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## Providing Australia with 24/7 Renewable Energy

Delivering clean geothermal energy: Renewable, continuous, flexible, abundant, now

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## Earths Energy - a unique geothermal portfolio in Australia

Earths Energy has secured a substantial geothermal tenement footprint near potential customers in South Australia and Queensland



#### Why Geothermal?

- 24/7 renewable energy production: Differentiated from other renewables
- Proven Base Load Power: 16.3GWe installed capacity in over 30 countries<sup>1</sup>
- Advantages over other Renewables: Flexible (dispatchable) Not weather dependent, Small land footprint - Minimal land use, Abundant (enormous resource) – Scalability, Low ongoing capex, Modular, Low Carbon Intensity
- Advanced Geothermal Systems: Significant recent technology advancements (Advanced Closed Loop Technologies) to enable access to a greater resource in more locations
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International Renewable Energy Agency<sup>2</sup>

"... we think global geothermal capacity has the potential to exceed 1,000 GW by 2050, bigger than either global nuclear or hydro capacity today." Wood Mackenzie<sup>3</sup>

"...if geothermal goes global, we estimate that cumulative investment through 2050 could be **US\$1 trillion**.. a **technological breakthrough** that could catapult today's tiny, exclusively hot-spot energy source into a global industry may now be near at hand." Wood Mackenzie<sup>4</sup>



https://www.thinkgeoenergy.com/thinkgeoenergys-top-10-geothermal-countries-2023-power-generation-capacity/
 https://www.irena.org/-/media/Files/IRENA/Agency/Publication/2017/Aug/IRENA\_Geothermal\_Power\_2017.pdf.
 https://www.woodmac.com/news/the-edge/future-energy-geothermal-power/

## **Corporate Snapshot** - a high calibre team of energy industry leaders

#### **Board and Management**

#### **Capital Structure**



Matt Kay **Managing Director** 

A seasoned energy industry executive with +30 years of experience. Most recently Mr Kay was the Managing Director of Beach Energy, having quadrupled the size of the company over a 6year period, to a circa A\$4 billion listed ASX company.



#### **Grant Davey Executive Chair**

Entrepreneur with 30 years in mining and energy project leadership, Chairman of Frontier Energy (ASX:FHE), Director of Lotus Resources (ASX:LOT), and is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



**David Wheeler Non-Executive Director** 

Over 30 years of experience in executive management and advisory, working with Pathways Corporate for family offices and ASX-listed companies. Mr Wheeler has international project experience in major regions and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, holding multiple directorships.



#### **Chris Bath Finance Director**

A Chartered Accountant with over 20 years of senior management experience in energy and resources, including financial reporting, commercial management, project acquisition, and ASX compliance. Mr Bath is **Executive Director and** Company Secretary of Frontier Energy Limited (ASX:FHE) and Company Secretary of Copper Strike Limited (ASX:CSE)



### Head of Subsurface

A geologist with over 30 years in global energy, specialising in decarbonization, petroleum E&P, and R&D. Dr Meckel has been a Subject Matter Expert for Strike Energy, Storage Program Manager at CO2CRC, and Vice President at Pluspetrol, a leading energy company in Latin America. Dr Meckel is Secretary of the Australian Geothermal Association



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## Geothermal

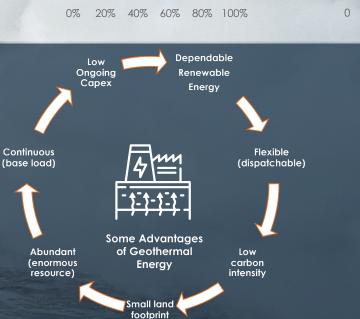
## - a structurally advantaged source of renewable energy

#### Structural advantages - high capacity factor and low cost

- 24/7 renewable energy production
- Geothermal has the highest capacity factor of renewables
  - Geothermal capacity factor is > 80%, compared to < 50% for other key renewable energy sources such as wind and solar<sup>1</sup>
- Geothermal is the lowest cost dispatchable source of power in the USA
  - Lowest levelized cost of electricity (LCOE) for dispatchable technologies in the USA at US\$37.3 per MWh<sup>2</sup>

#### Advantages over alternative sources of Renewable Energy

- Small land footprint Minimal land use
- Abundant (enormous resource) Scalability
  - "There's enough heat flowing from inside the earth to meet total global energy demand twice over." (MIT Technology Review)<sup>3</sup>
- Low ongoing capex
- Modular
- Low Carbon Intensity



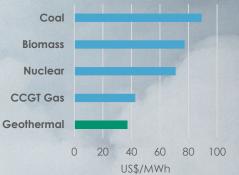
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1 - IRENA, Global Geothermal Market and Technology Assessment, 2023 2 – https://www.eia.gov/outlooks/aeo/, 2023 3 - https://climate.mit.edu/posts/what-it-will-take-unleash-potential-geothermal-power



LCOE – dispatchable<sup>2</sup>





## Geothermal growth

## - steady, constrained to favourable locations

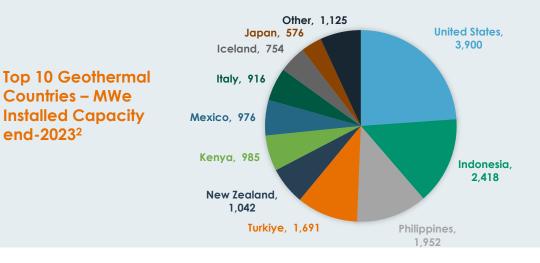
#### Geothermal energy is well established globally

- Geothermal energy has been produced for over 100 years and geothermal power plants have been installed in 30 countries
- As of January 2024, global geothermal power generation capacity stood at 16,335 MWe with 208 MWe capacity installed during 2023<sup>1</sup>
- Over 400 plants world wide, on average ~40MWe

#### Has historically been constrained to specific environments

- Despite its huge potential, growth over the last decade of geothermal electricity generation has been steady rather than spectacular compared to other renewable sources of energy such as wind or solar.
- Historically the global industry focused on "hot rocks", >200°C in tectonically and volcanically active areas, e.g. Pacific Ring of Fire
- Permeability of rocks has been key to enable transport of heat through the rocks to surface in fluid

#### Historical Geothermal Generation – Installed Capacity MWe<sup>1</sup> 18000 16000 14000 12000 10000 8000 6000 4000 2000 1970 1975 1985 1995 2000 2005 2010 2015 2020 1980 1990 Asia and Oceania North America Eurasia Latin America Africa and Middle East



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## Advanced Geothermal Technologies – key to unlocking the vast resource

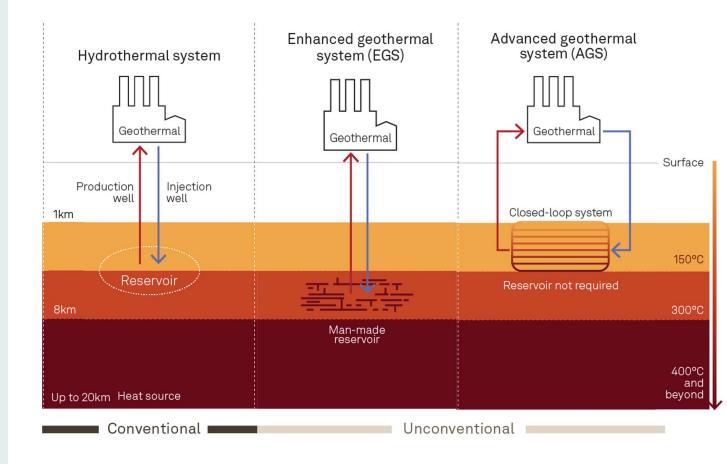
#### Binary cycle power plants and advanced closed loop technology

"The development of geothermal power has historically been confined to hydrothermal sites – shallower resources with high temperatures, naturally occurring water and sufficient rock permeability. However, these resources are highly constrained...

Next-generation geothermal technologies – like Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS) and Advanced Geothermal Systems (AGS) – aim to create conditions for geothermal energy in areas where natural exploitation was otherwise impossible. This has the potential to unlock geothermal energy for many countries." BloombergNEF<sup>2</sup>

- Technological advancement, in the form of binary cycle power plants, have enabled use of geothermal fluids at lower temperatures (80°C - 180°C) and shallower depths
- In an Advanced Geothermal System, 100% of fluid flows in a closed cycle - Does not require permeability of hot rocks, No fluid injection or emissions, Technology has been proven, is currently being scaled

#### Next Generation Geothermal<sup>1</sup>





1 - https://www.spglobal.com/commodityinsights/en/market-insights/latest-news/energy-transition/011124-infographic-next-generation-technologies-set-

the-scene-for-accelerated-geothermal-growth-energy-transition

2 - https://about.bnef.com/blog/next-generation-geothermal-technologies-are-heating-up/

## Technology advancements - driving increased drilling and investment

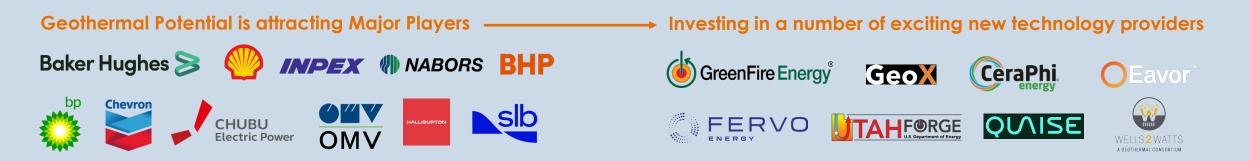
#### Investment is ramping up rapidly

- Interest in next-generation geothermal technologies is driving record levels of geothermal drilling and R&D Investment.
- In the last 3 years, geothermal start-ups secured over half a billion US Dollars in early stage funding
- Rystad Energy<sup>2</sup> has forecast that installed capacity for geothermal power generation will reach 32 gigawatt-electric (GWe) globally by 2030, nearly double the installed capacity today.
- They also estimate that the geothermal power industry is projected to record total investments for geothermal power projects of US\$6.4 billion in 2023 and is then expected to grow at a CAGR of approximately 10.2% until 2030, resulting in a market size of US\$14 billion.

#### Funding for next-gen geothermal has surged<sup>1</sup>

Disclosed deal value for selected geothermal start-ups (US\$mn)







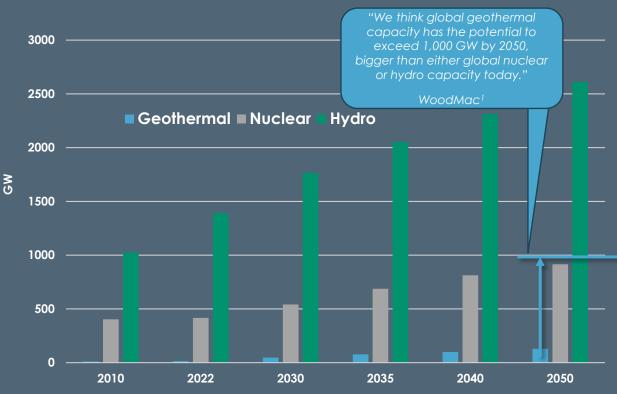
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## Potential impact of technology – unlocking Australia and the World's vast Geothermal resource

#### The bulk of geothermal resources remain unexploited

- The International Energy Agency estimates that geothermal derived power generation will increase circa eight fold between now and 2050<sup>2</sup>
- Unlocking the 'location restriction' by further technological advances has the potential to release a huge clean base-load geothermal resource.
  - The International Renewable Energy Agency reported<sup>3</sup> that the amount of heat within 10 km of the Earth's surface was estimated to contain 50,000 times more energy than all oil and gas resources worldwide.
- Independent research firms such as Wood Mackenzie have written that this level of growth may only be the tip of the iceberg due to the impact of new technologies

#### Geothermal has potential to exceed 1,000 GW by 2050<sup>1</sup>



Columns in the chart show the latest International Energy Agency estimates for Power Generation by source in their Net Zero Scenario, 2000-2050<sup>2</sup> The Arrow and Blue Line show the Wood Mackenzie potential 1,000 GW by 2050, shown as comparison

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1 - https://www.woodmac.com/news/the-edge/future-energy--geothermal-power/

2 - https://www.iea.org/reports/net-zero-roadmap-a-global-pathway-to-keep-the-15-0c-goal-in-reach

3 - https://www.irena.org/-/media/Files/IRENA/Agency/Publication/2017/Aug/IRENA\_Geothermal\_Power\_2017.pdf

## Geothermal - This time it's different for Australia

#### Why are there no geothermal projects currently in Australia?

- Not a supportive environment historically level of emissions was not a historical driver and fossil fuels were relatively low-cost i.e., coal
- Not suitable for conventional technologies historic focus on remote "deep hot rocks" rather than "warm rocks" around infrastructure, negatives included;
  - (-) Depth & High Cost: Deep hot rocks = 4,000 to 5,000m depth with temperatures >200°C
  - (-) Remote Drilling: Target resources were remote locations lacking infrastructure and far from customers



#### Australia now has the building blocks in place for geothermal

- **Renewable target** of 82% renewable energy power by 2030
  - in 2023 we were only at 35% <sup>1</sup>
- Geology is well understood and generally supported by legacy oil and gas well and seismic data
- Next-generation geothermal technologies aim to create conditions for geothermal energy in areas where natural exploitation was otherwise impossible, unlocking Australia's potential
  - Binary cycle power plants can utilise lower temperature geothermal reservoirs
  - Closed loop technology can access non-permeable heat reservoirs
- Infrastructure in place
  - The East Coast has the world's longest interconnected power system (NEM), allowing direct access to market
- **Financial assistance** is available from Federal and State governments to support energy transition
  - Regional Communities Reliability Fund, National Clean Energy Fund, Commonwealth Capacity Mechanism, etc.



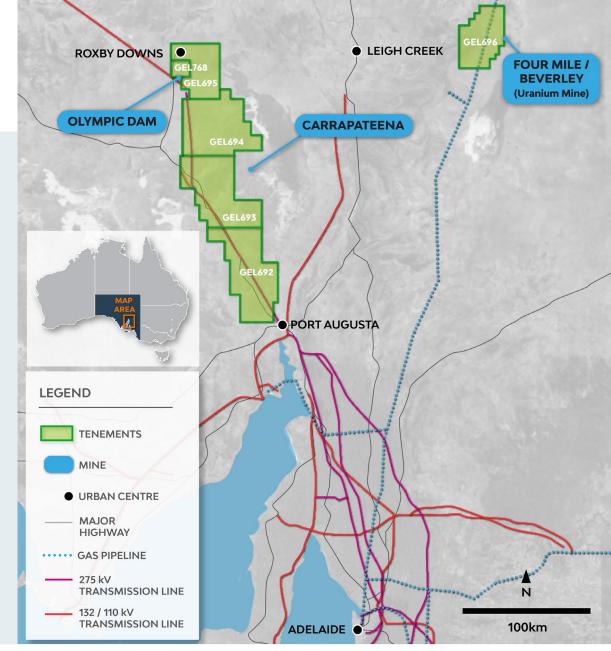
## South Australia Portfolio: Close to Lines and Mines

#### The leading renewable energy transition State

- South Australia is the leading Australian state for renewable energy transition
- Earths Energy has secured blocks totalling 12,035 km<sup>2</sup>
- Located on trend with major transmission lines and mines including Olympic Dam, Carrapateena and Four Mile / Beverley

#### Significant geothermal resource potential

- Geothermal offset well data, available seismic and indicative, regional-scale geophysical mapping were applied by an Independent Technical Expert<sup>1</sup>
- The Independent Technical Expert's indicative aggregate estimates of Electric Resource Potential for Earths Energy's granted South Australian acreage range from 9,700MW-e to 54,100MW-e<sup>2,3</sup>





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 2 - assuming a plant load-factor of 0.9 and a range (P90 to P10) 1.9 - 7.9MWe/km<sup>2</sup> (Megawatt electrical per square kilometer) for GELA696; assuming a plant load-factor of 0.9 and a range (P90 to P10) 1.1 - 6.9MWe/km<sup>2</sup> for GELA692/693/694/695/768

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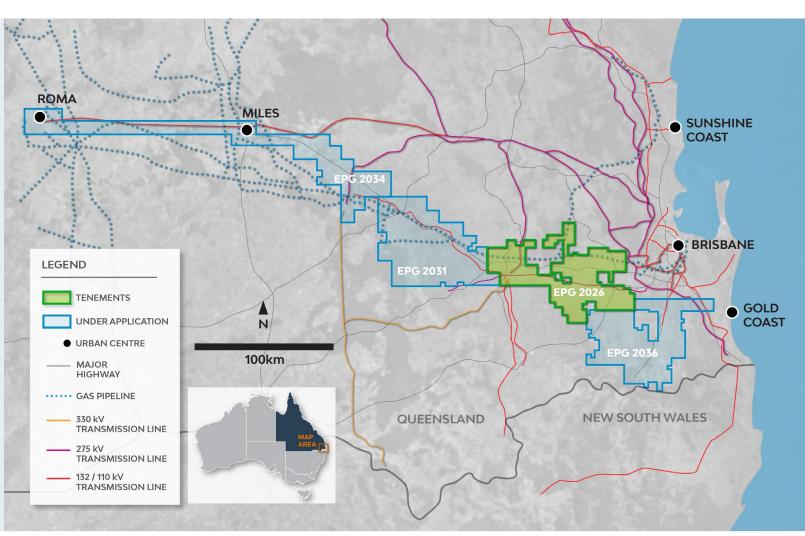
## **Queensland Portfolio:** Meeting East Coast Australia's Growing Power Demand

#### Large and strategic footprint

- One tenement granted and three under application
- EPG2026 provides access to grid supplying power to >75% of QLD population
  - Major transmission lines and power substations located on tenement
- Tenements under application are located near major industrial activity in the Bowen and Surat Basin mining areas

#### Significant geothermal resource potential

- 'Sweet spots' for potential energy generation have been identified on EPG 2026 and EPG 2031
- Indicative aggregate estimates of Electric Resource Potential<sup>1</sup> on EPG 2026 range from 200 MW-e to 1,100 MW-e.<sup>2,3</sup>





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## Key milestones for 2024

Secure fit for purpose team including Board

2023

2024

- Secure Australian acreage under application
- Completed Independent Technical Expert Report on Queensland and South Australia Resource Potential

Secure international technology partner

Complete Environmental, Native Title and Cultural Heritage approvals

Secure remaining QLD tenements under application Conduct geological and geophysical studies

Define highly ranked subsurface areas

Complete infrastructure tie-in assessment

Complete market studies

Define preferred drilling/development locations

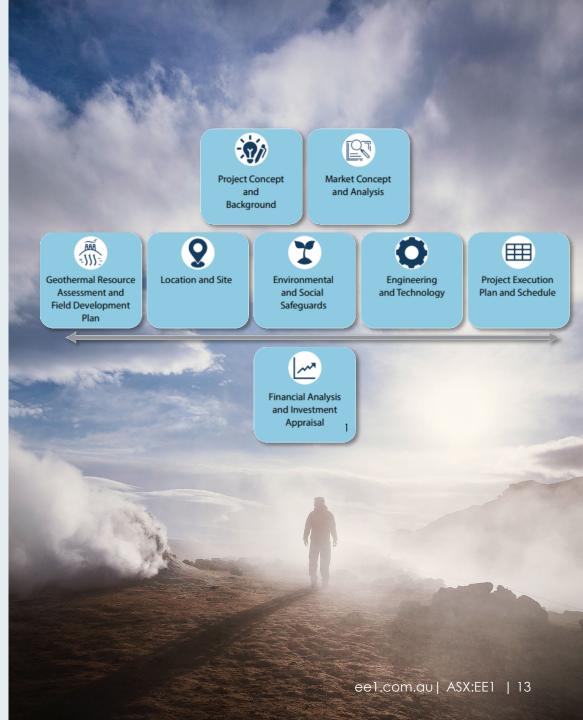
Progress potential government funding/support

Assess strategic partner farm-in potential

Conduct business development growth assessment

Drilling program ready

1 - ESMAP. 2021. Preparing Feasibility Studies for Financing of Geothermal Projects: An Overview of Best Practices. Washington, DC: World Bank. License: Creative Commons Attribution CC BY 3.0 IGO



## **Investment Highlights**

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## **Independent Technical Expert's Statement**

The information in this release that relates to resource estimates through the mapping of prospective areas and gross rock volumes, review of reservoir temperature and properties of rock formations, pore fluids and fracture systems within the metasediments and basement rocks of Earths Energy Energy's South Australian assets is based on analysis of data provided by Earths Energy and sourced from opendomain databases. These analyses have been performed by Dr. Arnout JW Everts who holds a PhD in Geology from VU University Amsterdam and has 33 years of industry experience and a proven track record of technical leadership, project management, and technical task and project delivery. His areas of expertise include techno-commercial project due-diligence, field (re)development, oil & gas reserve and resource assessments, geothermal resources and exploitation viability, underground storage of CO2 (CCS) and hydrogen. Through his career, Dr Everts has participated in and/or led over 100 energy projects spanning the entire project life-cycle, from frontier exploration to late field-life including unconventionals. In recent years his focus has shifted to renewables, i.e., geothermal and CCS. Dr Everts is an Active Member of AAPG (American Association of Petroleum Geologists), EAGE (European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers) and GSM (Geological Society of Malaysia), a Professional Member of AGA (Australian Geothermal Association) and he has contributed as lead author or co-author to around 30 research papers and extended abstracts in international scientific journals including papers on geothermal resource potential and assessment. As EuroGeologist title holder (registration no 1435) Dr Everts is entitled to sign off on Company Reserves and Resources reports submitted to regulatory bodies.

Dr. Everts has consented in writing to the inclusion in this release to the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears. Dr. Everts is engaged by Earths Energy as an independent consultant and is not employed by the Company.



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