



# ASX Announcement

30 April 2020

## Comet Ridge Awarded ATP 2048 (Mahalo North Block)

- Comet Ridge formally awarded ATP 2048 by Queensland Government
- Large 450 km<sup>2</sup> block, close to infrastructure, 100% interest
- Initial Environmental Authority granted
- Native Title agreement formally executed
- Technical & Planning work continuing on high quality fairway running from Mahalo up into Mahalo North block

After being awarded preferred tenderer status in late October 2019 (see ASX release 30 October 2019) Comet Ridge Limited (ASX:COI) is very pleased to announce it has now met the conditions to be awarded the Authority to Prospect No 2048 (ATP 2048) by Queensland's Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (DNRME).

The two most significant steps since being awarded preferred tenderer status in late 2019, were obtaining the Environmental Authority (EA) from the Department of Environment and Science and concluding a formal Native Title Agreement with the registered Native Title Claimant. These have now been completed, clearing the way for DNRME to formally award the block to Comet Ridge Mahalo North Pty Ltd as 100% equity holder.

Comet Ridge Chairman, James McKay, said today opens a new chapter in the progression of Comet Ridge from explorer to a producing company. This is the first block the Company has held as operator that is close to infrastructure, with 100% equity. The block is not only large and highly prospective, but sits just north of the Mahalo JV area, where Comet Ridge is already 40% equity holder. From its time as Exploration Operator of Mahalo, Comet Ridge has a deep geologic understanding and a significant amount of geological data from the area.

Comet Ridge Managing Director, Tor McCaul said that whilst work was progressing over the past five months on gaining the required approvals, technical subsurface work has continued. This additional subsurface analysis, combined with optimisation of well design and an ongoing review of additional third party seismic that runs through both Mahalo and Mahalo North, has allowed Comet Ridge to increase its confidence in the extension of the production fairway from Mahalo into the Mahalo North acreage.

Based on the extensive data set within the Mahalo Gas Project, Comet Ridge has modelled that a dual lateral well in this fairway, if drilled to 1500m in length, could flow in the range of 2 to 3 MMscf/d (millions of standard cubic feet of gas per day). This is consistent with upscaling of the observed well performance from the much shorter Mahalo 7 and Mira 6 lateral wells and will be refined following testing of the initial Mahalo North pilot wells. Both the Mahalo 7 and Mira 6 lateral wells at Mahalo, although drilled in the same highly prospective fairway at the same depth range, were significantly shorter wells than is currently planned for Mahalo North.

## A compelling east coast gas play

Comet Ridge Limited | ABN 47 106 092 577 | ASX: COI

Level 3, 410 Queen Street  
Brisbane Queensland 4000  
GPO Box 798 Brisbane Qld 4001  
Phone +61 7 3221 3661  
Email: [comet@cometridge.com.au](mailto:comet@cometridge.com.au)  
[cometridge.com.au](http://cometridge.com.au)

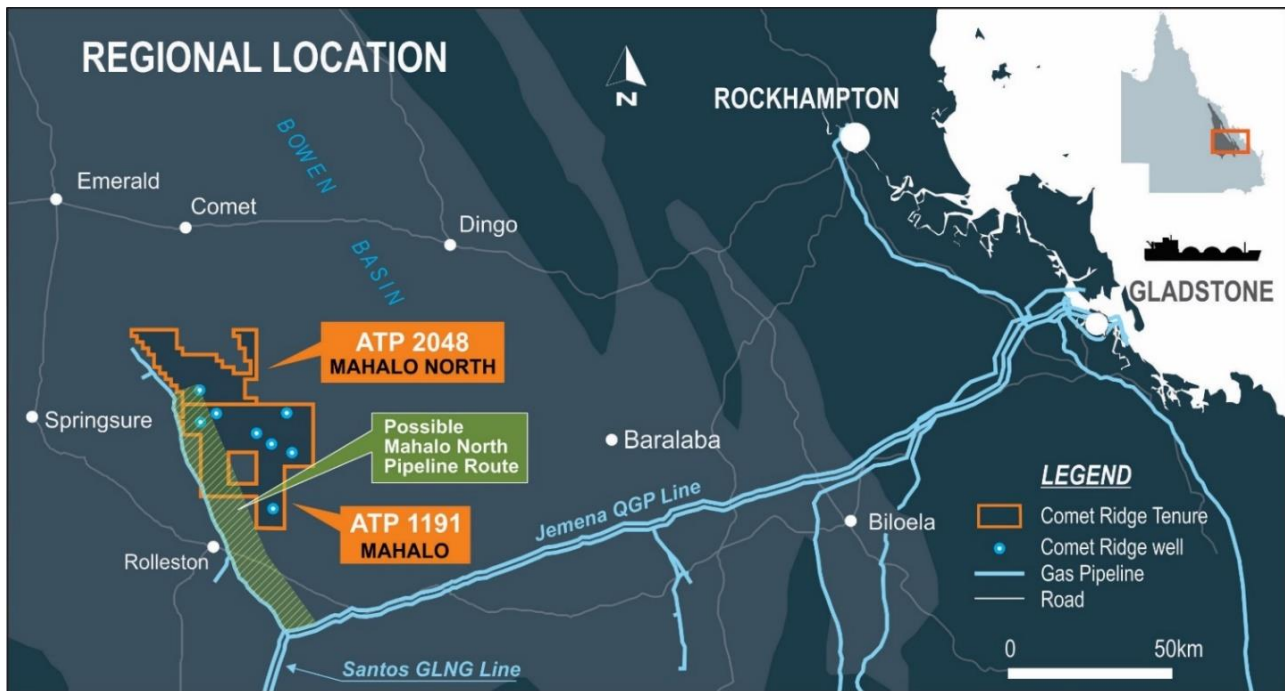


Figure 1 – Regional Location of ATP 2048 Mahalo North sitting just north of Mahalo JV block

Conceptual development plans for Mahalo North, suggest that the block has the potential to deliver up to 20 TJ/d, which at 100% equity provides a very meaningful gas sales volume in addition to Comet Ridge’s 40% share of production from the Mahalo Gas Project.

Mr McCaul said that Comet Ridge continued to explore a number of options to get this permit to production as quickly as possible. Key factors in enabling this are gas sales and transportation agreements. A number of parties continued to express an interest in purchasing gas from Mahalo North, which has a domestic market obligation. The commercial discussions around several gas transportation options were continuing. Mr McCaul also said he was pleased with the vote of confidence given to Comet Ridge by the Queensland Government in awarding the block and allowing the Company to start to progress towards becoming a producer with one of the state’s larger and highest quality bid blocks.

**By Authority of Board per: Tor McCaul, Managing Director**  
**For more information or photos:**

Tor McCaul  
Managing Director  
Phone +61 7 3221 3661  
tor.mccaul@cometridge.com.au

Peter Harding-Smith  
Chief Financial Officer  
Phone +61 7 3221 3661  
peter.harding-smith@cometridge.com.au

#### About Comet Ridge

Comet Ridge Limited (ASX: COI) is a publicly-listed Australian energy company focused on the development of gas resources for the east coast Australian market. The company has tenement interests and a suite of prospective projects in Queensland and New South Wales. Our flagship Mahalo and Mahalo North projects are low cost, sales spec gas plays close to Gladstone, targeting first gas by 2021. Our exploration assets in the Galilee and Gunnedah basins offer further upside amid increasing domestic and international demand for gas as a source of cleaner energy.