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Whitebark Energy Capital Raise to accelerate commercialisation of Australian Geothermal assets and Geothermal to Hydrogen Production

Highlights

- **Whitebark will conduct a placement and Entitlement Offer to raise a total of A\$1.5 Million.**
- **The Company has received commitments for A\$500,000 via an institutional placement at A\$0.012 per share.**
- **Whitebark will offer all Eligible Shareholders the opportunity to apply for fully paid ordinary shares at the same price as the Placement to raise up to an additional A\$1.0 million.**
- **Funds raised under the Placement and Entitlement Offer will be used to accelerate the development of Whitebark's EPG2037 and EPG2040 assets and advance both assets to the Final Investment Decision stage, as well as developing the Warro asset and other geothermal assets in the portfolio.**
- **Specifically, Whitebark will target early commerciality of Hydrogen production in EPG2037 and EPG2040 using geothermal energy. It is intended capital raised will complement various government funding initiatives that the Company is currently pursuing.**
- **Whitebark remains focused on its stated objective of being the first company in Australia to commission a commercial geothermal project.**

Whitebark Energy Limited (ASX:WBE) (Whitebark or the Company) is pleased to announce that it is conducting a capital raise of up to A\$1,500,000 (before costs) through a placement to sophisticated and professional investors, and a subsequent non-renounceable entitlement offer to eligible shareholders.

Purpose of Capital Raise and Use of Funds

Since the beginning of 2024, and following the Company's completed strategic review, Whitebark has actively pursued the development of its Australian geothermal portfolio. The Directors strongly believe that geothermal energy has the potential to make a material impact in the energy transition crisis that is currently taking place, through reliable 24/7 baseload power with small surface footprint requirements and the ability to generate power close to markets, using existing skills sets derived from the Company's extensive oil and gas experience.

To date, Whitebark has established a disciplined and focused strategy applied to geothermal asset development and acquisition, which includes:

- Assets strategically situated and close-to-market, with proximity to customers and/or access to distribution via the National Energy Markets (NEM) or commercialisation through Hydrogen Production using Geothermal production;
- Commercially viable assets with near-term opportunity to realise cash flow and potential for alternative activities (i.e. green hydrogen production) which do not require large CAPEX imposts, and;
- Historical oil and gas well data, giving technical confidence in the geothermal potential of the asset.

The geothermal assets the Company has accumulated since commencing its renewed strategy are as follows:

- The Warro Asset in the Perth Basin, approximately 200km north of Perth;
- EPG2037 - Located 30km from Brisbane and 25km from Gold Cost in South East Queensland;
- EPG 2040 – Located within the Cooper Basin, approximately 100km West of Windorah in South-West Queensland, and;
- EPG 2050 Located within the Cooper Basin, approximately 125km South-West of Eromanga in South-West Queensland.

The proposed \$1.5 million capital raise will allow Whitebark to accelerate the development of its EPG2037 and EPG2049 assets to Final Investment Decision (FID), advancing the Company towards its goal of being the first Australian operation to economically produce geothermal energy. Planned activities to bring EPG2037 and EPG2049 to FID include geological modelling, resource assessment, engineering basis of design, feasibility study and native title negotiation.

In addition, funds raised will be used to progress geothermal activities associated with EPG 2050 as well as the Company's Warro asset in Western Australia.

Placement

The Company has received binding commitments for A\$500,000 via an institutional placement of 41,666,667 new fully paid shares in the Company together with one (1) free attaching option (exercisable at A\$0.03 each and expiring on 1 January 2027 (Placement Options) (**Placement**), with the Directors believing that this is a strong endorsement of the Company's strategic focus on developing a geothermal energy portfolio.

The Placement Shares will be issued pursuant to the Company's existing placement capacity under ASX Listing Rule 7.1 (up to 22,466,635) and 7.1A (up to 19,200,032). The offer and issue of the Placement Options will be made under a prospectus and will be subject to shareholder approval. The issue price of A\$0.012 per Placement Share meets the 'minimum issue price' requirement of ASX Listing Rule 7.1A.3.

Subscription funds under the Placement are expected to be received on or around 14 June 2024. The Company has engaged Peak Asset Management Pty Ltd (**Peak**) and Baker Young Pty Ltd (**Baker Young**) to act as joint lead managers and AE Advisors (**AE**) to acts as corporate advisor to the Placement and Entitlement Offer.

Entitlement Offer

In conjunction with the Placement, the Company will undertake a pro-rata non-renounceable entitlement offer of one (1) fully paid ordinary share (New Shares) for every three (3) shares held by eligible shareholders at the Record Date (defined below) at an issue price of A\$0.012 each to raise up to A\$1,011,751, together with one (1) free-attaching option (exercisable at A\$0.03 and expiring on 1 January 2027 (New Options) on the same terms as the Placement Options for every one (1) New Share subscribed for and issued (**Entitlement Offer**). A total of up to 84,312,608 New Shares and 84,312,608 New Options will be issued pursuant to the Entitlement Offer.

Both the Placement and Entitlement Offer are being issued at a price of A\$0.012 per new share (**Offer Price**). The Offer Price represents a:

- 19% discount to the 5-day volume weighted average trading price of ~\$0.015 as at 7 June 2024, and;
- 13% discount to the last closing price of ~\$0.014 as at 7 June 2024.

The Entitlement Offer is being made to all shareholders of the Company named on its register of members at 5:00pm (AEST) on 2 July 2024 (**Record Date**) whose registered address is in Australia or New Zealand. Investors who participated in the Placement will be entitled to participate in the Entitlement Offer in relation to the shares acquired under the Placement to the extent they are eligible shareholders, assuming that subscription funds are received (and Placement Shares are issued) before the Record Date.

All New Shares issued will rank equally with existing shares on issue. The Company will also apply to the ASX for quotation of the New Options, subject to compliance with the requirements of the ASX Listing Rules. The Entitlement Offer is being offered to shareholders under the Prospectus which will be dispatched in accordance with the timetable set out below.

The Entitlement Offer will include a top-up facility under which eligible shareholders who take up their full entitlements will be invited to apply for additional shares in the Entitlement Offer (Top-Up Facility). Additional shares will only be available where there is a shortfall between the applications received from eligible shareholders and the number of New Shares proposed to be issued under the Entitlement Offer. There is no guarantee that applicants under the Top-Up Facility will receive all or any of the shares they apply for under the Top-Up Facility. If eligible shareholders do not take up all of their pro-rata entitlements under the Entitlement Offer, it is anticipated that the shortfall will be allocated to eligible shareholders who apply to take up additional New Shares in accordance with the terms of the Top-Up Facility in the first instance. If any shortfall remains after the allocation to eligible shareholders provided above, the resulting shortfall may be placed by the directors of the Company in accordance with the ASX Listing Rules and the Corporations Act.

The Joint Lead Managers will be paid a fee of 6% (exclusive of GST) of the proceeds received from any shortfall securities placed under the Entitlement Offer. The Entitlement Offer is non-renounceable. That means that shareholders who do not take up their entitlement to participate in the Entitlement Offer will not be able to transfer or receive any value for those entitlements, and their equity interest in the Company will be diluted.

Indicative Timetable:

The proposed timetable for the Entitlement Offer is set out below. The dates are indicative only and the company reserves the right to vary the dates, including the right to extend the Closing Date, or to withdraw the Entitlement Offer (subject to the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) and the ASX Listing Rules).

Full details of the Entitlement Offer (and related offers) are set out in the Prospectus. Those shareholders who the Company determines to be ineligible shareholders for the purposes of the Entitlement Offer will be notified of that fact.

Event	Proposed Date
Announcement of the Placement, Entitlement Offer, Appendix 3B with ASX	Friday, 14 June 2024
Issue of Placement Shares	Thursday , 20 June 2024
Lodgement of Prospectus with ASIC and ASX	Thursday, 27 June 2024
“Ex” Date for the Entitlement Offer (being the date that Shares start trading without the Entitlements to participate in the Offer	Monday, 1 July 2024
Record Date to determine Entitlements under the Entitlement Offer	Tuesday, 2 July 2024
Opening Date of Entitlement Offer	Wednesday 3 July 2024 at 7pm (AEST)
Despatch of the Entitlement Offer Prospectus and Entitlement & Acceptance Form to Eligible Shareholders and announcement to ASX that this despatch has occurred	Friday, 5 July 2024
Closing Date for acceptances under the Entitlement Offer	Friday, 26 July 2024
Securities quoted on deferred settlement basis from market open	Monday, 29 July 2024
Announcement of results of the Entitlement Offer	Wednesday, 31 July 2024
Issue date for New shares under the Entitlement Offer and lodgement of Appendix 2A with ASX applying for quotation of the securities	Friday, 2 August 2024
Commencement of trading of new Shares on ASX	Monday, 5 August 2024

The timetable above is indicative only and may be subject to change.

Mark Lindh, Whitebark's Chairman, commented:

"We are very pleased with the strong support that has been received for the placement, particularly at such a critical point in our company's long term growth strategy. The funding represents a key driver to the development of our Queensland-based geothermal assets, EPG2037 and EPG2049 where our preliminary work indicates ideal characteristics to support geothermal production and subsequent hydrogen production."

"We are grateful to our shareholders for their continued support and are pleased to offer them the opportunity to participate in the capital raising via the entitlement offer."

This ASX announcement has been approved and authorised for release by the Board of Whitebark Energy Limited.

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About Whitebark Energy Limited

Whitebark Energy Limited is an ASX-listed exploration and production company featuring low-cost oil and gas production in Canada, a substantial contingent gas resource in Western Australia, and three EPG permit areas in Queensland. WBE has realigned its corporate strategy to focus on the rapidly developing Australian renewable energy market, with a comprehensive management changeout and partial sale of its Wizard Lake asset located in the oil & gas province of Alberta, Canada.