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#### 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS AND MANAGING DIRECTOR'S ADDRESS

In accordance with Listing Rule 3.13.3, Tap Oil Limited is pleased to provide shareholders with the Chairman's Address and the Managing Director's Presentation to be delivered at the Company's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 26 May 2015 at 10.00am (WST).

A copy of this document is also available on the Company's website <u>www.tapoil.com.au</u>

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Good morning ladies and gentlemen. I would like to thank you for joining us today for Tap Oil Limited's 2015 Annual General Meeting.

The past year has been a mixed period for the Company, with a combination of major internal achievements and significant external challenges.

#### Successful Commissioning of Flagship Manora Oil Project

Without question, the key achievement for the Company over the past year, and indeed for many years, was the successful commissioning of its flagship Manora Oil Development in Thailand.

It was extremely satisfying to see the successful culmination of these efforts and the return of the Company to mid-tier producer status once again.

In the past year specifically, these initiatives included the completion of the offshore platform installation; the arrival of the Atwood Orca rig, and subsequent drilling of both production and injection wells.

Manora is a high quality project at the beginning of its life, with significant expansion potential and ideally located amidst the fast growing economies of Asia.

As of today, Manora has been in production for over seven months, at times in excess of 16,000 barrels per day (gross). The venture has produced over 1.6 million barrels (gross) as at the end of the first quarter of 2015, and there have been 20 crude liftings sold to a local Thai refinery.

#### Other Operational Highlights

Tap has made a number of significant gas discoveries in the Carnarvon Basin over the past four years, namely Zola and Bianchi (in WA-290-P and WA-49-R) and Tallaganda (WA-351-P). Early in 2014, Tap booked an additional 16 petajoules of net contingent resource in the WA-49-R retention lease for Bianchi-1, in addition to the 48 petajoules of net 2C contingent resource booked for Zola and Antiope<sup>i</sup>. Tap now estimates gross 2C contingent resources of 638 petajoules within the retention lease, with a net resource to Tap of 64 petajoules.

Before the close of the year, Tap extended the option exercise date over a potential acquisition of a 10% interest from WHL Energy Ltd in exploration permit Vic/P67 in the offshore Otway Basin. However, after analysis of additional seismic acquired during 2014, Tap's view was that there was insufficient prospectivity in the vicinity of the existing La Bella discovery to justify exercising our option.

#### Cost reduction initiatives

Since Managing Director Troy Hayden commenced his appointment at Tap Oil in 2010, there have been a number of initiatives that were commenced and executed to reduce costs.

In that time there has been a significant reduction in staff from 32 full time equivalents to 18. Troy also elected to take a material reduction in his cash base salary in 2013, and salary freezes were imposed on senior management in 2014 along with the restriction of cash bonuses.

The salary freeze was rolled out to the rest of the staff in 2015, along with the award of share rights, in lieu of cash, for variable remuneration payments.

Due to these initiatives, Tap's annual administration costs have declined approximately 33% since 2011.

#### External challenges

During the year, the Company was faced with a significant and sharp decline in oil prices shortly after Manora was brought into production. We were not alone in being impacted here, but as a recently commissioned producer with debt finance, the impact and challenge was substantial.

On behalf of the Board, I extend my congratulations and thanks to the management team led by Troy Hayden for their proactive response to this situation that included the successful modifications to the Company's debt finance facility and the deferral or cancellation of non-essential expenditure, which provided the Company with greater funding flexibility, certainty and capacity.

The second key challenge the Company has faced relates to the actions of the Company's major shareholder, Mr Chatchai Yenbamroong, which the Board believes has destabilised the Company at a time when we are already in an unstable and depressed oil price environment.

As most of you will be aware, Mr Yenbamroong increased his voting power in the Company to just under 20% in January this year and proceeded to notify the Company of his intention to replace all but one of Tap's existing directors with his own nominees.

It is now almost three months since Mr Yenbamroong notified the Board of his proposal, and he has still not yet called any meeting of shareholders or otherwise confirmed to the Company that he no longer intends to proceed with such a proposal. Mr Yenbamroong has failed to provide any alternative vision for the Company, nor outlined what his proposed new directors would intend to do differently to your current Board. One of his proposed nominees as a director, Mr Alan Stein, has recently withdrawn his nomination. All of this raises considerable uncertainty as to whether Mr Yenbamroong still intends to proceed with his proposal.

The Tap Board is unanimous in its view that any such proposal, should it ever be put to Tap shareholders to consider, is an opportunistic attempt by Mr Yenbamroong to take control of your Company without making a formal offer and paying a control premium to all Tap shareholders.

The Tap Board is equally concerned with Mr Yenbamroong and his Northern Gulf companies' attempts to demand payments from Tap in circumstances where Tap considers there is no proper legal basis for making those demands. Tap considers the recent issue of a statutory demand by Mr Yenbamroong's Northern Gulf for payment of certain amounts is an abuse of process and has forced Tap to take the necessary steps to seek to set aside this statutory demand and seek payment of Tap's legal costs. It is disappointing that the company's major shareholder has taken such action against the company, which is clearly not in the interests of all other Tap shareholders. Troy is going to say more about the status of the various disputes we have ongoing with Northern Gulf in this presentation.

I am also informed that Mr Yenbamroong has lodged proxies voting against all of the resolutions proposed to be considered at this Annual General Meeting. This includes voting against the resolution to re-elect Mr Doug Schwebel, the only existing Tap director that Mr Yenbamroong did not intend to be removed when he gave notice of his proposed board spill.

It also includes voting against the proposed resolution to renew the proportional takeover provisions in the Company's Constitution. These provisions are commonly adopted by companies to ensure that any takeover offer for some, but not all, of the company's shares can only proceed if the Company's shareholders approve such an offer. For the reasons set out more fully in the explanatory memorandum accompanying the Notice of Annual General Meeting, such provisions are an important tool in ensuring that control of the company cannot pass without an offer being made for all of the Company's shares, or shareholders otherwise having the opportunity to vote on whether to allow such a proportional takeover bid to proceed.

Given that amendments to the Company's Constitution can only be effected by a special resolution of the Company's shareholders requiring 75% of votes cast in favour of the resolution, and the fact that Mr Yenbamroong holds voting power to just under 20% of the Company's shares and has lodged proxies voting against the renewal of those protections, the resolution to renew these proportional takeover bid protections is unlikely to be passed, thereby exposing the Company to the potential for a bidder to seek to acquire control of the company without offering to acquire all of the Company's shares.

As a result of Mr Yenbamroong's board spill proposal, the Company decided to formalise and expand the scope of a strategic review process that was already in place to review the Company's business and asset base in response to the change in market conditions for the oil and gas sector.

The strategic review process now includes identifying alternative options to Mr Yenbamroong's proposal, and includes asset divestments and whole of company sale proposals. At its core is to ensure that the inherent value of Tap's assets is appropriately reflected in the Tap share price. Any material divestment would raise the potential for the company to utilise its considerable franking credits to enhance the value of any subsequent distribution to qualifying shareholders who are Australian tax residents. Importantly, any proposal to sell the Company's 30% interest in Manora that may emerge from the strategic review process would ultimately be put to shareholders to consider.

Progress to date with the strategic review has been very encouraging with significant and advanced interest being shown in many assets.

#### Looking ahead

Operationally, the company is well positioned and significantly de-risked following the successful commissioning of Manora, which further enhances the value proposition associated with that asset.

The strategic review process is also well advanced, and I look forward to being able to communicate to you the results of that process in the near future.

Based on the significant progress made in the strategic review to date, I am confident that there will be a successful outcome to the strategic review process which will put the company in a much better position to reduce its debt and potentially allow for the payment of fully franked dividends to shareholders.

#### Thank you

Summing up, it has been a year with some major challenges, but we have worked tirelessly to combat these issues and I believe the Company is now well placed as we continue into the middle of 2015.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Management team, led by Managing Director Troy Hayden, and other employees for their considerable effort and achievements during the past year.

In addition, on behalf of Tap Oil I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to all shareholders for their continued support for the company. As I have outlined, I see much promise for the Company ahead, considerable upside in its market value and I look forward to sharing in this with each of you.

ASX Announcement 26 February 2014.

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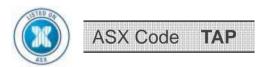
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### Annual General Meeting 26 May 2015



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Managing Director's Address



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### **Key Activities Summary**

- Return to producer status production commenced at Manora
- Successfully renegotiated Borrowing Base Debt Facility
- Continued reduction of corporate costs
- Commencement of Strategic Review
- **b** Forward Plan
  - Extensive business development/new venture screening M-07, success in the 2014 Australian Gazettal round



### **Achievements**

2011		2012		2013		2014		2015	
Exit from Brunei	~	Sale of interest in Finucane Fletcher JV	~	Tallaganda-1 volumetrics	~	Ghana first extension period decision	~	First Manora proceeds	
WA-351-P pre-emption and resale	~	Sale of interest in Harriet JV	~	Debt financing for Manora Oil Development	~	Bianchi contingent	✓	Renegotiation of borrowing base debt	
Zola-1 gas discovery in WA-290-P	~	Entered unconventional		Corporate debt facility	✓	resources Myanmar award of	1	facility Hedging of 1P Manora	
Finucane oil discovery n WA-191-P	~	play in onshore Carnarvon Basin	1	TL/2 / TP/7 appraisal	✓	offshore PSC		production Award of two Australian	
Booking of Manora 2P	~	Tallaganda-1 discovery in WA-351-P	~	well (Taunton-5/5H) WA-49-R appraisal well		BNP refinancing of CBA Manora Oil	~	permits	
reserves		Manora Oil Development Final Investment Decision	✓	(Bianchi-1) Ghana exploration well	•	Development construction	~	Manora reserves review	
		Thailand exploration drilling Special prospecting	7	(Starfish-1)	~	Manora Oil		Myanmar PSC	
				Ghana 6 month extension	✓	Development first production	~	Exploration drilling G1/48 Thailand	Ī
		authorities granted in onshore Carnarvon Basin	~	Farm down of WA-320-P & WA-155-P (II)	~	Manora development drilling ongoing	~	G 1/40 Mananu	
		Equity swap of WA-320-P & WA-155-P (II)	~	Acquire option to participate in Vic/P67	✓	First cargo lifting at Manora	~		
		Ghana farm down and transfer of operatorship	~	Malida-1 oil discovery in Thailand	~	Strategic review commenced	~		
				Vic/P67 seismic acquisition completed	✓				
				Manora Oil Development construction and drilling	~				

ongoing



### Manora

- Sales revenues of approximately US\$21.5 million up to the quarter ended 31 March 2015, at an average realised oil price of US\$51.30 per barrel
- During 2015, at oil prices between US\$45-\$55/bbl, Tap forecasts net cash flow from Manora of approximately US\$39 to US\$44 million (after forecast Thai taxes, royalties and operating costs and including the hedging impact, but before repayment of debt)

### **Commodity Hedging**

- Moderate hedging program executed for April to December 2015 for 495,000bbls at an average swap price of US\$62.75/bbl representing 40% of forecast 1P Manora production for the period
- Hedging enhances the borrowing base under the recently modified Borrowing Base Debt Facility and supports Tap's cashflows

#### **Manora Cost Estimates**

- **b** In February, the Operator advised of a potential cost overrun of US\$28m (gross)
- Tap believes that the latest costs have not been approved and Tap is in discussions with the Operator of how best this can be dealt with



### Enhanced debt facility provides flexibility for growth

#### Successful Renegotiation to debt facility with BNP Paribas and Siam Commercial Bank

- Increase to maximum available amount under Borrowing Base Debt Facility from US\$68.5m to US\$82m
- **b** Facility fully drawn to current maximum of US\$78.9 million, with cash of US\$35.3 million (as at 25 May 2015)
- Waivers in place until 31 July 2015:
  - b Waiver of banks' minimum liquidity requirements during the waiver period
  - **b** Financial cover ratio requirements have been temporarily reduced
- Deferral of repayments during the waiver period
- **b** Waiver fee is payable and higher margin during the waiver period

#### **Further Improvements to Liquidity**

- Manora development wells two no longer required and two deferred
- **b** Deferral of expenditure; asset sales process commenced; corporate and exploration cost savings
- b Withdrawal from Tap's 30% participating interest in G3/48 exploration in Thailand
- Agreement with Operator to delay the G1/48 exploration well until year end. Tap still to decide whether it will participate



### **Cost saving initiatives continue**

#### Cost reductions continued following commencement in December 2010

- **b** Staff reduced from 32 to 18 full-time equivalents
- During 2015 staff were not paid cash for their short term incentive award and did not receive any pay rises. During 2014, no bonuses were paid and a pay freeze was imposed for senior management
- In 2013, MD/CEO Troy Hayden took a pay cut (23% fixed annual remuneration) and waived short term and long term entitlements in exchange for 5 million performance rights vesting only if certain share price hurdles are met
- Board members have not had an increase in Director's fees since 2008 and the total amount available for Director's fees has not increased since 2010. The number of Non Executive Directors was reduced from four to three in 2012
- Director and Key Management remuneration is in line with industry averages and has been supported by shareholders with the Remuneration Report receiving over 94% support from shareholders in the last three years



### **Strategic Review**

### Formal Strategic Review continuing

- Commenced early 2015 to respond to changed market conditions in oil and gas sector and maximise shareholder value from the existing portfolio
- b Divestment options considered for all assets, with utilisation of Tap's significant franking account balance of A\$71.8 million for the benefit of Australian resident shareholders a key consideration
- **b** Simple and attractive value proposition:
  - b Material equity in recently commissioned, long life oil production asset at Manora
  - **b** High visibility from low risk Third Party Gas contracts revenue stream
  - Portfolio of quality Australian gas and oil assets
- **b** Strategic Review will consider:
  - **b** Divestment options for each asset, including Manora and the Australian exploration portfolio
  - **b** Whole of company proposals that may emerge should they provide compelling value
  - Retaining Manora and the gas business, consideration of a strategic investor and evaluation of growth and acquisition opportunities in the region
- There has been considerable interest, particularly in the Manora asset, and Tap is investigating these options further



### **Portfolio Overview - Diversity and Balance**

#### Exploration

#### Thailand

#### (G1/48)

- Malida-1 oil discovery (G1/48)
- Tap is in discussions with the Operator on the timing of the G1/48 exploration well
- Tap has withdrawn from G3/48

#### Australia

#### WA-320-P/WA-155-P II

Palmerston well (Tap carried up to US\$3.5 million)

#### WA-515-P and WA-516-P

Three year work program including seismic reprocessing, G&G studies

#### Myanmar (Block M-07)

 Offshore block awarded in March 2014 in the Moattama Basin (subject to finalisation of PSC terms)

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#### Appraisal/ Development

Australia Zola and Bianchi Gas Discoveries (WA-290-P, WA-49-R)

- Zola and Antiope: 48 PJ 2C net Contingent Resource sales gas<sup>1</sup>
- Bianchi-1: 16 PJ 2C net Contingent Resource sales gas<sup>1</sup>

#### Tallaganda-1 Gas Discovery (WA-351-P)

49 PJ 2C net Contingent Resource<sup>2</sup>

## Production & Revenue

#### WA Gas

 Third Party Gas contracts approximately A\$30 million (gross) revenue per annum

#### Thailand

#### Manora Oil Development

- Production of 15,000 bopd (gross)
- Revised drilling program with four of the remaining wells deferred or cancelled
- Producing from seven wells MNA-01, MNA-02, MNA-03, MNA-05, MNA-07, MNA-08 and MNA-11
- Development drilling complete, with eleven wells completed and the rig off location
- Twenty oil liftings from Manora to date
- Reserves updated<sup>3</sup>
  - P reserves estimate increased from 3.6 mmstb to 4.7 mmstb
  - P reserves estimate decreased from 6.1 mmstb to 5.8 mmstb
  - 1. ASX Announcement 26 February 2014
  - ASX Announcement 29 January 2013
     ASX Announcement 23 April 2015

### **Forecast Manora Acquisition Payments**

### 2015 Estimates

Payment	Assumptions/Notes	Estimated Timing for Payment(s) in 2015
Repayment of NGP Carry: Payment by NGP to Tap	The repayment of US\$10 million by NGP to Tap out of NGP's share of production. This is an ongoing repayment as proceeds are received from each lifting. NGP has ceased making any further repayments to Tap, and Tap has issued several default notices to NGP and NGPH. The amount in default now totals US\$2,250,887.	Approx. US\$1.03 million has been repaid to date, and (prior to the default) the carry was expected to be repaid in full in 2015. The defaulted amounts remain outstanding (and increase with each lifting), and are accruing interest.
2P Reserves Deferred Payment: Payment by Tap to NGPH	<ul> <li>Based on Manora 2P reserves at each year-end for four years after first production, up to US\$29.85 million.</li> <li>Payment is calculated pro rata based on 2P reserves between 10mmbbls and 35mmbbls.</li> <li>Conditional on the Manora 2P Reserves (plus recovered oil) remaining &gt; 10 mmbbls.</li> <li>US\$7.65 million paid to NGPH at Final Investment Decision in 2012.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Following the finalisation of the year end (31 December 2014) 2P reserves for Manora, or reserves certification by an independent expert.</li> <li>31 December 2014 2P Reserves estimate has not yet been finalised by the joint venture.</li> <li>After 31 March 2015, either NGPH or Tap could engage an independent expert to conduct a reserves review.</li> </ul>
Earn-out (2% of Tap's Manora revenue): <b>Payment by Tap to NGPH</b>	No Earn-out is payable if the average daily closing spot price for Brent crude is below US\$50/bbl per barrel for the 14 days immediately prior to the date of any lifting.	This is an ongoing payment, made monthly in arrears, and follows the receipt of lifting proceeds.
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### **2P Reserves Deferred Payment**

- NGPH, an entity controlled by Mr Yenbamroong, has demanded Tap pay US\$14.6 million for the 2P reserves payment, despite the Manora 2P reserves estimate for 31 December 2014 not yet being finalised by the joint venture
- Tap considers that there is no proper legal basis for NGPH to make this demand
- Mr Yenbamroong has repeatedly queried why Tap has not paid the US\$14.6 million to NGPH
- There is no obligation on Tap to make the 2P Reserves Deferred Payment to NGPH until 31 December 2014 reserves are finalised and agreed either through the joint venture process, or further reserves certification by an independent expert if required by either Tap or NGPH
- If Manora 2P reserves estimate for 31 December 2014 remains the same as the estimate as at FID at 20.2mmbbls (gross), Tap is liable to pay US\$7.65 million to NGPH (not US\$14.6 million)
- If the 31 December 2014 2P reserves estimate increases beyond 20.2 mmbbls, this payment will increase by US\$1.50/additional barrel
- The Operator is expected to provide 31 December 2014 reserves report during the second quarter of 2015 after which time the process defined in the agreement will be followed to finalise the amount owing to NGPH



### **Other Northern Gulf Disputes**

#### **b** Default on Repayment of Tap Carry

- After repaying ~US\$1.03m from proceeds of oil liftings, NGP ceased making any further repayments to Tap
- Tap has now issued default notices in respect of an amount of US\$2,250,887
- **b** The defaulted amounts remain outstanding, increase with each lifting and are accruing interest

#### **US\$27m default on Manora Costs**

- On 20 March 2015, the Operator Mubadala Petroleum, gave notice to NGP that it is in default under the term of the G1/48 Joint Operating Agreement
- Tap understands NGP has failed to pay its 10% of project costs for Manora and that the defaulted amount remains outstanding
- The Operator continues to pursue the available remedies against NGP as prescribed by the G1/48 Joint Operating Agreement

#### **b** Default in relation to G3/48 withdrawal

- In February 2015 Northern Gulf signed a contract accepting a transfer of Tap's 30% withdrawal interest, and agreed to assist with obtaining government approvals
- Northern Gulf has now withdrawn its consent to the government approving the transfer, and has not provided Tap with its reasons for doing so



### Conclusion

### Looking ahead

- **b** Continued asset portfolio management to align Tap with current market conditions
- Ongoing cash flow generation from Manora
- **b** Strategic Review will consider:
  - b divestment options for each asset, including Manora and the Australian portfolio
  - whole of company proposals that may emerge should they provide compelling value
  - retaining Manora and the gas business, consideration of a strategic investor and evaluation of growth and acquisition opportunities in the region
- Initial interest in the Strategic Review process has been positive confident the Strategic Review process will deliver a successful outcome for Tap shareholders



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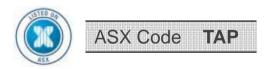
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