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We are pursuing a companychanging growth strategy that is aligned to an anticipated strong market recovery from 2022."

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# Activities Report and ASX Appendix 5B

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 JUNE 2020

## Highlights

- Central Petroleum Limited (Central / ASX:CTP) continued its excellent safety and operating performance across its portfolio, with no MTIs or LTIs recorded and no reportable environmental incidents during the quarter.
- Cash balance at the end of the June quarter (the quarter) was \$25.9 million, down slightly from \$26.1 million at 31 March 2020, with:
  - \$4.0 million net cash flow from operations (before exploration and finance costs);
  - \$1.8 million in net cash flow from operations (after exploration and finance costs); and
  - Principal repayments under debt facilities were \$1.0 million,
     Macquarie pre-sale gas deliveries totalled 432 TJ, and the return of previously over-lifted gas totalled 182 TJ.
- Sales volumes totalled 2.53 PJE (Petajoule equivalent), down 4.7% from 2.66 PJE in the March quarter, largely due to lower customer nominations (covered by take-or-pay provisions), compressor maintenance and natural field decline at Palm Valley.
  - Sales for the full FY2020 year were 12.3 PJE, up 14% on FY2019.
- Unit sales price across the portfolio averaged \$5.55/GJE, down 3% from \$5.75/GJE in the March quarter, reflecting the flow-through lag of lower realised oil prices which were down 35% on the previous quarter.
- Sales revenues totalled \$14.0 million, down 8% from \$15.3 million in the March quarter, reflecting lower realised oil prices and sales volumes.
  - Half of this revenue drop is subject to take-or-pay provisions under which Central will be paid in January 2021 for any gas nomination shortfall by the customer.
- Dukas Subsequent to quarter end, Central reached agreement with Santos on the forward plan for the Dukas exploration well, targeting completion in 1H 2022 and a possible free carry of \$3 million of Central's future drilling costs.
- Reserves upgrade Subsequent to quarter end, 2P oil and gas reserves were upgraded by 22.5 PJE (16%) driven by increased reserves at Mereenie and Palm Valley.
- Other growth related activities were progressed, with specific focus on strategies to restart the Range Gas Project (Surat Basin, Qld), advancing our Amadeus exploration program (NT), and negotiating with short-listed parties under the non-binding offer stage of our farmout process.

## Message from Managing Director and CEO

The June 2020 quarterly results reflect very weak oil and gas markets which became visible in our March quarter. An oversupplied spot gas market and historically low oil prices impacted as-available sales volumes and realised unit prices over the quarter.

Although the financial results in 2020 are below what we anticipated in 2019, I remain pleased with the financial resilience of our operations during these challenging times. Over 96% of our June quarter gas sales came from fixed-price, take-or-pay, term gas supply contracts which provided enough cash flow after debt service to cover our operating and corporate costs. Importantly, we maintained a cash balance of \$26 million during the quarter, one of the highest cash balances Central has ever maintained on a quarter on quarter basis. This gives us critical flexibility as we navigate difficult market conditions and position the Company to maximise long-term shareholder value.

The quality of Central's portfolio of assets was evident in a 16% upgrade in 2P reserves, driven by increases at Mereenie and Palm Valley. Adding another 22.5 PJE of 2P reserves in this climate is a clear endorsement of the quality and longevity of our Amadeus Basin fields. This gives me confidence that further reserves can be proved-up by targeting 105 PJ of 2C contingent gas resources at Palm Valley and Mereenie using cost-efficient appraisal techniques such as in-field laterals drilled from existing wells.

We expect weak spot and as-available gas markets to continue through 2020 but see the market for firm, long-term gas sales being resilient, particularly in relation to gas supply from 2022. This is important as we market uncontracted reserves and align our major growth activities with this market recovery.

We reached agreement with Santos on a forward plan to complete the much-anticipated Dukas well. Whilst a drilling target of 1H 2022 is later than hoped, we are now progressing this high reward exploration opportunity. In addition, we are closely assessing how we can further utilise the specialised equipment required to complete the Dukas well to drill other large sub-salt targets in our 100% controlled permits in 2022.

We continue to focus on progressing and accelerating our other growth activities, comprising the Range Gas Project in Queensland and our Amadeus exploration program and farm-out process. Central has worked diligently to create a sound financial base to weather market downturns and to provide flexibility in the timing of transactions to maximise shareholder value.

The past two quarters have seen very challenging trading conditions for Central, along with our sector more generally. Nonetheless, we are demonstrating financial resilience, safely operating quality production assets, and pursuing a company-changing growth strategy aligned to an anticipated strong market recovery from 2022.

We appreciate the continued support of our shareholders as we position ourselves to capitalise on a sector-wide recovery and deliver on Central's exciting growth potential.

**Leon Devaney** 

**Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer** 

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### **Production Activities**

#### SALES VOLUMES

Sales volumes were 2.53 PJE (including 0.18 PJ of overlift repayment gas), down 4.7% from 2.66 PJE in the March quarter, reflecting continued weakness in oil and gas markets.

Approximately half of the decline from the March quarter was due to a drop in customer nominations from the Dingo field which is expected to be fully recovered via the contractual take-orpay mechanism in January 2021. The balance of the quarterly decline was largely due to gas balancing fluctuations, natural field decline and at Palm compressor maintenance Valley.

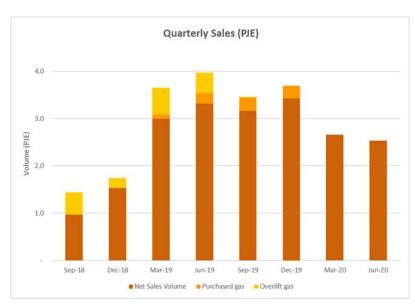


Figure 1: Quarterly sales volumes (CTP equity share)

For the full year, sales volumes were 14% higher at 12.34 PJE compared to the 10.8 PJE sold in FY2019. The FY2020 year was the first full year to benefit from the commissioning of the Northern Gas Pipeline in January 2019, although sales volumes in the final two quarters of FY2020 have been impacted by the significant downturn in market conditions.

Firm long-term gas supply contracts accounted for 96% of June quarter sales volumes. The current portfolio of firm gas supply contracts has various terms that extend beyond 1 January 2023. Whilst Central has spare non-firm production capacity, there is currently no commercial incentive to sell this gas into a depressed spot gas market. It is anticipated these challenging market conditions will persist for at least the next couple of quarters, with sales during this period continuing to reflect contracted volumes.

#### SALES REVENUE

Average unit prices were slightly (3%) lower during the quarter, largely driven by the flow-through lag of falling oil prices (down 35%) that reached historic lows early in the year. The more recent strengthening of oil prices is expected to flow through into the September quarter results. Average unit pricing for gas, however, has been relatively resilient through the market downturn, reflecting the fixed-price nature of Central's term sale contracts.

Total sales revenue in the June quarter was \$14.0 million, down 8.1% from \$15.3 million in the preceding quarter, reflecting the combination of lower sales volume and unit prices over the quarter. Central's portfolio of long-term take-or-pay gas contracts provides a measure of revenue stability as we move through market cycles.

Sales revenue		FY20	FY20	FY19	FY20
Product	Unit	Q3	Q4	Full year	Full year
Gas	\$'000	13,987	13,288	49,658	58,960
Crude and Condensate	\$'000	1,297	760	9,700	6,086
Total Sales Revenue	\$'000	15,284	14,048	59,358	65,046
Revenue per unit	\$/GJE	\$5.75	\$5.55	\$5.50	\$5.27

Sales revenue for the full year reached a record \$65 million, 9.6% higher than FY2019 and almost double the revenue recognised in FY2018, highlighting a step change in Central's financial performance. This followed execution of the Gas Acceleration Programme (and commencement of the Northern Gas Pipeline in January 2019.

#### MEREENIE OIL AND GAS FIELD (OL4 AND OL5) - NORTHERN TERRITORY

CTP - 50% interest (and Operator), Macquarie Mereenie Pty Ltd - 50% interest

The production capacity of the Mereenie field was approximately 37 TJ/d (100% JV) at the end of the quarter.

Mereenie field production over the quarter remained market-constrained and significantly lower than capacity, averaging 25.8 TJ/d (100% JV) (March quarter: 26.4 TJ/d), reflecting low spot and as-available gas sales in challenging market conditions.

Planning activities continue for recompletions and new development wells to offset natural field decline. Given the prevailing low spot gas prices, and that production capacity currently exceeds firm contracts, any investment to increase production capacity at Mereenie will be sanctioned when justified by market conditions.

Additional production capacity from Mereenie is not anticipated to be required to meet the current portfolio of firm gas supply contracts.

#### PALM VALLEY (OL3) - NORTHERN TERRITORY

CTP - 100% interest

Palm Valley field production capacity was 11 TJ/d at the end of the quarter and actual production averaged 10.6 TJ/d, a 2% decline from the March quarter due to compressor maintenance and natural field decline.

The new PV13 well, which was commissioned in May 2019, continued to exceed expectations with production maintaining a plateau rate of 7.0 TJ/d until May 2020. The well has come off plateau during the June quarter but temporarily regains its plateau rate after only brief periods of being turned-down or shut-in. The continuing high production rates are believed to be supported by ongoing recharge from the fracture network, indicating further outperformance by the well remains possible.

#### DINGO GAS FIELD (L7) AND DINGO PIPELINE (PL30) - NORTHERN TERRITORY

CTP - 100% interest

The Dingo Gas Field supplies gas directly to the Owen Springs Power Station in Alice Springs. Average gas production was 3.1 TJ/d, 17% lower than the previous quarter's average of 3.8 TJ/day due to lower customer nominations. The daily contract volume of 4.4 TJ/d is subject to take-or-pay provisions under which Central will be paid in January 2021 for any gas nomination shortfall by the customer.

## Reserves Upgrade

In July 2020, Central announced a 16% increase in 2P reserves by 22.5 petajoules equivalent (PJE), taking total 2P reserves to 161.2 PJE.

The increase was driven by strong field performance at Mereenie and the exceptional performance of the PV13 well since it was commissioned in May 2019.

The additional reserves provide a significant revenue opportunity for Central with east coast gas markets anticipated to strengthen in the medium term. The review also confirmed 105 PJ of 2C contingent gas resources which could potentially be unlocked by a proposed Stairway Sandstone (Stairway) appraisal program at Mereenie and additional infield lateral wells at Palm Valley (similar to PV13).

Oil and Gas Reserves and Resources CTP Share	As at 30 June 2019 (PJE)*	Production 1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020 (PJE)	Reserve Upgrade (PJE)	As at 30 June 2020* (PJE)
Proved (1P)	124.1	(11.1)	14.7	127.7
Proved and probable (2P)	149.8	(11.1)	22.5	161.2
Proved, probable and possible (3P)	175.5	(11.1)	41.0	205.4
Contingent (2C)*	240.4	-	0.1	240.5

<sup>\*</sup> Includes 2C contingent gas resources of 135 PJ at the Range Gas Project in Queensland which were first reported to the market on 20 August 2019.

All reserves and resources in this report are as at 30 June 2020 and were first reported to ASX on 24 July 2020 (other than the Range Gas Project 2C contingent resource above). Central is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in those announcements and all the material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed.

#### MEREENIE RESERVES – NORTHERN TERRITORY

2P gas reserves: 91.8 PJ (up 15.8 PJ, 20.8%)

Having the field operating at its expanded capacity over the course of the 2019 calendar year has resulted in an improved understanding of field behaviour. A comprehensive reservoir modelling study indicates additional gas is likely to be recovered from lower permeability sands within the Mereenie reservoirs. In addition, the study indicates that sales gas specification can be maintained without the need for additional capital investment to remove Nitrogen. The combined effects of reduced costs and an improved understanding of reservoir performance have driven the reserves increase at Mereenie.

Central is seeking to implement a new approach to appraise production from the Stairway at Mereenie. Subject to Mereenie JV approval, this approach would utilise lateral drilling from existing wells at locations that had prior observed gas shows while drilling through the Stairway. This results in lower costs, lower technical risk and higher opportunity for success. This appraisal activity is targeting 54 PJ (net to Central) of 2C contingent gas resource, which could significantly increase the gas produced from the Mereenie field with minimal investment required in the existing production facilities.

#### PALM VALLEY RESERVES - NORTHERN TERRITORY

2P gas reserves: 27.7 PJ (up 5.8 PJ, 26.5%)

The upgrade of the Palm Valley reserves reflects the continued excellent performance of the PV13 well which has continued to produce strongly, having maintained a rate of around 7 TJ/d for over a year.

Central has identified three potential locations for lateral drilling to replicate the success of PV13. Central is planning to take a more cost-efficient approach by drilling future Palm Valley laterals from existing wells and the proposed PV Deep exploration well to access poorly connected portions of the Pacoota Sandstone reservoir. Gas produced from these laterals can be easily connected to existing Palm Valley production facilities.

## **Development Activities**

#### RANGE GAS PROJECT (ATP 2031) - QUEENSLAND

CTP - 50% interest, Incitec Pivot Queensland Gas Pty Ltd ("Incitec") - 50% interest

The 77km<sup>2</sup> tenement (ATP 2031) is strategically located in the heart of Queensland's coal seam gas (CSG) province which hosts thousands of CSG wells producing from the same coal measures at similar depths. The Range Gas Project contains an estimated 270 PJ of 2C contingent gas resource (Central share 135 PJ).

Activity to progress a three well appraisal pilot and a final investment decision (FID) for the Range Gas Project was paused in late March 2020 in response to business uncertainty associated with the COVID-19 pandemic and severe market downturn.

Central remains committed to this important project and has been actively exploring opportunities to recommence Range activity as soon as business conditions permit.

The Surat Basin remains one of Australia's premier gas production precincts, with the Range Gas Project positioned for development to take advantage of an expected shortfall of gas supply in eastern Australia from 2023.

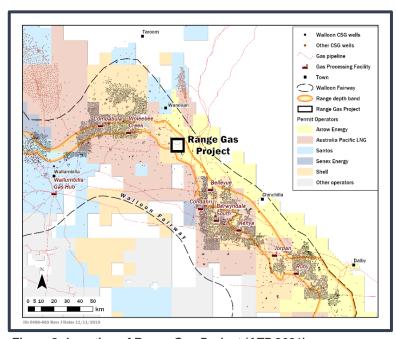


Figure 2: Location of Range Gas Project (ATP 2031)

## **Exploration Activities**

#### AMADEUS EXPLORATION PROGRAMME - NORTHERN TERRITORY

Central's planning is well-advanced for a major exploration programme in the Northern Territory's Amadeus Basin. Work is now focused on delivering three high potential gas prospects for drilling and an appraisal program of the Stairway Sandstone at Mereenie. If successful, the programme has the potential to more than double Central's gas reserves.

Work to progress the exploration programme continued during the June quarter, finalising well designs and lodging applications for the various approvals required for exploration in the Northern Territory.

Logistical constraints resulting from the COVID-19 disruption mean the exploration wells will slip outside the original 2020 target window. A revised exploration schedule is currently being developed and will be confirmed after operational conditions have stabilised and farm-out discussions have advanced.

#### FARMOUT PROCESS ADVANCED

Central's formal farm-out process to fund the forthcoming exploration programme continued throughout the quarter, attracting strong interest from several local and international industry participants.

Central and its advisors, Flagstaff Partners, have been assisting interested parties with their due diligence on the exploration programme and associated operating assets (Mereenie, Palm Valley, Dingo and Surprise).

Discussions are progressing with select parties with a view to completing a farm-out transaction to fund the exploration program in a way that is value accretive to Central's shareholders.

#### DUKAS-1 (EP112) - NORTHERN TERRITORY

CTP - 30%, Santos (and Operator) - 70%

Dukas-1 is a gas prospect with multi-TCF potential located approximately 175km south west of Alice Springs (Figure 3). Updated mapping incorporating results from the Dukas-1 exploration well indicates that the structural closure appears to be in excess of 400km<sup>2</sup>, making it one of the largest-known onshore conventional gas prospects in Australia.

The Dukas-1 well was suspended at a depth of 3,704m in mid-2019, after encountering hydrocarbon-bearing gas from an over-pressured zone close to the primary target.

Prior to drilling Dukas-1, the JV relied solely on seismic imaging through a thick section of evaporites and complex thrust faulting to map the structure. Specific detail of the structural attitude of the strata overlying the target is now available from recently acquired Dukas-1 well log data. This technical information has resulted in greatly improved structural mapping and creates an opportunity to drill a more crestal well, which could increase the potential for a successful outcome.

In July 2020, Central and Santos reached agreement on a forward plan for Dukas and will now assess various options to intersect the target formation using specialised high-pressure drilling equipment, with a decision on the preferred option expected by year end. The three most likely options are:

 Re-entry of the suspended Dukas-1 well and continue drilling into the formation (limited to operations possible within existing casing sizes);

- Twinning the existing Dukas-1 well by drilling a new well immediately adjacent to the existing suspended well (using new casing to improve drilling and testing opportunities); or
- Drilling a new well at a more crestal location.

The targeted timing for the drilling of a follow-up to Dukas-1 is as soon as possible in 1H of CY2022. This schedule allows the opportunity to consider the various options (including the crestal well), along with the associated well designs, permits and approvals, and sourcing of high-pressure equipment and drill rig.

As part of the Dukas forward plan, the JV parties have agreed the equity in EP112 which contains the Dukas-1 well is 70% Santos / 30% Central.

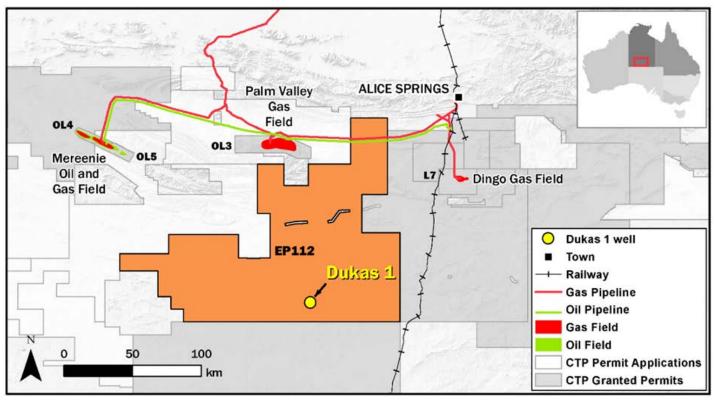


Figure 3: Location map of Dukas-1 and EP112

Santos can elect, prior to 31 July 2021, for Central to be carried for the first \$3 million of its well costs (\$10 million gross JV). In return for a carry by Santos, and if Santos so elects, Central will transfer an additional 30% equity in EP82 to Santos (excluding the Orange prospect in which Central has a 100% interest). This would ensure consistent equity interests across all Central/Santos JV tenures in the middle Southern Amadeus Basin. Santos would also pay to Central certain back-costs associated with the transferred interest for field activities conducted in EP82 from July 2020.

Should Santos not elect to carry Central's expenditure in Dukas in exchange for the option to have 30% equity in EP82, then the equity interest in EP112 (with Dukas-1) will revert from 70% Santos / 30% Central to 55% Santos / 45% Central.

#### LONGER TERM EXPLORATION STRATEGY

The Amadeus Basin is an extensive underexplored basin with five working hydrocarbon systems demonstrating proven oil and gas production. Central has identified a number of immature, but potentially company-changing, oil and gas prospects throughout the basin. Work has progressed on play-based basin mapping, enabling the Company to mature these opportunities into drillable prospects with much better technical understanding and focus. The play-based mapping of these prospects, including potential Dukas "look-a-likes", will allow these exploration targets to be ranked and prioritised.

#### AMADEUS BASIN - NORTHERN TERRITORY

CTP and other interests - refer to Annexure 1: Interests in Petroleum Permits and Licences

The surrender of permit EP106 (Central 60%) became effective on 22 May 2020. This permit was assessed several years ago as having a low likelihood of containing commercial hydrocarbons and has been released as Central focuses on high priority areas.

#### EP115, AMADEUS BASIN – NORTHERN TERRITORY

CTP - 100% interest

Following the promising indications and technical data derived from the Dukas-1 drilling results to date, Central is now considering the opportunity to accelerate exploration in EP115 which contains several other large subsalt leads (Figure 4 below).

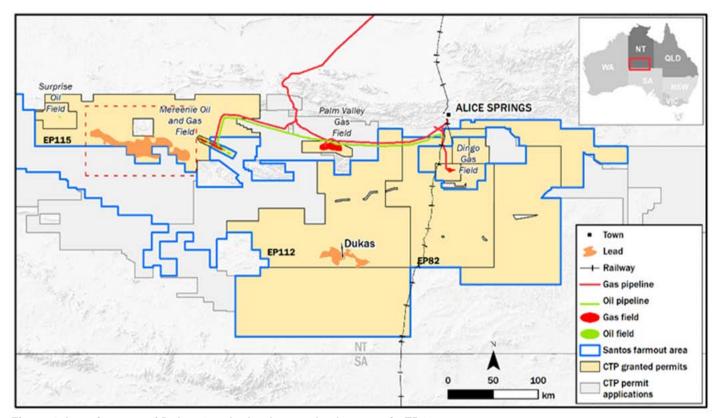


Figure 4: Location map of Dukas-1 and other large subsalt targets in EP115

With the Dukas target drilling window in 1H 2022, Central could potentially use the Dukas rig for drilling in EP115. This would save considerable cost and provide another potentially company-changing exploration well in a permit that is 100% controlled by Central. To facilitate this, Central has commenced planning to acquire a minimum of 500km of 2D seismic data to identify a drilling location.

## Health, Safety and Environment

Central continued its excellent safety and operating performance across its portfolio over the quarter. There were no MTIs or LTIs recorded and no reportable environmental incidents. The Company's TRIFR (Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate) is currently nil, reflecting more than a year with no MTIs or LTIs.

Operations were proactive in adapting to the rapidly emerging Federal and Territory requirements associated with COVID-19. Rosters were amended to reduce interstate FIFO movements and onsite accommodation and catering arrangements were modified to implement increased social distancing and cleaning requirements.

Notwithstanding the significant operational challenges during the quarter, gas supplies to contracted customers were not impacted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Corporate

#### **CASH POSITION**

The Group held cash of \$25.9 million at the end of the quarter, slightly down from the \$26.1 million at the end of the March quarter.

Central was able to maintain a solid cash balance over the quarter, with a net cash outflow of just \$0.2 million at a Group level, after payment of all costs and debt service.

The net cash inflow from operations for the quarter was \$1.8 million after exploration and financing costs. Key amounts included:

- Cash receipts from customers during the June 2020 quarter of \$12.3 million, lower than previous quarters due to lower gas sales volumes and a sharply lower oil price (no cash is received for the 432 TJ of Macquarie pre-sale gas delivered during the quarter);
- Exploration costs of \$1.2 million, incurred on the pre-FID activity for the Range Gas Project and preparation for the forthcoming Amadeus exploration program;
- Cash production costs of \$7.6 million for the current quarter, inclusive of \$1.5 million of payments associated with joint venture gas balancing arrangements;
- Staff costs, including separation costs of \$0.4 million, with savings to be realised in future periods;
- Receipt of Jobkeeper subsidies of \$0.5 million; and
- Interest costs of \$1.1 million, reflecting the benefit of reducing debt levels and softening interest rates.
   The debt facility is efficiently priced (5.6% at quarter end) and tied to the variable BBSY interest rate which remains at historic low levels.

A range of cost-reduction initiatives were actioned, including a 10% reduction in headcount at Brisbane office, as well as reductions in corporate and administration costs.

Principal repayments under Macquarie debt facilities totalled \$1.0 million during the quarter. The total outstanding balance of the Macquarie facilities was \$70.8 million at quarter end, with \$7 million due for repayment over the next 12 months and \$62 million to be refinanced in September 2021.

Fees, salaries and superannuation contributions paid to Directors during the quarter amount to \$0.294 million as disclosed at item 6.1 of the Appendix 5B.

The statement of cash flows for the quarter and financial year to date are attached to this report at Appendix 5B.

#### **BOARD MATTERS**

The Board welcomed Dr Agu Kantsler to the Board in June. Dr Kantsler is one of Australia's most respected and experienced petroleum exploration executives, having led Woodside Petroleum's world-wide exploration, business development and geotechnical activities as Executive Vice President Exploration and New Ventures from 1995 to 2009.

Prior to joining Woodside, Dr Kantsler worked for Shell in various international locations and has served as Director and Chairman of the Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association (APPEA). Dr Kantsler is Managing Director of Transform Exploration Pty Ltd, a Non-executive Director of Oil Search Limited since 2010 and a former President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA.

#### **GAS MARKETING**

Central is actively marketing gas to domestic customers, particularly in relation to current non-firm capacity and firm term gas sales in support of new investment in development wells to increase field production capacity. Spot and as-available sales are expected to continue to be weak through 2020, with recovery starting to gain traction next year. The market for firm term gas sales, however, is expected to remain resilient, particularly in relation to gas supply from 2022. Central will be targeting major gas supply contracts when they become available and will consider prevailing market conditions in order to maximise the value of Central's gas reserves.

Leon Devaney

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Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer

31 July 2020

This ASX announcement was approved and authorised for release by Leon Devaney, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer

## Annexure 1: Interests in Petroleum Permits and Licences

as at 30 June 2020

#### PETROLEUM PERMITS AND LICENCES GRANTED

			CTP Consoli	•	Other JV Part	
Tenement	Location	Operator	Registered Legal Interest (%)	Beneficial Interest (%)	Participant Name	Beneficial Interest (%)
EP 82 (excl. EP 82 Sub-Blocks) <sup>1</sup>	Amadeus Basin NT	Santos	60	60	Santos QNT Pty Ltd ("Santos")	40
EP 82 Sub-Blocks	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	100	100		
EP 105	Amadeus/Pedirka Basin NT	Santos	60	60	Santos	40
EP 106 <sup>2</sup>	Amadeus Basin NT	Santos	0	0		
EP 112 <sup>1</sup>	Amadeus Basin NT	Santos	30	30	Santos	70
EP 115 (excl. EP 115 North Mereenie Block)	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	100	100		
EP 115 North Mereenie Block <sup>3</sup>	Amadeus Basin NT	Santos	60	100		
EP 125	Amadeus Basin NT	Santos	30	30	Santos	70
OL 3 (Palm Valley)	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	100	100		
OL 4 (Mereenie)	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	50	50	Macquarie Mereenie Pty Ltd ("Macquarie Mereenie")	50
OL 5 (Mereenie)	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	50	50	Macquarie Mereenie	50
L 6 (Surprise)	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	100	100		
L 7 (Dingo)	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	100	100		
RL 3 (Ooraminna)	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	100	100		
RL 4 (Ooraminna)	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	100	100		
ATP 909	Georgina Basin QLD	Central	100	100		
ATP 911	Georgina Basin QLD	Central	100	100		
ATP 912	Georgina Basin QLD	Central	100	100		
ATP 2031	Surat Basin QLD	Central	50	50	Incitec Pivot Queensland Gas Pty Ltd	50

#### PETROLEUM PERMITS AND LICENCES UNDER APPLICATION

			CTP Consol	idated Entity	Other JV Part	icipants
Tenement	Location	Operator	Registered Interest (%)	Beneficial Interest (%)	Participant Name	Beneficial Interest (%)
EPA 92	Wiso Basin NT	Central	100	100		
EPA 111	Amadeus Basin NT	Santos	100	50	Santos	50
EPA 120	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	100	100		
EPA 124 <sup>4</sup>	Amadeus Basin NT	Santos	100	50	Santos	50
EPA 129	Wiso Basin NT	Central	100	100		
EPA 130	Pedirka Basin NT	Central	100	100		
EPA 131 <sup>5</sup>	Pedirka Basin NT	Central	100	0		
EPA 132	Georgina Basin NT	Central	100	100		
EPA 133 <sup>6</sup>	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	100	100		
EPA 137	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	100	100		
EPA 147	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	100	100		
EPA 149	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	100	100		
EPA 152 <sup>4</sup>	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	100	100		
EPA 160	Wiso Basin NT	Central	100	100		
EPA 296	Wiso Basin NT	Central	100	100		

#### PIPLELINE LICENCES

			CTP Consoli	idated Entity	Other JV Par	ticipants
Pipeline Licence	Location	Operator	Registered Interest	Beneficial Interest	Participant Name	Beneficial Interest
			(%)	(%)		(%)
PL 2	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	50	50	Macquarie Mereenie	50
PL 30	Amadeus Basin NT	Central	100	100		

#### Notes:

- As announced on 16 July 2020, prior to 31 July 2021 Santos can elect that Central be carried for the first \$3 million of Dukas-1 well costs. In return for a carry by Santos and if Santos so elects, Central will transfer 30% equity in EP82 (excluding the Orange prospect) to Santos. Should Santos not carry Central in exchange for the option to have 30% equity in EP82, its interest in EP112 (including Dukas-1 well) will decrease from 70% to 55% (Central's interest in EP112 will increase from 30% to 45%).
- 2 On 22 May 2020, Central received confirmation from the NT Department of Primary Industry and Resources that Exploration Permit 106 was successfully surrendered effective 22 May 2020.
- 3 On 12 December 2019 Central received notice from Santos of its intention to withdraw from EP 115 North Mereenie Block effective 31 January 2020
- 4 On 22 March 2018 (in respect of EPA 124) and on 23 March 2018 (in respect of EPA 152) Central received notice from the NT Department of Primary Industry and Resources that EPA 124 and EPA 152, respectively, had been placed in moratorium for a period of 5 years from 6 December 2017 until 6 December 2022.
- 5 This exploration permit application has been disposed. Transfer of the registered interest is awaiting the grant of an exploration permit.
- 6 This exploration permit application was placed into moratorium on 22 October 2015 for a five (5) Year period ending on 22 October 2020.

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## Appendix 5B

## Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

#### Name of entity

CENTRAL PETROLEUM LIMITED	
ABN	Quarter ended ("current quarter")
72 083 254 308	30 JUNE 2020

Cons	solidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (12 months) \$A'000
1.	Cash flows from operating activities		
1.1	Receipts from customers	12,330	62,945
1.2	Payments for		
	(a) exploration & evaluation (if expensed)	(1,160)	(3,142)
	(b) development	_	_
	(c) production and gas purchases	(7,561)	(33,935)
	(d) staff costs	(1,561)	(4,808)
	<ul><li>(e) administration and corporate costs (net of recoveries)</li></ul>	287	(288)
1.3	Dividends received (see note 3)	_	_
1.4	Interest received	26	172
1.5	Interest and other costs of finance paid	(1,074)	(5,089)
1.6	Income taxes paid	-	_
1.7	Government grants and tax incentives	501	(133)
1.8	Other (provide details if material)	3	5
1.9	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities	1,791	15,727

2.	Cash flows from investing activities		
2.1	Payments to acquire:		
	(a) entities	_	_
	(b) tenements	_	-
	(c) property, plant and equipment	(885)	(3,224)
	(d) exploration & evaluation (if capitalised)	_	-
	(e) investments	_	-
	(f) other non-current assets	_	_
2.2	Proceeds from the disposal of:		
	(a) entities	_	-
	(b) tenements	_	7,713
	(c) property, plant and equipment	11	76
	(d) investments	_	_
	(e) other non-current assets	_	_
2.3	Cash flows from loans to other entities	_	_
2.4	Dividends received (see note 3)	_	_
2.5	Other - (lodgement) or redemption of security deposits	(17)	115
2.6	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities	(891)	4,680

3.	Cash flows from financing activities		
3.1	Proceeds from issues of equity securities (excluding convertible debt securities)	_	_
3.2	Proceeds from issue of convertible debt securities	-	_
3.3	Proceeds from exercise of options	_	_
3.4	Transaction costs related to issues of equity securities or convertible debt securities	-	(10)
3.5	Proceeds from borrowings	_	-
3.6	Repayment of borrowings	(1,000)	(11,501)
3.7	Transaction costs related to loans and borrowings	-	(236)
3.8	Dividends paid	_	_
3.9	Other (principal elements of lease payments)	(125)	(548)
3.10	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities	(1,125)	(12,295)

4.	Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period		
4.1	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	26,143	17,806
4.2	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9 above)	1,791	15,727
4.3	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities (item 2.6 above)	(891)	4,680
4.4	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities (item 3.10 above)	(1,125)	(12,295)
4.5	Effect of movement in exchange rates on cash held	_	-
4.6	Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	25,918	25,918

5.	Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts	Current quarter \$A'000	Previous quarter \$A'000
5.1	Bank balances¹	25,917	26,142
5.2	Call deposits	_	_
5.3	Bank overdrafts	_	_
5.4	Other (provide details)	1	1
5.5	Cash and cash equivalents at end of quarter (should equal item 4.6 above)	25,918	26,143

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes the Group's share of Joint Venture bank accounts and cash held with Macquarie Bank Limited (Current Quarter \$5,485,735, Previous Quarter \$4,758,475) to be used for allowable purposes under the Facility Agreement.

6.	Payments to related parties of the entity and their associates	Current quarter \$A'000
6.1	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 1	294
6.2	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 2	_

Note: if any amounts are shown in items 6.1 or 6.2, your quarterly activity report must include a description of, and an explanation for, such payments

Includes Directors Fees, Salaries, and superannuation contributions.

7.	Financing facilities  Note: the term "facility' includes all forms of financing arrangements available to the entity.  Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the sources of finance available to the entity.	Total facility amount at quarter end \$A'000	Amount drawn at quarter end \$A'000
7.1	Loan facilities	70,809	70,809
7.2	Credit standby arrangements	_	_
7.3	Other (please specify)	_	_
7.4	Total financing facilities	70,809	70,809
75	Unused financing facilities available at qu	larter and	

7.5	Unused imancing facilities available at quarter end	_
7.6	Include in the box below a description of each facility above, include	uding the lender, interest

- 7.6 Include in the box below a description of each facility above, including the lender, interest rate, maturity date and whether it is secured or unsecured. If any additional financing facilities have been entered into or are proposed to be entered into after quarter end, include a note providing details of those facilities as well.
- 7.1 Represents the Macquarie Bank loan facility which is a secured partially amortising term loan maturing 30 September 2021 with quarterly principal and interest repayments. The interest rate at the end of the current quarter is 5.6% (floating interest rate).

8.	Estimated cash available for future operating activities	\$A'000
8.1	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (Item 1.9)	1,791
8.2	Capitalised exploration & evaluation (Item 2.1(d))	_
8.3	Total relevant outgoings (Item 8.1 + Item 8.2)	1,791
8.4	Cash and cash equivalents at quarter end (Item 4.6)	25,918
8.5	Unused finance facilities available at quarter end (Item 7.5)	_
8.6	Total available funding (Item 8.4 + Item 8.5)	25,918
8.7	Estimated quarters of funding available (Item 8.6 divided by Item 8.3)	N/A – positive cash flow at 8.3

- 8.8 If Item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, please provide answers to the following questions:
  - 1. Does the entity expect that it will continue to have the current level of net operating cash flows for the time being and, if not, why not?

Answer: N/A			

2. Has the entity taken any steps, or does it propose to take any steps, to raise further cash to fund its operations and, if so, what are those steps and how likely does it believe that they will be successful?

Answer: N/A		

3. Does the entity expect to be able to continue its operations and to meet its business objectives and, if so, on what basis?

Answer: N/A			

#### **Compliance statement**

- This statement has been prepared in accordance with accounting standards and policies which comply with Listing Rule 19.11A.
- 2 This statement gives a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

Date:	31 July 2020
Authorised by:	Leon Devaney, Managing Director and CEO(Name of body or officer authorising release – see note 4)

#### Notes

- 1. This quarterly cash flow report and the accompanying activity report provide a basis for informing the market about the entity's activities for the past quarter, how they have been financed and the effect this has had on its cash position. An entity that wishes to disclose additional information over and above the minimum required under the Listing Rules is encouraged to do so.
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- 3. Dividends received may be classified either as cash flows from operating activities or cash flows from investing activities, depending on the accounting policy of the entity.
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