

4 March 2016

Attn: Frieda Orr Australian Securities Exchange Level 40 Central Park 152-158 St George's Terrace Perth WA 6000

Dear Ms. Orr,

## PRICE AND VOLUME QUERY

We refer to your letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016 received at approximately 9:00am (WST) this morning (copy attached).

As requested please find below the Company's response to the questions from the ASX:

- 1. The Company is not aware of any information concerning it that has not been announced and which, if known, could be an explanation for recent trading in the securities of the Company.
- 2. Not applicable.
- 3. The Company released an update on the 29<sup>th</sup> Feburary 2016, highlighting the good results received from the evaluation of the HRZ interval from the recently drilled Icewine #1 exploration well located on the Company's large acreage position on the North Slope of Alaska.

Futher, on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016, the Company released its Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2015 which may also be contributing to the recent increase in trading volume and share price:

4. Yes, the Company is in full compliance with the Listing Rules, including Listing Rule 3.1.

Yours faithfully

Dave Wall Managing Director 88 Energy Ltd

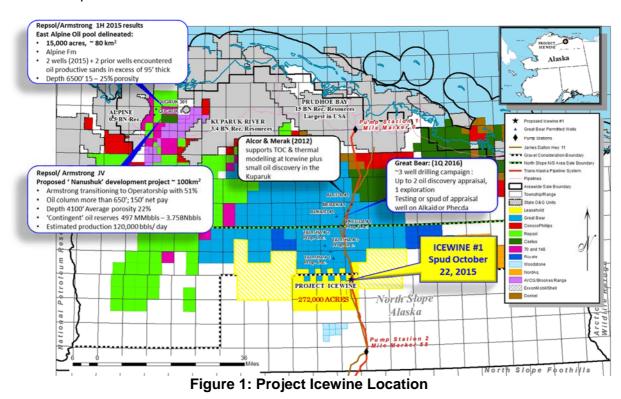


### **Project Icewine Highlights**

In November 2014, the Company entered into a binding agreement with Burgundy Xploration (**BEX**) to acquire a significant working interest (87.5%, reducing to 77.6% 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. In November 2015, the gross acreage position was expanded by 174,240 acres (to be awarded in due process by the State of Alaska).

Subject to final payment on the expanded acreage, 88 Energy will have a 272,422 gross contiguous acre position with 212,489 acres net to the Company. The Project is located on an all year operational access road with both conventional and unconventional oil potential. The primary term for the State leases is 10 years with no mandatory relinquishment and a low 16.5% royalty.

The HRZ liquids-rich resource play was evaluated based on drilling, whole core, and integrataed petrophysical analysis of electric logs obtained in the recently completed (December 2015) Icewine #1 exploration well.



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

The primary objective is a first-of-its-kind liquids-rich resource play from 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.

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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 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 in (2012), on 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 has a 77.6% working interest and operatorship in ~272,000 acres (~174,000 acres subject to formal award) 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 conventional oil pool in North America. The Company, with its Joint Venture partner Burgundy Xploration, has identified three prospective play types that are likely to exist on the Project Icewine acreage – two conventional and one unconventional. A preliminary assessment of the resource potential of Project Icewine was independently verified by leading international petroleum resource consultant DeGolyer and MacNaughton in December 2014. 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 acquisition 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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Dear Ms Smith and Ms Just,

# 88 ENERGY LIMITED ("ENTITY"): ASX PRICE QUERY

We have noted a change in the price of the Entity's securities from a close of \$0.044 on Thursday, 3 March 2016 to an intraday high at the time of writing of \$0.059 today, Friday, 4 March 2016. We have also noted an increase in the volume of trading in the Entity's securities over this period.

In light of the price change and increase in volume, ASX asks you to respond separately to each of the following questions:

- 1. Is the Entity aware of any information concerning it that has not been announced to the market which, if known by some in the market, could explain the recent trading in its securities?
- 2. If the answer to question 1 is "yes":
  - a) Is the Entity relying on Listing Rule 3.1A not to announce that information under Listing Rule 3.1?
    - Please note that the recent trading in the Entity's securities would suggest to ASX that such information may have ceased to be confidential and therefore the Entity may no longer be able to rely on Listing Rule 3.1A. Accordingly, if the answer to this question is "yes", you need to contact us immediately to discuss the situation.
  - b) Can an announcement be made immediately?
    - Please note, if the answer to this question is "no", you need to contact us immediately to discuss requesting a trading halt (see below).



- c) If an announcement cannot be made immediately, why not and when is it expected that an announcement will be made?
- 3. If the answer to question 1 is "no", is there any other explanation that the Entity may have for the recent trading in its securities?
- 4. Please confirm that the Entity is in compliance with the Listing Rules and, in particular, Listing Rule 3.1.

### When and where to send your response

This request is made under, and in accordance with, Listing Rule 18.7. Your response is required as soon as reasonably possible and, in any event, by not later than **11am AWST today, Friday, 4 March 2016**. If we do not have your response by then, ASX will have no choice but to consider suspending trading in the Entity's securities under Listing Rule 17.3.

You should note that if the information requested by this letter is information required to be given to ASX under Listing Rule 3.1 and it does not fall within the exceptions mentioned in Listing Rule 3.1A, the Entity's obligation is to disclose the information "immediately". This may require the information to be disclosed before the deadline set out in the previous paragraph.

ASX reserves the right to release a copy of this letter and your response on the ASX Market Announcements Platform under Listing Rule 18.7A. Accordingly, your response should be in a form suitable for release to the market.

Your response should be sent to me by e-mail at <a href="mailto:frieda.orr@asx.com.au">frieda.orr@asx.com.au</a> and <a href="mailto:TradingHaltsPerth@asx.com.au">TradingHaltsPerth@asx.com.au</a>. It should <a href="mailto:not be sent directly to the ASX Market Announcements Office">not be sent directly to the ASX Market Announcements Office</a>. This is to allow me to review your response to confirm that it is in a form appropriate for release to the market, before it is published on the ASX Market Announcements Platform.

## Listing Rule 3.1

Listing Rule 3.1 requires a listed entity to give ASX immediately any information concerning it that a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or value of the entity's securities. Exceptions to this requirement are set out in Listing Rule 3.1A.

The obligation of the Entity to disclose information under Listing Rules 3.1 and 3.1A is not confined to, nor is it necessarily satisfied by, answering the questions set out in this letter.



In responding to this letter, you should have regard to the Entity's obligations under Listing Rules 3.1 and 3.1A and also to Guidance Note 8 *Continuous Disclosure: Listing Rules 3.1* – 3.1B.

# **Trading halt**

If you are unable to respond to this letter by the time specified above, or if the answer to question 1 is "yes" and an announcement cannot be made immediately, you should discuss with us whether it is appropriate to request a trading halt in the Entity's securities under Listing Rule 17.1.

If you wish a trading halt, you must tell us:

- the reasons for the trading halt;
- how long you want the trading halt to last;
- the event you expect to happen that will end the trading halt;
- that you are not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted; and
- any other information necessary to inform the market about the trading halt, or that we ask for.

We may require the request for a trading halt to be in writing. The trading halt cannot extend past the commencement of normal trading on the second day after the day on which it is granted.

You can find further information about trading halts in Guidance Note 16 *Trading Halts & Voluntary Suspensions*.

If you have any queries or concerns about any of the above, please contact me immediately.

Yours sincerely,

[Sent electronically without signature]

Frieda Orr

**Adviser, Listings Compliance (Perth)**