

## **ASX Announcement**

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# SEROWE-3.3 WELL SUCCESSFULLY SPUDDED - COMMERCIAL PILOT PROGRAMME ADVANCES

### **Highlights:**

- Serowe-3.3 well successfully spudded.
- Major milestone: commencement of the second of four additional wells around Serowe-3 well of Project Pitse's commercial pilot programme.

Botala Energy Ltd (ACN 626 751 620) ("**Botala**") is pleased to announce the second pilot well for project Pitse was spudded overnight reaching a depth of 66m. Project Pitse is Botala's inaugural commercial pilot production programme of the Serowe Coal Bed Methane (CBM) Project in Botswana.

Project Pitse is a 4-well drilling programme within an approximate 800m radius of the existing Serowe-3.1 well which is flowing increasing volumes of CBM gas to surface. The first of the 4 wells (Serowe-3.2) was completed and logged on 27 September with coal seam thicknesses consistent with the Serowe-3.1 well. Drilling of the remaining 3 wells will be back-to-back and likely to be completed before the Christmas period.

#### **About Project Pitse**

The objective is to determine the commercial flow-rate potential within the surrounds of the Serowe-3.1 well and to convert this cluster of five wells into the first commercial production location of Project Pitse, in that region of Botala's Serowe CBM Project of ~420,000 ha.

#### **Project Pitse Layout**

The original Serowe-3 well is the northern most well, renamed Serowe-3.1, adjacent to the evaporation pond that will serve the five-well cluster shown in Figure 1.

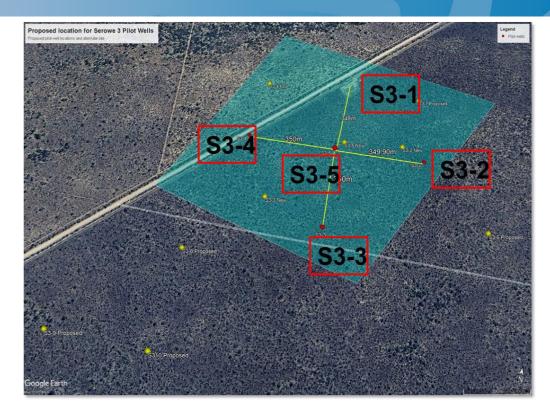


Figure 1 - Serowe-3 Pilot Well Locations.

Three of the four wells will test gas that comes from the 3 intercepted coal seams: the Serowe, followed by the Upper and then the Lower Morupule coal seams. The fourth well will drill through the Serowe coal seam only, to determine the contribution of gas from this seam.

#### **Botala CEO Kris Martinick commented:**

"It has been a very busy period operationally and the team have had a well-earned break and are ready to get back to drilling. We are very focused on continuing with Project Pitse with a key focus on the Serowe Coal seam which is very prominent in our acreage area along with the lower Morupule Coal seams which are more regional."

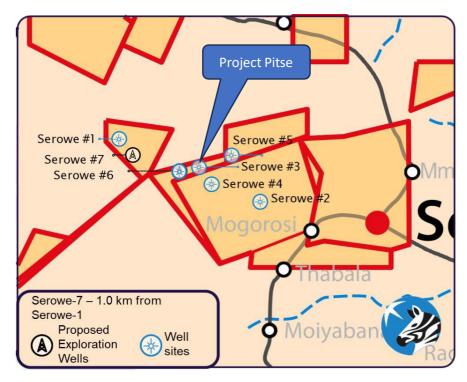


Figure 2 - Serowe CBM Project & Well Locations

#### **Cautionary Statement**

The estimated quantities of coal bed methane that may be potentially recovered by the application of a future development project relate to undiscovered accumulations. These estimates have both an associated risk of discovery and a risk of development. Further exploration, appraisal and evaluation are required to determine the existence of a significant quantity of potentially movable gas.

This ASX announcement was approved and authorised for release by the CEO.

Yours faithfully

**BOTALA ENERGY LTD** 

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This report is lodged on Botala's website, www.botalaenergy.com

#### About Botala

ASX-listed Botala is exploring and developing production of coal bed methane (**CBM**) from its 70% owned Serowe CBM Project which is in a high-grade CBM region of Botswana. The remaining 30% are owned by ASX-listed Pure Hydrogen Corporation Ltd pursuant to a joint venture agreement with Botala. As Operator, Botala is focussed on developing the Serowe CBM Project and related early-stage renewable energy opportunities and believes that there are considerable opportunities for Botala to commercialise CBM because of the demand for reliable and affordable electricity and liquified natural gas (LNG) in Botswana and neighbouring countries.

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