

## Karoon reaches financial close on its new US\$160 million debt facility and implements hedging program

Karoon Energy Ltd (ASX:KAR) is pleased to announce that financial close has been reached on the Company's US\$160 million reserve-based, non-recourse, syndicated debt facility. An initial draw down, in accordance with the facility agreement, of US\$30 million has been made in preparation for investments in the Baúna intervention campaign and Patola development.

This marks a significant step in the evolution of Karoon's funding mix, broadening access to capital sources to include debt finance and deepening relationships with a high-quality lending group, comprising Deutsche Bank, ING, Macquarie and Shell.

To support both Karoon's investment plans and the debt facility, Karoon has entered into oil hedges over the underlying ICE Brent price as per the table below, at an up-front cash cost of just under US\$10 million. The hedges cover around 30% or less of forecast production<sup>1</sup> in respect of the balance of the 2022 financial year (FY) and FY2023.

Importantly, in respect of FY22, Karoon has entered into a combination of bought puts and sold calls in order to maximise exposure to higher oil prices while managing the up-front cash cost.

Financial year (Period)	Bought put strike (US\$/bbl)	Put volume ('000 bbl)	Sold call - average strike (US\$/bbl)	Call volume ('000 bbl)
FY22 (Dec-Jun)	65	994	87.5	426
FY23 (Jul-Jun)	65	2,316	83.4	2,316
FY24 (Jul-Sep)	65	630	82.5	630

The hedging structure has the following features:

- The bought put provides a floor price (the put strike) on the hedged barrels, mitigating the risk of lower oil prices.
- The sold call option allows price participation up to a ceiling (the call strike) on the hedged barrels.
- The structure is cost effective, with the sold call premium helping to fund the bought put premium.

<sup>1</sup> Based on natural decline and operational uptime assumptions and assumes Baúna intervention and Patola projects are delivered within targets.

### Comments from Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director, Dr Julian Fowles:

“Reaching financial close and drawing down on the debt facility marks another major milestone for Karoon as the Company embarks on its growth plans to double production over the coming 18 months. While the facility was established to support Karoon’s sanctioned growth ambitions, it also develops key strategic relationships with a high-quality lending group and proves Karoon’s credentials as a borrower, supported by an excellent producing asset which has now reached 12 months of safe and reliable operations under Karoon ownership.

I am also pleased that we have been able to implement a hedging program at a time of favourable oil prices. The hedging mitigates oil price downside risk on the hedged barrels, at a price considerably higher than our operating costs, while retaining substantial exposure to the upside. It is notable that the ceiling established by the call strike price is well in excess of the maximum oil price of US\$70 per barrel within the Petrobras contingent payment structure.

Being one of the only pure oil plays listed on the ASX, we recognise that many shareholders invest in Karoon for its oil price exposure. We remain unhedged, with no oil price floors or ceilings, for the majority of the Company’s production, ensuring that Karoon will continue to be exposed to oil price movements.”

This announcement has been authorised for release by the Board of Karoon Energy Ltd.

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### About Karoon Energy Ltd

Karoon Energy Ltd. is an international oil and gas exploration and production company with assets in Brazil and Australia and is an ASX listed company.

Karoon aims to be an agile and sustainable global energy company delivering profits through a high-quality portfolio of production, development and exploration assets. The Company seeks to provide energy to an ever-changing world, creating value for our shareholders and the broader community.

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