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# **ATP2021 VALI PROSPECT UPDATE**

- Operator Vintage Energy's sub-surface work on Vali has significantly increased the prospective resources attributed to the prospect;
- The 100% increase compared with Metgasco's November 2018 estimates underscores the prospectivity of ATP2021;
- A Letter of Intent signed with Schlumberger Rig SLR185 to drill Vali-1;
- Vali-1 is expected to spud in late 2019.

Metgasco Ltd (ASX:MEL) (**Metgasco** or **the Company**) notes Licence operator Vintage Energy Ltd ("Vintage", ASX: VEN)'s ASX release of 1/10/19.

Vintage has taken on the role of operator diligently and efficiently progressed operational planning to sign off a LOI for the SLR 185 drilling rig from Schlumberger to secure a late 2019 Spud for Vali-1.

Vintage's sub-surface team have also completed an in-depth analysis of sub-surface information and calculated gross (100%) recoverable prospective resources (Patchawarra and Toolachee) of 38.1 Bcf, a substantial increase on earlier estimates. Vintage's work indicates a 100% increase in prospective resources compared to Metgasco's prospective resource estimates from November 2018.

This significant increase is due to Vintage mapping a larger structural closure as well as increasing the estimated net pay due to reducing the porosity cut-off, in anticipation of well stimulation on success.

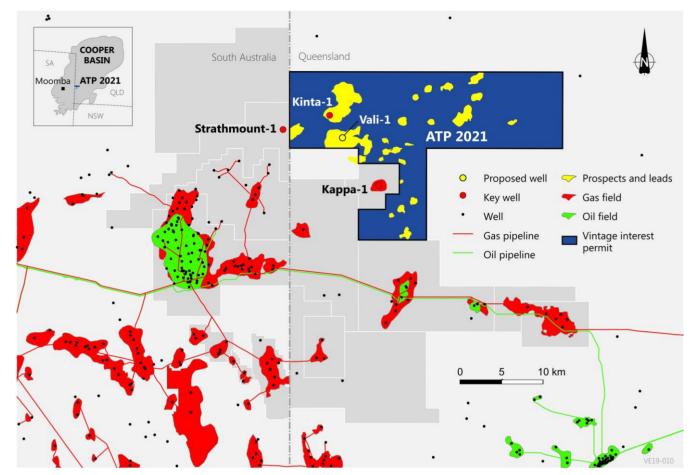
Vali -1 Prospect	Metgasco 2U/ Best	Vintage 2U/ Best	Vintage 2U Best
	Estimate (100%) –	Estimate (100%)-	Estimate (25 % net
	Nov 2018	Sept 2019	MEL)- Sept 2019
Patchawarra and Toolachee Formations	19 Bcf*	38.1 Bcf**	9.5 Bcf

<sup>\*</sup>Refer Metgasco ASX announcement on 26 Nov 2018 \*\*Refer Vintage ASX announcement on 1 Oct 2019

Vintage also calculate the chance of geological success to be 34% for both the Patchawarra and the Toolachee formations in the Vali-1 prospect and estimate the chance of a commercial discovery to be high given nearby infrastructure and market accessibility.

As announced to the market on 22 May 2019, Metgasco farmed out a 50% interest in ATP2021 to Vintage who will contribute 65% of the cost of Vali-1 (up to a gross cost of \$5.3 million), paying for 65% of past exploration costs, and funding up to \$70,000 of 2D and 3D reprocessing.

On 29th August Metgasco farmed out a further 25% of ATP2021 to Bridgeport (Cooper Basin) Ltd (a subsidiary of New Hope Corporation) who will contribute 32.5% of the cost of Vali-1(up to gross cost of \$5.3 million) and pay Metgasco's future exploration costs up to \$263,900 net on ATP2021. These two farm-out deals have achieved a free carry for Metgasco on the Vali prospect. (See Vali-1 Location on ATP2021 Map below)



Source: Vintage Energy, Metgasco

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