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## **Morocco Exit Finalised**

## Finalisation of Interest in Tarfaya Offshore Block

88 Energy ("Company") is pleased to announce that it has received notification that the Moroccan Minister for Energy and Minister for Finance have signed the assignment document, finalising the divestment of the interests of DVM International SARL ("DVM", 88 Energy's subsidiary in Morocco) in the Tarfaya Offshore Block.

This completes the assignment process and removes a potential liability from 88 Energy's subsidiary, DVM, to Galp Energia ("Galp") of US\$3.4m, if the assignment had not been completed under its agreement with Galp.

Previous agreements executed by DVM, Galp and Office Nationale des Hydrocarbures et des Mines (ONHYM) meant that the potential liability was considered a very low risk proposition; however, with the formal completion of the assignment, this potential liability has now been removed.

Managing Director of 88 Energy Ltd, Dave Wall commented: "This formally concludes the Moroccan chapter of the Company's history and allows 88 Energy and its shareholders to firmly focus on our world class exploration asset onshore Alaska. It also completely removes a financial risk for the Company's shareholders that, whilst always a very low probability, is now behind us."

It should be noted that the contingent liability (separate to that referenced above) between 88 Energy and Galp remains, which stipulates that Galp is entitled to a payment of US\$3.4m in cash or 88 Energy stock if the market capitalisation of 88 Energy reaches or exceeds US\$50m (~A\$65m) before September 2021.

Yours faithfully

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## **Project Icewine Highlights**

In November 2014, the Company entered into a binding agreement with Burgundy Xploration (**BEX**) to acquire a significant working interest (87.5%, reducing to 78% on spud of the first well on the project) in a large acreage position on a multiple objective, liquids rich exploration opportunity onshore Alaska, North America, referred to as Project Icewine.

88 Energy, (through BEX their co-venture partner), was announced highest bidder on 90,720 acres (revised to 89,542 post survey) in the November State lease sale for the North Slope of Alaska on 20 November 2014. Post award of the acreage in Q2 2015 88 Energy will secure a 98,182 gross contiguous acre position with 85,900 acres net to the Company (76,582 net acres post spud). The primary term for the State leases is 10 years with no mandatory relinquishment and a low 16.5% royalty.

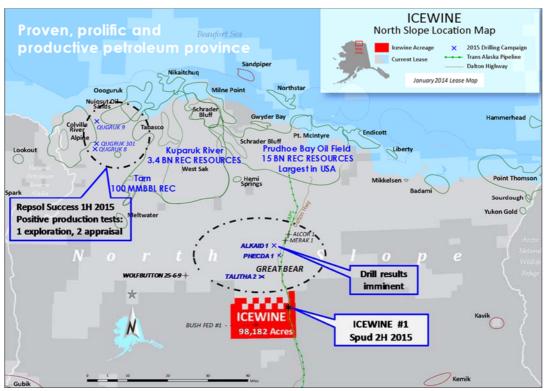


Figure 1: Project Icewine Location

Generous exploration incentives are provided by the State of Alaska with up to 85% of exploration expenditure in 2015 cash refundable, dropping to 75% mid 2016 and thereafter 35%.

The primary objective is an untested, unconventional liquids-rich shale play in a prolific source rock, the HRZ shale, (Brookian Sequence), that co-sourced the largest oil field in North America; the giant Prudhoe Bay Oil Field Complex. Internal modelling and analysis indicates that Project Icewine is located in a high liquids vapour phase sweetspot analogous to those encountered in other Tier 1 shale plays e.g. the Eagle Ford, Texas.

Conventional play potential can be found at Project Icewine within the same Brookian petroleum system and shallow to the HRZ shale and includes high porosity channel and deep water turbiditic sands. The Brookian conventional play is proven on the North Slope; the USGS (2013) estimate

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the remaining oil potential to be 2.1 billion barrels just within the Brookian sequence. Additional conventional potential exists in the deeper Kuparuk sands and the Ivashuk Formation.

Drilling, (2012), in the adjacent acreage to the north confirmed that the HRZ shales, along with the underlying Kingak & Shublik shales, were all within the oil window which is extremely encouraging for the unconventional potential at Project Icewine. In addition a conventional oil discovery was reported in the Kuparuk sandstones.

A Prospective Resources Report by DeGolyer and MacNaughton, was commissioned by 88 Energy to evaluate the unconventional resource potential of Project Icewine in early December 2014 and was released to the market on 19 January 2015.

About 88 Energy: 88 Energy recently acquired an initial 87.5% working interest and operatorship in 98,182 acres onshore the prolific North Slope of Alaska ("Project Icewine"). The North Slope is the host for the 15 billion barrel Prudhoe Bay oilfield complex, the largest in North America. The Company, with its Joint Venture partner Burgundy Xploration, has identified two highly prospective play types that are likely to exist on the Project Icewine acreage — one conventional and one unconventional. The large resource potential of the Icewine Project was recently independently verified by leading international petroleum resource consultant DeGolyer and MacNaughton. In addition to the interpreted high prospectivity, the project is strategically located on a year-round operational access road and only 35 miles south of Pump Station 1 where Prudhoe Bay feeds into the TransAlaska Pipeline System. The Company plans to progress drilling and seismic in the near term to take advantage of the globally unique fiscal system in Alaska, which allows for up to 85% of CY2015 exploration expenditure to be rebated in cash.

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