (ii)	59	1,919

(i) Short term deposits at the banks are in Australian dollars and are for periods of up to 3 months and earn interest at money market interest rates.

(ii) The carrying value of the term deposit approximates its fair value.

The Company has a bilateral facility agreement for bank facilities totalling \$40 million with Westpac Banking Corporation. Tranche A \$10 million is committed to 30 September 2015 and is available for issuing bank guarantees and cash advances (sub limit \$5 million for each item). As at 30 June 2015 bank guarantees of \$3,906,000 (2014: \$2,627,000) in relation to performance bonds on exploration permits were issued against the facility. Tranche B \$30 million is committed to 30 June 2017 and is available for draw down subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions precedent. The Westpac facilities are currently being restructured from corporate to reserve based lending and it is expected this will be completed before 30 September 2015.

#### Reconciliation of net profit after tax to net cash flows from operating activities

<b>Net Profit / (loss) for the Year</b>	<b>(63,468)</b>	21,950
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Amortisation of development costs in areas of production	7,504	5,650
Amortisation of exploration costs in areas under production	771	1,112
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	469	486
Exploration and evaluation written off	2,342	1,261
Impairment of Non-Current Assets	70,127	3,064
Share of loss in associate	166	-
Reclassification of fair value movement on sale of available for sale investments	(3,634)	-
Share based payments	1,629	1,283
Finance cost	496	296
Unrealised foreign currency translation (gain) / loss	(444)	607
(Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(856)	8,556
(Increase)/decrease in inventories	(651)	(85)
(Increase)/decrease in prepayments	92	25
(Decrease)/increase in deferred tax liabilities	(3,411)	-
(Decrease)/increase in trade and other payables	(3,407)	1,051
(Decrease)/increase in current tax liability	(5,899)	5,040
(Decrease)/increase in provisions	(140)	100
(Decrease)/increase in held for sale assets	349	(138)
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>2,035</b>	50,258

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### 8. Trade and other receivables (current)

	Consolidated	
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Trade receivables (i)	11,406	10,009
Related party receivables (ii)	238	787
Related party receivables – joint ventures (iii)	201	217
Interest receivable	156	132
	<b>12,001</b>	<b>11,145</b>

- (i) Trade receivables are non-interest bearing and are generally on 30-90 days terms. There are no past due or impaired receivables and none that have a history of past default.
- (ii) All related party receivables are current within agreed terms of trade and do not exceed 180 days.
- (iii) Related party receivables for joint ventures are for work to be undertaken in the near term and are within contractual arrangements.
- (iv) Due to the short-term nature of the trade and other receivables, the carrying value approximates fair value.

### 9. Prepayments (current)

	Consolidated	
	2015 \$'000	2015 \$'000
Bank facility fee	316	333
Insurance	324	399
	<b>640</b>	<b>732</b>

### 10. Exploration assets held for sale and discontinued operations

In June 2013 the Board resolved to dispose of its exploration assets in Tunisia and during the 2012 financial year resolved to dispose of its exploration assets in Poland. The divestment process relating to Tunisia is yet to generate acceptable offers therefore the Group is seeking to defer and limit further capital expenditure and has advised the Tunisian Government of its intention to not extend or renew the Nabeul permit and is continuing efforts to divest the Bargou and Hammamet permits. The liquidation of the Polish entities is progressing.

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

During the financial year the company impaired E&E in respect of the Tunisian assets. The Tunisian and Polish entities activities are classified as discontinued operations at June 2015.

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Exploration and evaluation assets held for sale	-	46,906
Liabilities associated with assets held for sale	-	(2,740)
Net assets directly associated with disposal group	-	44,166
Loss for the year from discontinued operations	<b>(150)</b>	(232)
Impairment loss recognised on the re-measurement to fair value	<b>(47,485)</b>	-
Loss for the year from discontinued operations	<b>(47,635)</b>	(232)
Basic (loss)/earnings per share from discontinued operations (cents per share)	<b>(14.4)</b>	(0.07)
Diluted (loss)/earnings per share from discontinued operations (cents per share)	<b>(14.4)</b>	(0.07)

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### 11. Available for sale investments (non-current)

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Shares at fair value	1,343	26,040
<b>A reconciliation of the movement during the year is as follows:-</b>		
Opening balance	26,040	20,182
Purchases	-	62
Reclassification as investment in associate	(712)	-
Fair value movement	(8,325)	5,796
Sale of investment	(15,660)	-
Closing balance	1,343	26,040

### 12. Investments in associate (non-current)

The group has a 21.55% (2014: 22.9%) interest in Bass Strait Oil Company Limited (ASX: BAS), which is involved in oil and gas exploration in the Gippsland basin, offshore Victoria, Australia. The Group's interest in Bass Strait Oil Company Limited is accounted for using the equity method in the consolidated financial statements. In prior period the investment was classified as available for sale – during the 2015 financial year Cooper obtained significant influence over the investment following the election of one of the Group's board members to the board of BAS and therefore commenced accounting for the investment as an investment in associate. The following table illustrates the summarised preliminary and unaudited financial information of the Group's investment in Bass Strait Oil Company Limited at 30 June 2015:

	2015 \$'000
Current assets	841
Non-current assets	4,279
Current liabilities	(163)
Non-current liabilities	-
<b>Equity</b>	<b>4,957</b>
<b>Group's share of net assets</b>	<b>1,068</b>
<b>Reconciliation to Group's carrying amount of investment</b>	
Dilution through rights issue and capital injection	(18)
Impairment	(530)
<b>Group's carrying amount of the investment</b>	<b>520</b>
<b>Loss before tax</b>	<b>(802)</b>
Income tax expense	(35)
<b>Loss for the year (continuing operations)</b>	<b>(837)</b>
<b>Total comprehensive expenditure for the year (continuing operations)</b>	<b>(837)</b>
<b>Group's share of loss for the year</b>	<b>(166)</b>

The associate had no contingent liabilities at 30 June 2015.

The investment in associate has been impaired and is carried at fair value.

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### 13. Oil properties (non-current)

	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
<b>Regions of focus</b>		
Australia	7,624	16,778
Asia	4,297	1,515
Africa	-	-
Europe	-	-
<b>Total oil properties</b>	<b>11,921</b>	<b>18,293</b>

	Transferred Exploration and Evaluation \$'000	Development \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>Consolidated</b>			
<b>Year end 30 June 2015</b>			
Carrying amount at 1 July 2014	2,438	15,855	18,293
Additions	111	9,244	9,355
Foreign currency adjustment	-	32	32
Depreciation	(771)	(7,504)	(8,275)
Impairment	-	(7,484)	(7,484)
<b>Carrying amount at 30 June 2015</b>	<b>1,778</b>	<b>10,143</b>	<b>11,921</b>

<b>As at 30 June 2015</b>			
Cost	5,174	35,356	40,530
Accumulated depreciation & impairment	(3,396)	(25,213)	(28,609)
	<b>1,778</b>	<b>10,143</b>	<b>11,921</b>

<b>Year end 30 June 2014</b>			
Carrying amount at 1 July 2013	3,289	14,127	17,416
Additions	261	7,301	7,562
Foreign currency adjustment	-	77	77
Depreciation	(1,112)	(5,650)	(6,762)
<b>Carrying amount at 30 June 2014</b>	<b>2,438</b>	<b>15,855</b>	<b>18,293</b>

<b>As at 30 June 2014</b>			
Cost	5,063	26,080	31,143
Accumulated depreciation	(2,625)	(10,225)	(12,850)
	<b>2,438</b>	<b>15,855</b>	<b>18,293</b>

### 14. Impairment

The following impairment losses were recognised during the financial year:

	Consolidated	
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
<b>Impairment</b>		
Available for sale financial assets	(7,471)	(3,064)
Investments in associates	(530)	-
Exploration & Evaluation	(7,157)	-
Oil Properties – PEL 93	(7,484)	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>(22,642)</b>	<b>(3,064)</b>

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In accordance with the Group's accounting policies and procedures, the Group performs its impairment testing bi-annually.

#### Exploration and Evaluation Impairment

During the period the Group's exploration assets in the Otway basin were reviewed. As a result of this review, the Otway basin Area of Interest was refined into several Areas of Interest being:

- Otway onshore deep troughs
- PEL 168
- PEL 186
- PEP 151

Following this review and assessment, PEL 186 and PEP 151 were fully impaired as they were not considered to be prospective. The total impairment recognised in respect of exploration assets was \$7.2m.

#### Oil Properties Impairment

A number of factors represented indicators of impairment as at 30 June 2015, including a significant decline in the oil price throughout the period. As a result, the Group assessed the recoverable amounts of its Cash Generating Units (CGUs).

#### Impairment Testing

##### i) Methodology

Impairment is recognised when the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount of a CGU. The recoverable amount of each CGU has been estimated using its value in use (VIU).

Value in use is estimated based on discounted cash flows using market based commodity price and exchange rate assumptions, estimated production forecasts based on 2P reserves, operating costs and capital expenditure based on current development plans.

Estimates of production, operating costs and capital expenditure are sourced from our planning process including specific development plans of each CGU.

##### ii) Key Assumptions

The table below summarises the key assumptions used:

	30 June 2015		30 June 2014	
	2016-2018	Long term (2019 +)	2015-2018	Long term (2019 +)
Real oil price (US\$ per bbl)	\$65 increasing to \$75	\$80	\$100 decreasing to \$95	\$95
AUD:USD exchange rate	\$0.80	\$0.80	\$0.90 decreasing to \$0.85	\$0.85
CPI (%)	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%
Pre-tax real discount rate (%)	AUD assets 11.2% USD assets 15.0%		AUD assets 10.4% USD assets 15.0%	

##### Commodity prices and exchange rates

Oil price and exchange rates are estimated with reference to external data and are reviewed quarterly. The rates applied have been obtained from spot and forward values and market analysis including equity analyst estimates.

##### Discount rate

In determining the VIU, the future cash flows were discounted using rates based on the Group's real pre-tax weighted average cost of capital, in line with the Capital Asset Pricing Model, for each functional currency with additional premiums being applied based on geographical location and current economic conditions.

##### Production, operating and capital costs

Production forecasts have been based on 2P developed and undeveloped reserves. The forecasts include all capital required to produce the reserves and, where applicable, develop the undeveloped reserves.



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#### iii) Impacts

As a result of impairment testing, the recoverable amount of PEL 93 was reduced to nil and an impairment loss of \$7.5 million was recognised.

#### Sensitivity Analysis

Any change to the assumptions used to determine the VIU could result in a change to the recoverable amount. Given the degree of change required to each individual input before an impairment reversal on PEL 93 would be indicated, impairment reversal is not likely.

In addition to the impairment testing performed over PEL 93, testing was performed over PEL 92 and Sukananti. The results of this testing indicated that the CGU's recoverable amount was higher than their carrying amount. No impairment was recognised in respect of PEL 92 or Sukananti.

## 15. Property, plant & equipment (non-current)

	<b>Consolidated</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	2014
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
<b>Consolidated</b>		
<b>Year end 30 June</b>		
Carrying amount at 1 July	<b>1,141</b>	1,464
Additions	<b>237</b>	281
Disposals/written off	-	(118)
Depreciation	<b>(397)</b>	(486)
Carrying amount at 30 June	<b>981</b>	1,141
<b>As at 30 June</b>		
Cost	<b>2,142</b>	1,919
Accumulated depreciation	<b>(1,161)</b>	(778)
	<b>981</b>	1,141

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### 16. Exploration and evaluation (non-current)

	Consolidated	
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
<b>Regions of focus</b>		
Australia	91,489	83,702
Asia	13,874	10,919
Africa	-	-
European	-	-
<b>Total exploration and evaluation</b>	<b>105,363</b>	<b>94,621</b>
<b>Reconciliations of the carrying amounts of capitalised exploration at the beginning and end of the financial year are set out below:</b>		
Carrying amount at 1 July	94,621	30,846
Expenditure	7,750	45,747
Exploration acquired	12,602	42,443
Transferred to oil properties	(111)	(261)
Unsuccessful exploration wells written off (i)	(2,342)	(1,261)
Impairment	(7,157)	-
Exploration expenditure classified as held for sale	-	(22,893)
Carrying amount at 30 June	<b>105,363</b>	<b>94,621</b>

- (i) Exploration write offs relate to exploration wells that were plugged and abandoned as unsuccessful during the year.
- (ii) Recoverability is dependent on the successful development and commercial exploration or sale of the respective areas of interest.

### 17. Trade and other payables (current)

	Consolidated	
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Trade payables (i)	1,400	4,951
Accruals	3,636	2,117
	<b>5,036</b>	<b>7,068</b>
Related party payables – joint arrangements (ii)	3,900	5,275
	<b>8,936</b>	<b>12,343</b>

- (i) Trade and other payables are non-interest bearing and are normally settled on 30-90 day terms
- (ii) Related party payables are accrued expenditure incurred on joint arrangements

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### 18. Provisions

	Consolidated	
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Restoration provision	1,500	-
Employee provisions	391	509
Other provisions	22	44
	<b>1,913</b>	553
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>		
Long service leave provision	145	104
Restoration provision	45,049	41,256
	<b>45,194</b>	41,360

#### Movement in carrying amount of the non-current restoration provision:

Carrying amount at 1 July	41,256	3,321
Revaluation of provision	(5,772)	1,077
Provision through asset acquisition	8,132	36,601
Increase through accretion	1,433	257
Carrying amount at 30 June	<b>45,049</b>	41,256

The restoration provision is the present value of the Group's share of the estimated cost to restore operating locations. The nature of restoration activities includes the obligations relating to the reclamation, waste site closure, plant closure, production facility removal and other costs associated with the restoration of the site. However, actual restoration costs will ultimately depend upon future market prices for the necessary decommissioning works required that will reflect market conditions at the relevant time and the condition of the site at the time of the restoration. Furthermore, the timing of restoration is likely to depend on when the fields cease to produce at economically viable rates. This, in turn, will depend upon future oil and gas prices, which are inherently uncertain.

The discount rate used in the calculation of the provision as at 30 June 2015 equalled 2.98% (2014: 3.7%) reflecting the Australian Government 10 year bond rate.

### 19. Financial liabilities (non-current)

	Consolidated	
	2015 \$'000	2015 \$'000
Success fee financial liability	3,066	4,004

#### Movement in carrying amount of the success fee financial liability:

Carrying amount at 1 July	4,004	-
Obligation through BMG asset acquisition	-	3,965
Finance cost	310	39
Fair value adjustment	(1,248)	-
Carrying amount at 30 June	<b>3,066</b>	4,004

The success fee liability is the fair value of the Group's liability to pay a \$5,000,000 success fee upon the commencement of commercial production of hydrocarbons on the Group's BMG assets acquired on 7 May 2014.

The discount rate used in the calculation of the liability as at 30 June 2015 equalled 2.98% (2013: 3.7%) reflecting the Australian Government 10 year bond rate.

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### 20. Contributed equity and reserves

	Consolidated	
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
<b>Share capital</b>		
<b>Ordinary shares</b>		
Issued and fully paid	115,460	114,625

Effective 1 July 1998, the Corporations legislation in place abolished the concepts of authorised capital and par value shares. Accordingly, the Parent does not have authorised capital or par value in respect of its issued shares.

Fully paid ordinary shares carry one vote per share and carry the right to dividends.

	Thousands	\$'000
<b>Movement in ordinary shares on issue</b>		
At 1 July 2014	329,236	114,625
Issuance of shares for Performance Rights	2,669	835
At 30 June 2015	331,905	115,460

#### Reserves

	Consolidation reserve \$'000	Foreign Currency Translation Reserve \$'000	Share based payment reserve \$'000	Option premium reserve \$'000	Available for sale investment reserve \$'000	Total \$'000
<b>Consolidated</b>						
At 30 June 2013	(541)	-	3,750	25	(4,372)	(1,138)
Other comprehensive income/(expenditure)	-	(164)	-	-	7,514	7,350
Transferred to issued capital	-	-	(55)	-	-	(55)
Share-based payments	-	-	1,283	-	-	1,283
At 30 June 2014	(541)	(164)	4,978	25	3,142	7,440
Other comprehensive income/(expenditure)	-	1,059	-	-	(3,142)	(2,083)
Transferred to issued capital	-	-	(835)	-	-	(835)
Share-based payments	-	-	1,629	-	-	1,629
<b>At 30 June 2015</b>	<b>(541)</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>5,772</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,151</b>

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### 20. Contributed equity and reserves continued

#### Nature and purpose of reserves

##### *Consolidation reserve*

The reserve comprises the premium paid on acquisition of minority shareholdings in a controlled entity.

##### *Foreign currency translation reserve*

This reserve is used to record the value of foreign currency movements on an Australian dollar loan and the retranslation of the net assets of the US dollar functional currency subsidiary.

##### *Share based payment reserve*

This reserve is used to record the value of equity benefits provided to employees and Directors as part of their remuneration.

##### *Option premium reserve*

This reserve is used to accumulate amounts received from the issue of options. The reserve can be used to pay dividends or issue bonus shares.

##### *Available for sale investment reserve*

This reserve is used to capture the mark to market movement in the value of shares held in companies listed on a public exchange.

#### (Accumulated Losses) / Retained earnings

	<b>Consolidated</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	2014
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
Movement in (accumulated losses) / retained earnings were as follows:		
Balance 1 July	<b>45,728</b>	23,778
Net (loss) / profit for the year	<b>(63,468)</b>	21,950
Balance at 30 June	<b>(17,740)</b>	45,728

#### Capital Management

For the purpose of the Group's capital management, capital includes issued capital and all other equity reserves attributable to the equity holders of the parent. The primary objective of the Group's capital management is to maintain an appropriate capital profile to support its business activities and to maximise shareholder value. The Group's capital management, amongst other things, aims to ensure that it meets financial covenants attached to its finance facilities that form part of its capital structure requirements. The Group currently has no interest bearing debt. The Group manages its capital structure and makes adjustments in light of economic conditions and the requirements of the financial covenants. To maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Group may adjust its dividend policy, return capital to shareholders, or issue new shares. No changes were made in the objectives, policies or processes during the years ended 30 June 2015 and 30 June 2014.

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### 21. Financial risk management objectives and policies

The Group's principal financial instruments comprise cash and short term deposits, receivables, available for sale investments and payables.

The Group manages its exposure to key financial risks in accordance with its risk management policy with the objective to ensure that the financial risks inherent in oil and gas exploration activities are identified and then managed or kept as low as reasonably practicable.

The main financial risks that arise in the normal course of business for the Group's financial instruments are foreign currency risk, commodity price risk, share price risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and interest rate risk. The Group uses different methods to measure and manage different types of risks to which it is exposed. These include monitoring exposure to foreign exchange risk and assessments of market forecast for interest rates, foreign exchange and commodity prices. Liquidity risk is monitored through the development of future rolling cash flow forecasts.

It is, and has been, throughout the period under review, the Board's policy that no speculative trading in financial instruments be undertaken.

The primary responsibility for the identification and control of financial risks rests with the Managing Director and the Chief Financial Officer, under the authority of the Board. The Board is apprised of these and other risks at Board meetings and agrees any policies that may be taken to manage any of the risks identified below.

Details of the significant accounting policies and methods adopted, including criteria for recognition, the basis of measurement and the basis on which income and expenses are recognised, in respect of each financial instrument are disclosed in Note 2 to the financial statements.

#### Fair value hierarchy

All financial instruments for which fair value is recognised or disclosed are categorised within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, and based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

**Level 1** — Quoted market prices in an active market (that are unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities

**Level 2** — Valuation techniques (for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is directly or indirectly observable)

**Level 3** — Valuation techniques (for which the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement is unobservable)

For financial instruments that are recognised at fair value on a recurring basis, the Group determines whether transfers have occurred between Levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing categorisation (based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole) at the end of each reporting period.

Set out below is an overview of financial instruments held by the Group, with a comparison of the carrying amounts and fair values as at 30 June 2015:

	Level	Carrying amount		Fair value	
		2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
<b>Consolidated</b>					
<b>Financial assets</b>					
Available for sale investments	1	1,343	26,040	1,343	26,040
<b>Financial liabilities</b>					
Success fee financial liability	3	3,066	4,004	3,066	4,004

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### 21. Financial risk management objectives and policies continued

The financial assets and liabilities of the Group are recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 2.

The following summarises the significant methods and assumptions used in estimating the fair values of financial instruments:

#### **Available for sale investments**

The fair value of available for sale investments is determined by reference to their quoted market price on a prescribed equity stock exchange at the reporting date, and hence is a level 1 fair value measurement.

#### **Success fee financial liability**

The success fee liability is the fair value of the Group's liability to pay a \$5,000,000 success fee upon the commencement of commercial production of hydrocarbons on the Group's BMG assets acquired on 7 May 2014. Refer to Note 19 for details. The significant unobservable valuation input for the success fee financial liability includes: a probability of 37% that no payment is made and a probability of 63% the payment is made in 2021; and discount rate of 2.98%.

#### **Derivative financial instruments**

The derivative financial instruments relate to options the Group has entered into to mitigate the risk on the Group's operating cash flow of oil price movements. At 30 June 2015, the fair value of these options is nil.

### **Market risk**

Market risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk: foreign currency risk, commodity price risk and interest rate risk. Financial instruments affected by market risk include deposits, trade receivables, trade payables and accrued liabilities.

The sensitivity analyses in the following sections relate to the position as at 30 June 2015 and 30 June 2014.

The sensitivity analyses have been prepared on the basis that the amount of the financial instruments in foreign currencies is all constant. The sensitivity analyses are intended to illustrate the sensitivity to changes in market variables on the Group's financial instruments and show the impact on profit or loss and shareholders' equity, where applicable.

The analyses exclude the impact of movements in market variables on the carrying value of provisions.

The following assumptions have been made in calculating the sensitivity analyses:

- The statement of financial position sensitivity relates to US-denominated trade receivables
- The sensitivity of the relevant profit before tax item and/or equity is the effect of the assumed changes in respective market risks. This is based on the financial assets and financial liabilities held at 30 June 2015 and 30 June 2014
- The impact on equity is the same as the impact on profit before tax

#### **a) Foreign currency risk**

The Group has transactional currency exposure arising from all its sales which are denominated in United States dollars, whilst almost all its costs are denominated in the Group's functional currency of Australian dollars.

In addition the Group operates internationally and is exposed to foreign exchange risk arising from various currency exposures, to the United States dollars, Euro's and Polish Zloty's. Transaction exposures, where possible, are netted off across the Group to reduce volatility and provide a natural hedge.

The Group may from time to time have cash denominated in United States dollars, Euro's and Polish Zloty's.

Currently the Group has no foreign exchange hedge programmes in place. The Chief Financial Officer manages the purchase of foreign currency to meet expenditure requirements, which cannot be netted off against US dollar receivables.

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### 21. Financial risk management objectives and policies continued

The financial instruments which are denominated in US dollars are as follows:-

	Consolidated	
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Cash	3,198	5,269
Term deposits at bank	43	1,618
Trade and other receivables (current and non-current)	6,360	4,531
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	1,265	2,897

The following table summarises the sensitivity of financial instruments held at the year end, to movements in the exchange rates for the Australian dollar to the foreign currency, with all other variables held constant.

	Impact on after tax profit	
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
<i>If the Australian dollar were higher at the balance date by 10%</i>	(758)	(775)
<i>If the Australian dollar were lower at the balance date by 10%</i>	926	947

	Impact on other comprehensive income	
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
<i>If the Australian dollar were higher at the balance date by 10%</i>	81	(15)
<i>If the Australian dollar were lower at the balance date by 10%</i>	(99)	18



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## 21. Financial risk management objectives and policies continued

### b) Commodity Price risk

The Group uses oil price options to manage some of its transaction exposures. These options are not designated as cash flow hedges and are entered into for periods consistent with oil price exposure of the underlying transactions, generally from one to 12 months.

The following table shows the effect of price changes in oil net of option contracts.

Commodity price risk arises from the sale of oil denominated in US dollars. The Group has provisional sales at 30 June 2015 of \$5,009,182 (2014: \$5,835,000).

	Impact on after tax profit	
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
<i>If the Brent Average price were higher at the balance date by 10%</i>	537	593
<i>If the Brent Average price were lower at the balance date by 10%</i>	(537)	(593)

### c) Interest rate risk

The Group has no borrowings at 30 June 2015 (2014: \$ nil) nor has the Group drawn and repaid any loans from a financial institution during the reporting period.

The Group has interest bearing deposits of \$31,993,000 (2014: \$39,506,670).

	Impact on after tax profit	
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
<i>If the interest rate were 1% rate higher at the balance date</i>	45	44
<i>If the interest rate were 1% rate lower at the balance date</i>	(46)	(39)

### Credit risk

Credit risk arises from the financial assets of the Group which comprise cash and cash equivalents and trade and other receivables. The Group's exposure to credit risk arises from potential default of the counter party, with a maximum exposure equal to the carrying amount of these instruments. Exposure at balance date is addressed in each applicable note.

The Group trades only with recognised creditworthy third parties. The Group has had no exposure to bad debts.

The Group has a concentration of credit risk with trade receivables due from a small number of entities which have traded with the Group since 2003.

Cash and cash equivalents and term deposits are held at three financial institutions that have a Standard & Poor's A credit rating or better. Trade receivables are settled on 30 to 90 day terms.

### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The liquidity position of the Group is managed to ensure sufficient liquid funds are available to meet all financial commitments in a timely and cost-effective manner. The Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer review the liquidity position on a weekly basis including cash flow forecasts to determine the forecast liquidity position and maintain appropriate liquidity levels.

Trade and other payables amounting to \$8,936,000 (2014: \$12,343,000) are payable within normal terms of 30 to 90 days.

Financial liability amounting to \$5,000,000 (undiscounted) will be payable upon the commencement of commercial production of hydrocarbons on the Group's BMG assets. The timing of this payment is uncertain but not expected to be within one year.

## Notes to the Financial Statements

### For the year ended 30 June 2015

#### 21. Financial risk management objectives and policies continued

Any fluctuation of the interest rate either up or down will have no impact on the principal amount of the cash on term deposit at the banks. The Group does not invest in financial instruments that are traded on any secondary market.

##### Share price risk

Share price risk arises from the movement of share prices on a prescribed stock exchange. The Group has available for sale investments the fair value of which fluctuates as a result of movement in the share price.

	Impact on available for sale investment reserve		Impact on profit before tax	
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
<i>If the share price were 10% higher at the balance date</i>	<b>134</b>	2,604	-	-
<i>If the share price were 10% lower at the balance date</i>	-	-	<b>(134)</b>	(2,604)

#### 22. Commitments and contingencies

	Consolidated	
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Operating lease commitments under non-cancellable office lease not provided for in the financial statements and payable:		
Within one year	<b>357</b>	277
After one year but not more than five years	<b>582</b>	778
After more than five years	-	-
Total minimum lease payments	<b>939</b>	1,055

The Parent entity leases a suite of offices in Adelaide from which it conducts its operations. The lease is for a further four years with an option to renew after that date.

Exploration capital commitments not provided in the financial statements and payable:

Within one year	<b>44,597</b>	11,742
After one year but not more than five years	<b>12,359</b>	19,228
After more than five years	-	-
Total minimum lease payments	<b>56,956</b>	30,970

As at 30 June 2015 the Parent entity has bank guarantees for \$4,067,000 (2014: \$4,520,000). These guarantees are in relation to performance bonds on exploration permits and guarantees on office leases.

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### 23. Interests in joint arrangements

The group has interests in a number of joint arrangements which are classified as joint operations. These joint operations are involved in the exploration and/or production of oil in Australia, Tunisia and Indonesia. The Group has the following interests in joint arrangements in the following major areas:

		Ownership Interest	
		2015	2014
<b>a) Joint Arrangements in which Cooper Energy Limited is the operator/manager</b>			
<b>Australia</b>			
PEL 186	Oil and gas exploration	<b>33.33%</b>	33.33%
VIC/L26	Oil and gas exploration and production	<b>65%</b>	65%
VIC/L27	Oil and gas exploration and production	<b>65%</b>	65%
VIC/L28	Oil and gas exploration and production	<b>65%</b>	65%
<b>Indonesia</b>			
Sukananti KSO	Oil and gas exploration and production	<b>55%</b>	55%
Sumbagsel PSC	Oil and gas exploration	<b>100%</b>	100%
Merangin III PSC	Oil and gas exploration	<b>100%</b>	100%
<b>Tunisia</b>			
Bargou Exploration Permit	Oil and gas exploration	<b>30%</b>	30%
Nabeul Exploration Permit	Oil and gas exploration	<b>85%</b>	85%
<b>b) Joint Arrangements in which Cooper Energy Limited is not the operator/manager</b>			
<b>Australia</b>			
PEL 90	Oil and gas exploration	<b>25%</b>	25%
PEL 93	Oil and gas exploration	<b>30%</b>	30%
PEL 100	Oil and gas exploration	<b>19.167%</b>	19.167%
PEL 110	Oil and gas exploration	<b>20%</b>	20%
PEL 494	Oil and gas exploration	<b>30%</b>	30%
PEL 495	Oil and gas exploration	<b>30%</b>	30%
PEP 150	Oil and gas exploration	<b>20%</b>	20%
PEP 168	Oil and gas exploration	<b>50%</b>	50%
PEP 171	Oil and gas exploration	<b>25%</b>	25%
PEP 151	Oil and gas exploration	<b>75%</b>	75%
PPL 207	Oil and gas exploration and production	<b>30%</b>	30%
PRL 32	Oil and gas exploration	<b>30%</b>	30%
PRL 85-104* (Formerly PEL 92)	Oil and gas exploration and production	<b>25%</b>	25%
VIC/RL3	Oil and gas exploration and production	50%	-
Orbest gas plant	Gas production	50%	-
<b>Tunisia</b>			
Hammamet Exploration Permit	Oil and gas exploration	<b>35%</b>	35%

\*Includes associated PPL's

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### 24. Related parties

The Group has a related party relationship with its subsidiaries, joint arrangements (see note 23) and with its key management personnel (refer to disclosure for key management personnel below).

#### Key management personnel disclosures

The following were key management personnel of the Group at any time during the reporting period and unless otherwise indicated were key management personnel for the entire period.

<b>Non-Executive Directors</b>	<b>Executive Directors</b>
Mr J Conde AO ( <i>Chairman</i> )	Mr D. Maxwell
Mr J. Schneider	Mr H. Gordon
Ms A. Williams	
<b>Executives at year end</b>	
Mr J. de Ross ( <i>Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary</i> )	
Ms A. Evans ( <i>Legal Counsel and Company Secretary</i> )	
Mr I. MacDougall ( <i>Operations Manager</i> )	
Mr A. Thomas ( <i>Exploration Manager</i> )	
Mr E. Glavas ( <i>Commercial and Business Development Manager – appointed 4 August 2014</i> )	

The key management personnell's remuneration included in General Administration (see note 4) are as follows:

	<b>Consolidated</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Short-term benefits	<b>3,983,833</b>	3,149,451
Long-term benefits	-	-
Post-employment benefits	<b>160,281</b>	123,832
Performance Rights	<b>1,129,020</b>	799,626
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,723,134</b>	4,072,909

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#### 24. Related parties continued

##### Subsidiaries

The Group financial statements include the financial statements of Cooper Energy Limited and the subsidiaries listed in the following table.

Name	Country of incorporation	Equity interest	
		2015 %	2014 %
Cooper Energy Indonesia Limited	British Virgin Islands	100%	100%
Cooper Energy Sukananti Limited	British Virgin Islands	100%	100%
Cooper Energy Sumbagsel Limited	British Virgin Islands	100%	100%
Cooper Energy Merangin III Limited	British Virgin Islands	100%	100%
CE Tunisia Bargou Ltd	British Virgin Islands	100%	100%
CE Hammamet Ltd	British Virgin Islands	100%	100%
CE Nabeul Ltd	British Virgin Islands	100%	100%
Cooper Energy (Seruway) Pty Ltd	Australia	100%	100%
CE Poland Pty Ltd	Australia	100%	100%
Somerton Energy Limited	Australia	100%	100%
Essential Petroleum Exploration Pty Ltd	Australia	100%	100%
Cooper Energy (PBGPF) Pty Ltd	Australia	100%	100%
CE Poland Coopertief UA	Netherlands	99%	99%
CE Polska sp z.o.o.	Poland	100%	100%

##### Joint arrangements

During the reporting period, the Group provided geological and technical services to joint arrangements it manages at a cost of \$2,822,000 (2014: \$1,929,000). At the end of the financial period, \$391,000 was outstanding for these services (2014: \$1,004,000).

An impairment assessment is undertaken each financial year of related party receivables by examining the financial position of the related party and their investment in the respective joint ventures which are prospecting for hydrocarbons to determine whether there is objective evidence that a related party receivable is impaired. When such objective evidence exists, the Group recognises an allowance for the impairment loss.

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#### 25. Share based payment plans

On 16 December 2011 shareholders of Cooper Energy approved the establishment of an Employee Performance Rights Plan whereby the Board can, subject to certain conditions, issue performance rights to employees to acquire shares in the parent entity.

During the financial year, issues were made on December 2014. The performance rights were issued for no consideration. The right extends to the holder the right to be vested with shares in the parent entity.

Testing of the performance rights will be in three equal tranches over the term of the right to be determined in the fourth calendar quartile of each year. At the end of the three year measurement period, those rights that were tested and achieved will vest.

The vesting test is two parts. Up to 25% of the eligible rights to be tested are determined from the absolute total shareholder return of Cooper Energy's share price against its own share price at the date of the grant of the right. If the return is less than 5% no rights will vest. If the return is between 5% and 25% the rights that will vest will be between 6.25% and 12.5% of the eligible rights. If the return is greater than 25% up to 25% of the eligible rights will vest.

The second part is for the remaining 75% of the eligible rights to vest and is determined from the absolute total shareholder return of Cooper Energy's share price ranked against a weighted basket of absolute total shareholder returns of peer companies listed on the Australian Stock Exchange. If Cooper Energy's ranking is lower than 6 out of 9 of peer companies no rights will vest. If the ranking is 5<sup>th</sup> 50% of rights the eligible rights will vest. If Cooper Energy is ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>, prorate 50% to 100% of the eligible rights will vest and if it ranks 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>, 100% of the eligible rights will vest.

Rights that do not qualify for vesting in any one year can be carried forward to the following year for testing of vesting eligibility. There are no participating rights or entitlements inherent in the rights and holders will not be entitled to participate in new issues of capital offered to shareholders during the period of the rights. All rights are settled by physical delivery of shares.

Information with respect to the number of performance rights granted to employees is as follows:

Date Granted	Number of rights granted	Average share price at commencement date of grant (cents)	Average contractual life of rights at grant date in years	Remaining life of rights in years
2 August 2012	252,980	\$0.437	3	0
10 December 2012	5,172,342	\$0.574	3	1
31 May 2013	267,607	\$0.471	3	1
6 November 2013	6,581,999	\$0.405	3	2
28 April 2014	312,033	\$0.510	3	2
<b>1 December 2014</b>	<b>6,584,708</b>	<b>\$0.285</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

The number of performance rights held by employees is as follows:

	Number of rights 2015	Number of rights 2014
Balance at beginning of year	14,748,003	8,561,370
- granted	6,584,708	6,894,032
- vested	(2,669,814)	(135,588)
- expired and not exercised	(223,478)	-
- forfeited following employee resignation	(1,162,444)	(571,811)
Balance at end of year	17,276,975	14,748,003
Achieved at end of year	1,746,390	1,704,527

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#### 25. Share based payment plans continued

The fair value of services received in return for the performance rights granted are measured by reference to the fair value of performance rights granted. The estimate of the fair value of the services received is measured based on the Black-Scholes methodology to produce a Monte-Carlo simulation model that allows for the incorporation of market based performance hurdles that must be met before the shares vest to the holder.

<b>Fair value assumptions</b>	<b>2 August 2012</b>
Fair value at measurement date	40.6 cents

Share price	48.5 cents
Risk free interest rate	2.65%
Expected volatility	42%
Dividend yield	0%

<b>Fair value assumptions</b>	<b>10 December 2012</b>
Fair value at measurement date	45.8 cents

Share price	58.5 cents
Risk free interest rate	2.64%
Expected volatility	43%
Dividend yield	0%

<b>Fair value assumptions</b>	<b>31 May 2013</b>
Fair value at measurement date	24.9 cents

Share price	38 cents
Risk free interest rate	2.59%
Expected volatility	44%
Dividend yield	0%

<b>Fair value assumptions</b>	<b>6 November 2013</b>
Fair value at measurement date	31.2 cents

Share price	40.5 cents
Risk free interest rate	2.82%
Expected volatility	48%
Dividend yield	0%

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### 25. Share based payment plans continued

<b>Fair value assumptions</b>	<b>28 April 2014</b>
Fair value at measurement date	36.0 cents
Share price	51.0 cents
Risk free interest rate	2.72%
Expected volatility	49%
Dividend yield	0%
<b>Fair value assumptions</b>	<b>1 December 2014</b>
Fair value at measurement date	19.4 cents
Share price	28.5 cents
Risk free interest rate	2.35%
Expected volatility	51%
Dividend yield	0%

### 26. Auditors remuneration

	<b>Consolidated</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
The auditor of Cooper Energy Limited is Ernst & Young		
Amounts received or due and receivable by Ernst & Young Australia for:		
Auditing and review of financial reports of the entity and the consolidated group	<b>183,120</b>	201,220
Other services	-	-
	<b>183,120</b>	201,220
Amounts received or due and receivable by related practices of Ernst & Young Australia for:		
Auditing and review of financial reports of an entity in the consolidated group	-	-
	<b>183,120</b>	201,220



# Notes to the Financial Statements

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### 27. Parent entity information

Information relating to Cooper Energy Limited	Parent Entity	
	2015 \$'000	2014 \$'000
Current Assets	45,939	54,535
Total Assets	173,462	240,278
Current Liabilities	8,179	12,961
Total Liabilities	61,323	72,339
Issued capital	115,460	114,625
(Accumulated loss) / Retained profits	(9,119)	45,168
Option premium reserve	25	25
Realised and unrealised (loss)/gain on available for sale financial assets	-	3,141
Share based payment reserve	5,773	4,980
Total shareholders' equity	112,139	167,939
Profit/(loss) of the parent entity	(54,287)	21,024
Total comprehensive income/(loss) of the parent entity	(3,260)	6,522

#### Commitments and Contingencies

Operating lease commitments under non-cancellable office lease not provided for in the financial statements and payable:

Within one year	357	277
After one year but not more than five years	582	778
After more than five years	-	-
Total minimum lease payments	939	1,055

### 28. Events after the reporting period

#### Sales agreement for Sole Gas Project

On 3 August 2015 the Group announced the signing of a Heads of Agreement with O-I Australia which defines the key terms for the sale of gas from the Sole gas field. The key terms set out in the Heads of Agreement will form the basis of a fully termed gas sales agreement which will be subject to an affirmative Final Investment Decision for development of the Sole gas field.

#### Consolidation of PEL 494 and PEL 495

The consolidation of PEL 494 and PEL 495, located in the Otway basin, was approved pursuant to the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000 on 6 August 2015 with an effective date of 20 March 2015. The consolidated area was designated as PEL 494 and the former PEL 495 was consequently revoked.

#### BMG retention lease

The BMG Joint Venture currently holds life-of-field Production Licences VIC/L26, VIC/L27 & VIC/L28 over the BMG fields. Pursuant to the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006, the Joint Authority may terminate a production licence if no petroleum recovery operations under the licence have been carried on at any time during a continuous period of at least 5 years. The Joint Venture plans to submit applications to convert the existing licences to petroleum retention leases by 18 August 2015 in order to preserve tenure over these blocks until petroleum recovery operations can again commence. The reversion to petroleum retention leases may have consequences on Petroleum Resource Rent Tax as noted in note 5.

## Directors' Declaration

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In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of Cooper Energy Limited, I 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 consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2015 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) and the Corporations Regulations 2001;
- (b) the financial statements and notes also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in note 2b;
- (c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the consolidated entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and
- (d) this declaration has been made after receiving the declarations required to be made to the Directors in accordance with section 295A of the *Corporations Act 2001* for the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Directors.



Mr John C. Conde AO  
**Chairman**

17 August 2015



Mr David P. Maxwell  
**Director**

## Independent auditor's report to the members of Cooper Energy Limited

### Report on the financial report

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Cooper Energy Limited, which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2015, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, 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 year's end or from time to time during the financial year.

### Directors' responsibility for the financial report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the 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 financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In Note 2, the directors also state, in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, that the financial statements comply with *International Financial Reporting Standards*.

### Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal controls. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Independence

In conducting our audit 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.

## Opinion

In our opinion:

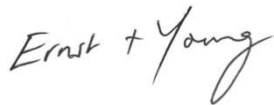
- a. the financial report of Cooper Energy Limited is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
  - i giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2015 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
  - ii complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*; and
- b. the financial report also complies with *International Financial Reporting Standards* as disclosed in Note 2.

## Report on the remuneration report

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in pages 13 to 27 of the directors' report for the year ended 30 June 2015. The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Remuneration Report in accordance with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Remuneration Report, based on our audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.

## Opinion

In our opinion, the Remuneration Report of Cooper Energy Limited for the year ended 30 June 2015, complies with section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.



Ernst & Young



T S Hammond  
Partner  
Adelaide  
17 August 2015



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

In relation to our audit of the financial report of Cooper Energy Limited for the financial year ended 30 June 2015, 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.

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Ernst & Young

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'T S Hammond'.

T S Hammond  
Partner  
Adelaide  
17 August 2015

## Abbreviations and terms

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This Report uses terms and abbreviations relevant to the company, its accounts and the petroleum industry.

The terms "the company" and "Cooper Energy" and "the Group" are used in the report to refer to Cooper Energy Limited and/or its subsidiaries. The terms "2015", "FY15" or "2015 financial year" refer to the 12 months ended 30 June 2015 unless otherwise stated. References to "2014", "FY14" or other years refer to the 12 months ended 30 June of that year.

**bbls:** barrels of oil

**EBITDA:** earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation

**kbbls:** thousand barrels of oil

**boe:** barrels of oil equivalent

**bopd:** barrels of oil per day

**MMbbl:** million barrels of oil

**MMboe:** million barrels of oil equivalent

**LTI:** lost time injury

**LTIFR:** lost time injury frequency rate: lost time injuries per million hours worked

**PEL 92:** the South Australian Cooper Basin acreage operated by the PEL 92 Joint Venture that previously fell within the PEL 92 licence and now falls within the retention leases PRL's 85 – 104 and the production licences PPL's 204, 205, 207, 220, 224, 245 – 250

**PJ:** petajoule

# Corporate Directory

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