



# Noosa Mining Conference Presentation

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# Executive Summary



*Focused Vertical Producer in Northern Oklahoma Mississippi Lime*

## Company Highlights – July 2015

- **Continue to lease acreage, develop and drill vertical wells targeting the Mississippi Lime in Northern Oklahoma**
- **~12,000 net acres in Kay County with solid infrastructure**
  - Refinery located 5 miles away in Ponca City
  - Completed gas pipeline infrastructure with dual buyers for both gas and oil
  - Good availability of grid power
- **USD\$24M of cash on the balance sheet**
  - Creates substantial drilling runway
  - Maturity of USD\$20M debt facility in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2017
- **70% liquids by volume today (51% oil and 19% NGLs)**
- **In current environment, USD\$525k - USD\$600k all-in well cost**
- **Restarting drilling in July**
- **\$86M of 1P PV10 in 12/14 reserve report, 8.7mm BOE of proved reserves based on NYMEX strip pricing at 31/12/14**

## Capitalization, Liquidity and Directors

<b>Ordinary Shares (mm)</b>	<b>562.6</b>
Preferred Shares (mm)	<u>220.1</u>
<b>Total Issued Shares</b>	<b>782.7</b>
Outstanding Options	58.0
Wtd. Avg. Option Price.	A\$0.19
<b>Cash on hand (30/6)</b>	<b>USD\$24M</b>

**Michael Stone,**  
Non-Executive Chairman

**Richard Adrey,**  
Co-Managing Director

**Nick Stone,**  
Co-Managing Director

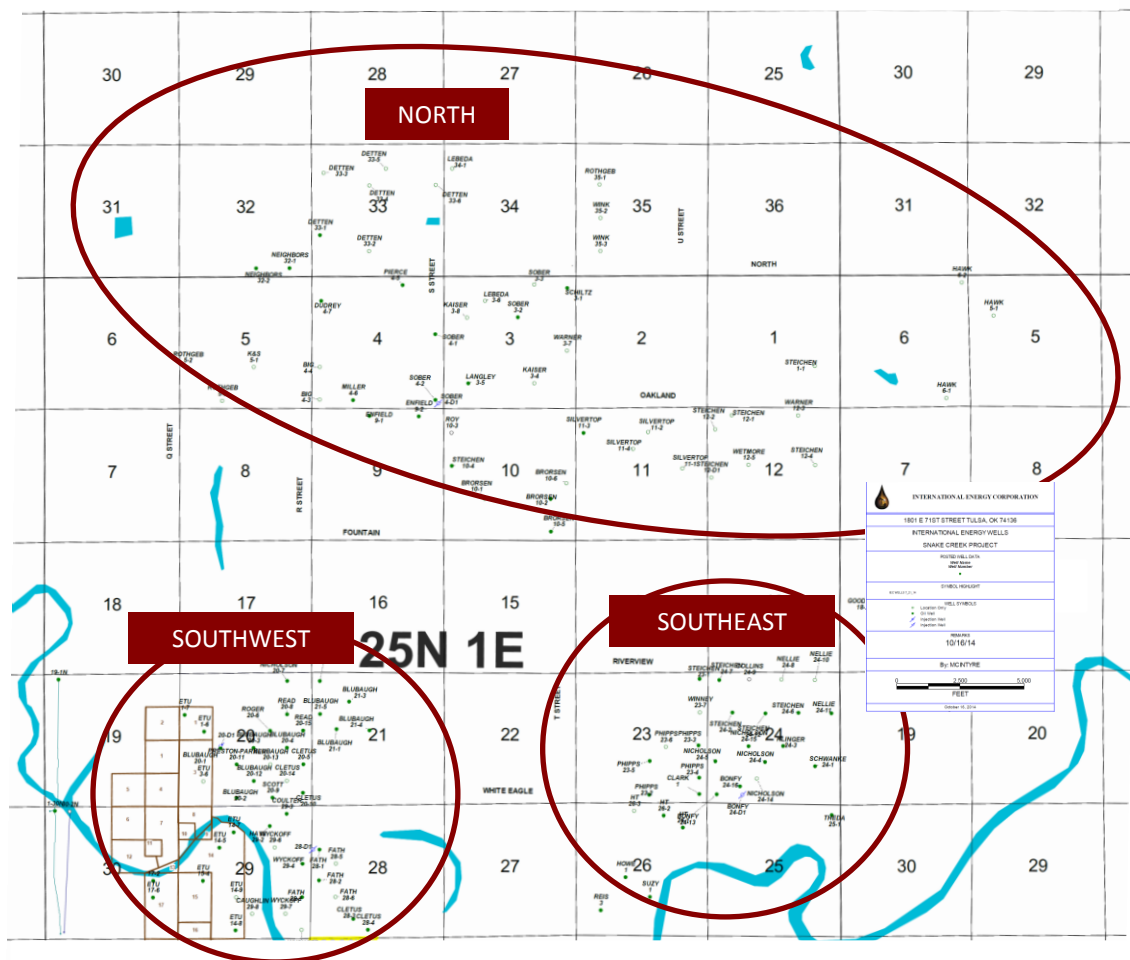
**Russell Krause,**  
Non-Executive Director

**Justin Clyne,**  
Non-Executive Director & Corp. Secretary

**Vertical producer in the Mississippian Lime play in Kay County. Strong balance sheet, disciplined focus on capital allocation and operational focus on risk adjusted returns**



- Significant acreage yet to be drilled but in a concentrated area with more finite geological risk
- Density likely in the ~30 acre per well range. 20 acre spacing proving too dense
- Acreage density and attendant market share yielding commercial benefits
- Departure of NYSE listed Range Resources from the area leaves substantial infrastructure support which is only minimally utilized

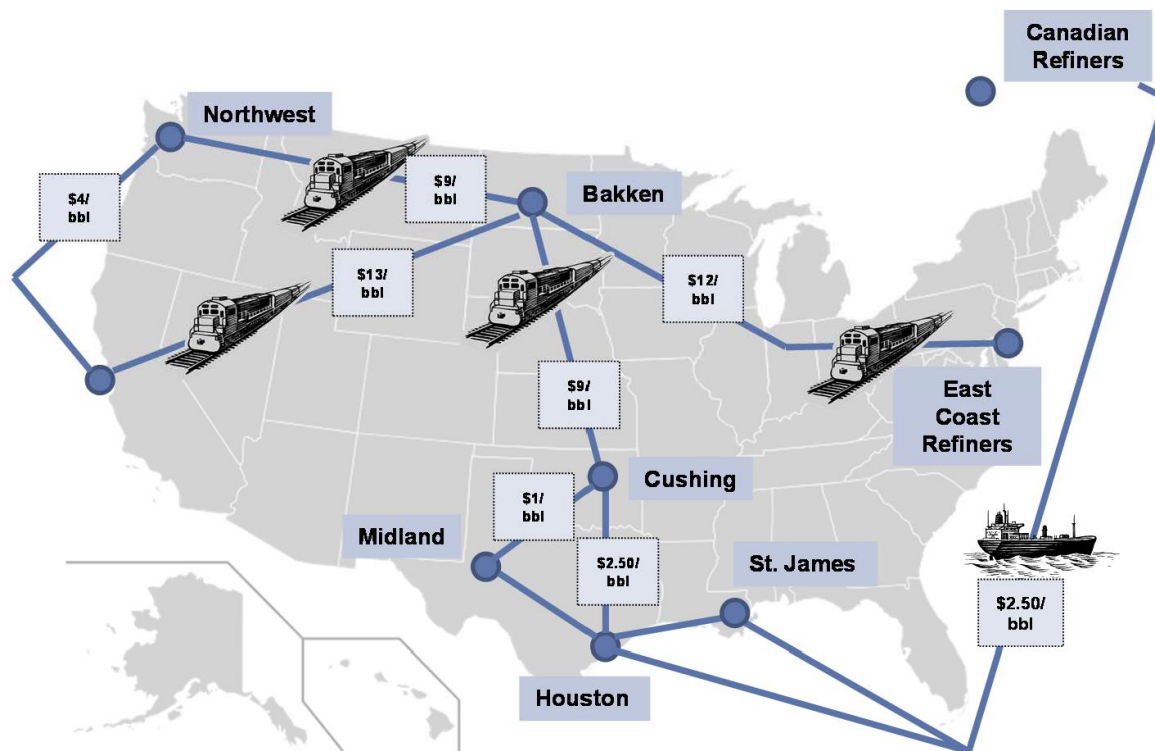


## Substantial inventory of undrilled PUDs locations.

# Located Near Key Infrastructure

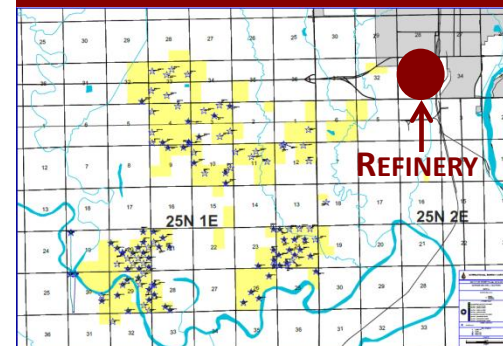
*Co-located with refinery and good gas infrastructure in place now*

**Unlike many of the major oil plays in the US where transport is expensive...**



Source: Goldman Sachs Long Term Estimates (5/19/15)

**...AOK is well located...**



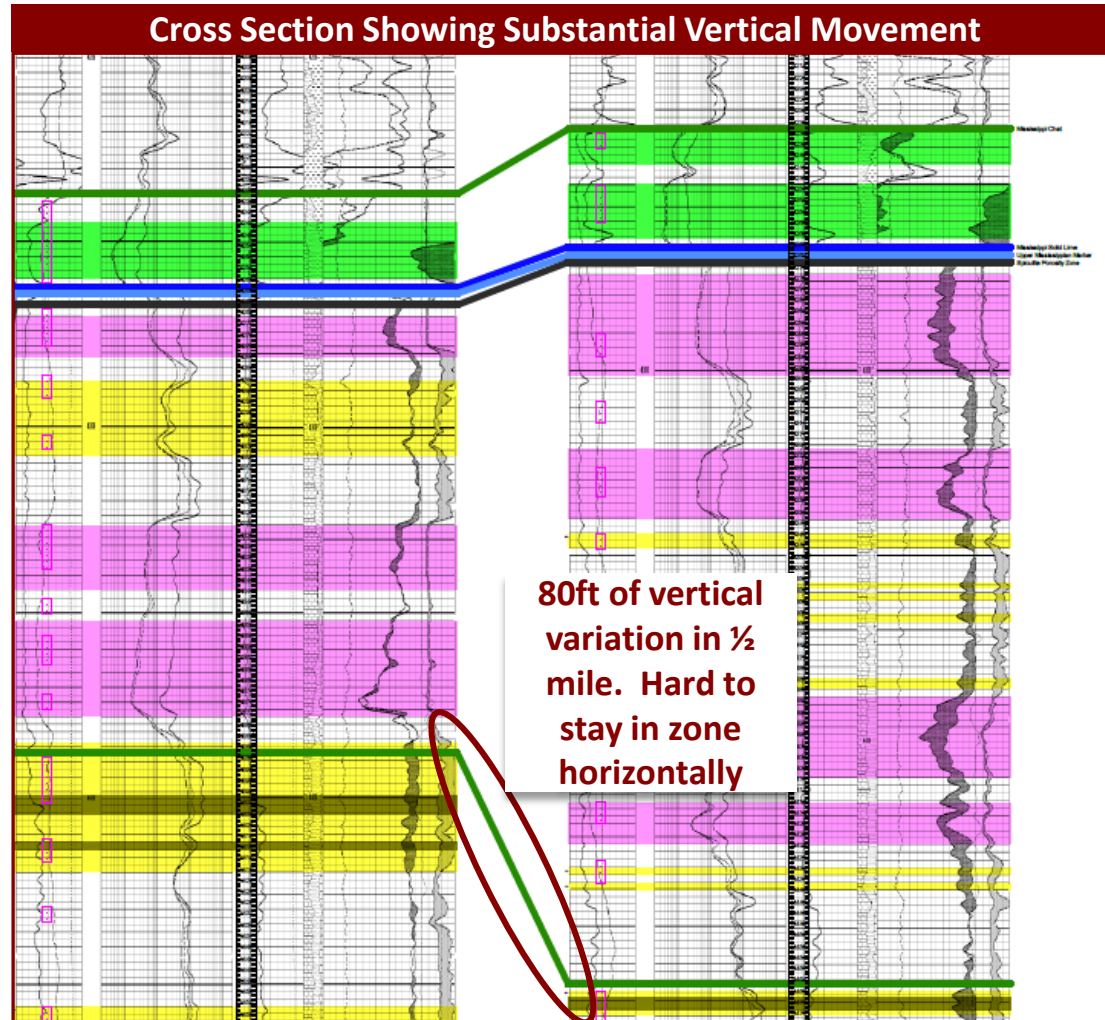
**...and transport costs are low**

- Have retained roughly \$2.00 price premium to Posted
- Competition for pick up supporting that price despite P-Plus spread tightening
- 6 month rolling visibility into that spread

**Proximate refining capacity and short distance to Cushing create structural competitive advantage**

# Best Targeted Vertically – Large HZ Operators Leaving

*Formation is poorly suited to horizontal completion*



**Difficult to complete horizontally, providing competitive advantage for vertical operators**

# Key Achievements since last Year

*Reacted prudently to oil price correction*

- ✓ Delivered 75% Y/Y growth in production in 2014
- ✓ Raised USD\$20M term loan with more stable terms than traditional reserve based lending facility; may be increased up to USD\$60M
- ✓ Completed gas delivery infrastructure enabling production across our current field
- ✓ Aggressively hedged our oil and gas production through the end of 2016 in October 2014 at USD\$80 as oil prices started to decline
  - Purchased put options to enhance value in oil price recovery
- ✓ Used our “free” in-ground storage to benefit from steeply upward sloping curve by slowing pumps and increasing well bore pressures
- ✓ Strategically paused drilling to take advantage of attractive lease expiration schedule and to capture 5 point cut in tax rate starting July 1, 2015 for new wells drilled thereafter
- ✓ Utilized relative strength of balance sheet to significantly upgrade talent in organization during large company layoffs

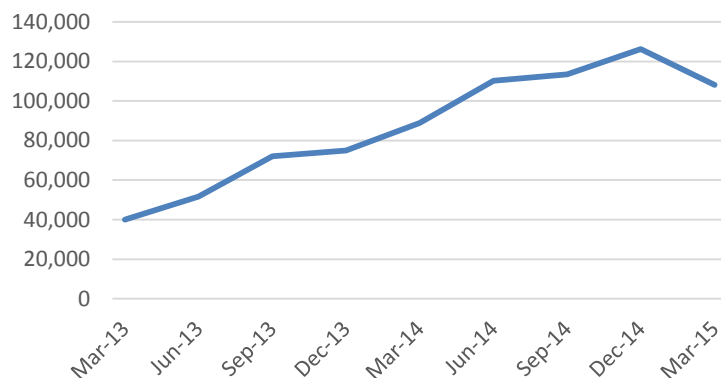
**Responded proactively to oil price correction and  
will begin to restart production as prices recover and taxes roll back**

# Key Operating Metrics

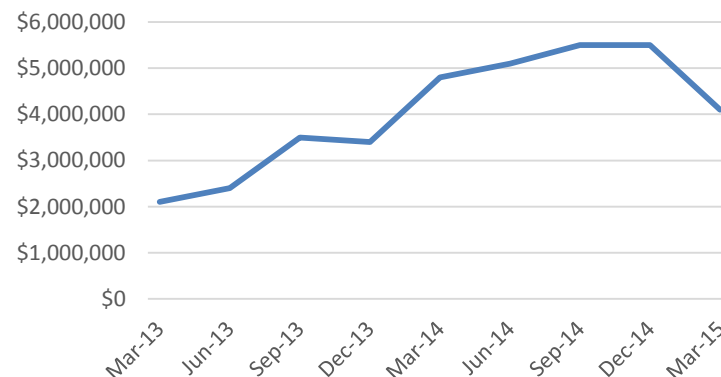
*Steady growth of key operating metrics until oil pricing environment warranted a strategic pullback*

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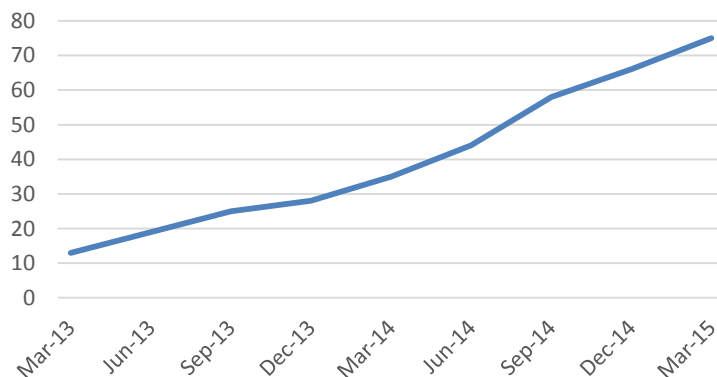
Total Production (BOE)



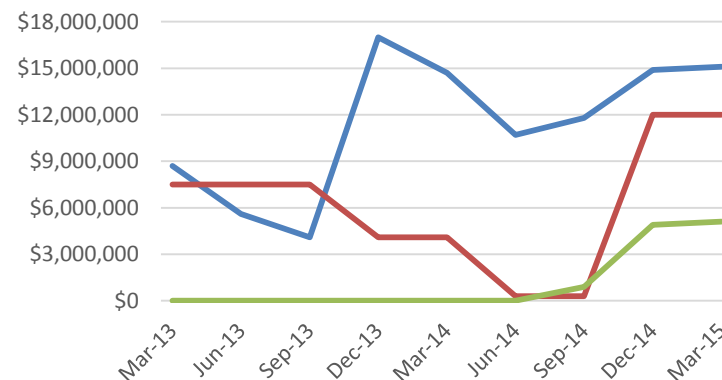
Net Revenue (USD)



Wells Pumping (core area)



Cash Long Term Debt MTM Hedges



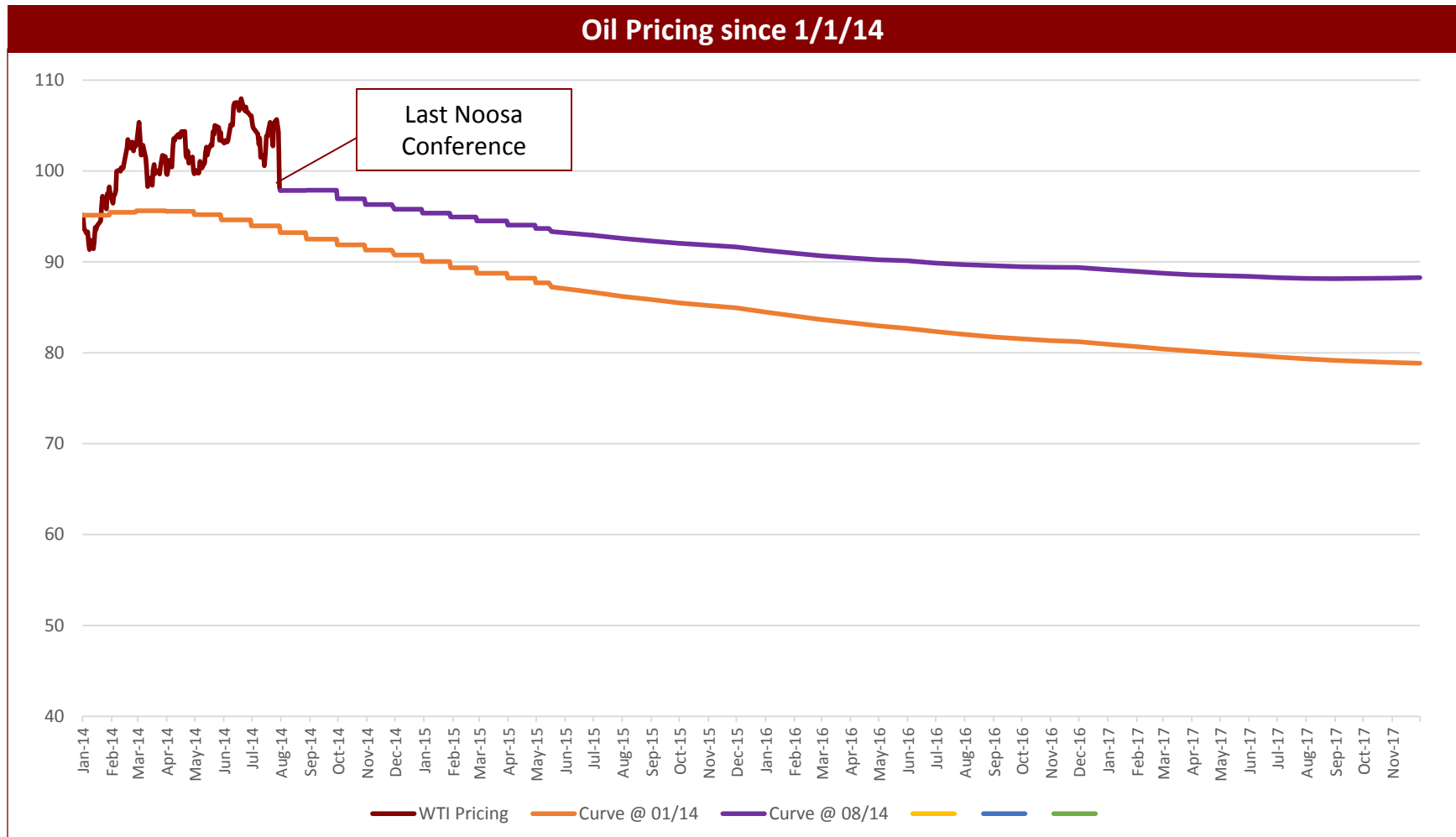
Source: AusTex

Note: Term loan facility drawn for additional USD\$8m in early Q2'15 increasing cash and debt

**As oil price declined we locked in future cash flows and access to debt for operating flexibility and opportunistic activity. Drew additional USD\$8M in Q2'15**

# Responding Well To Volatility

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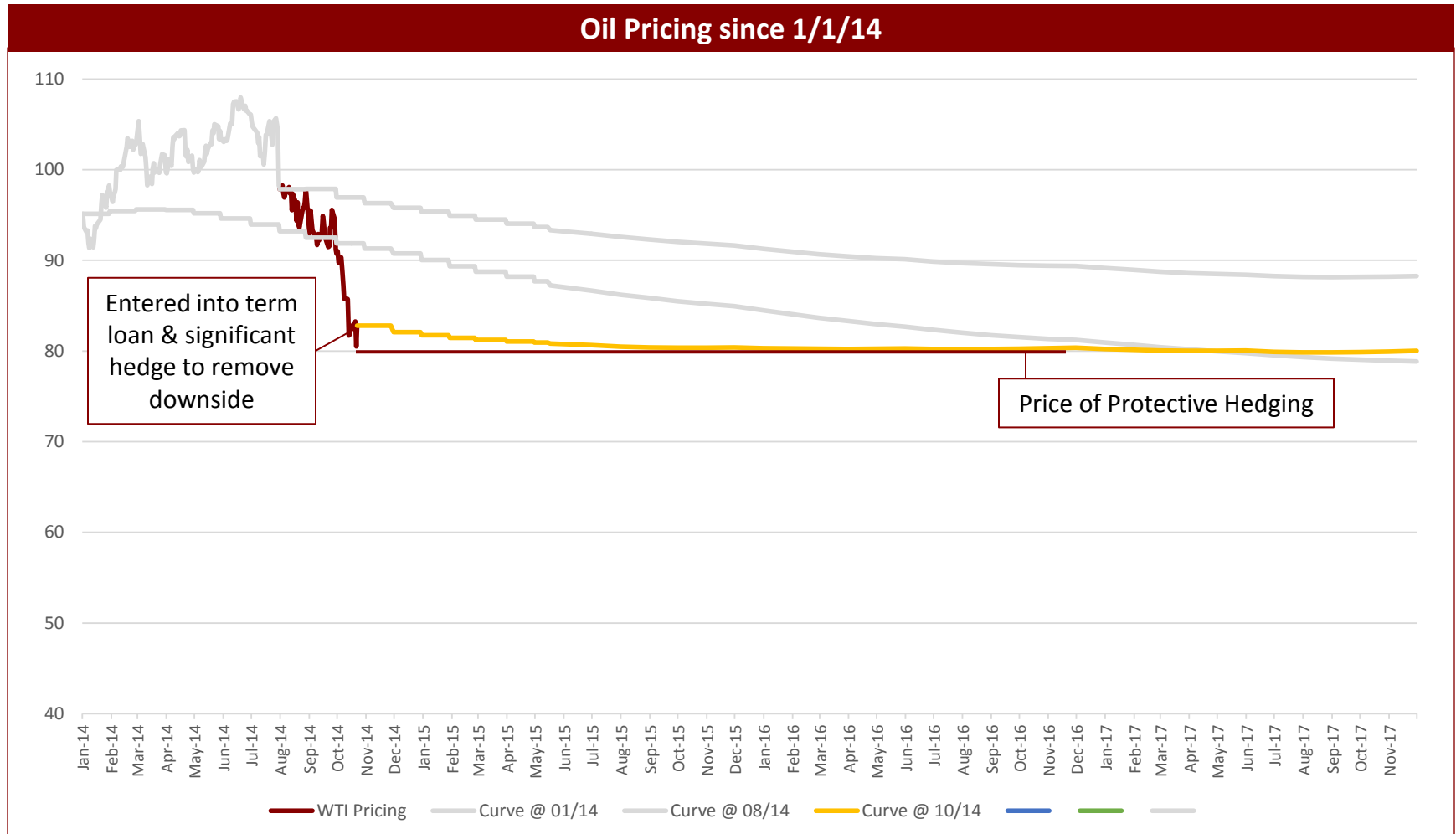


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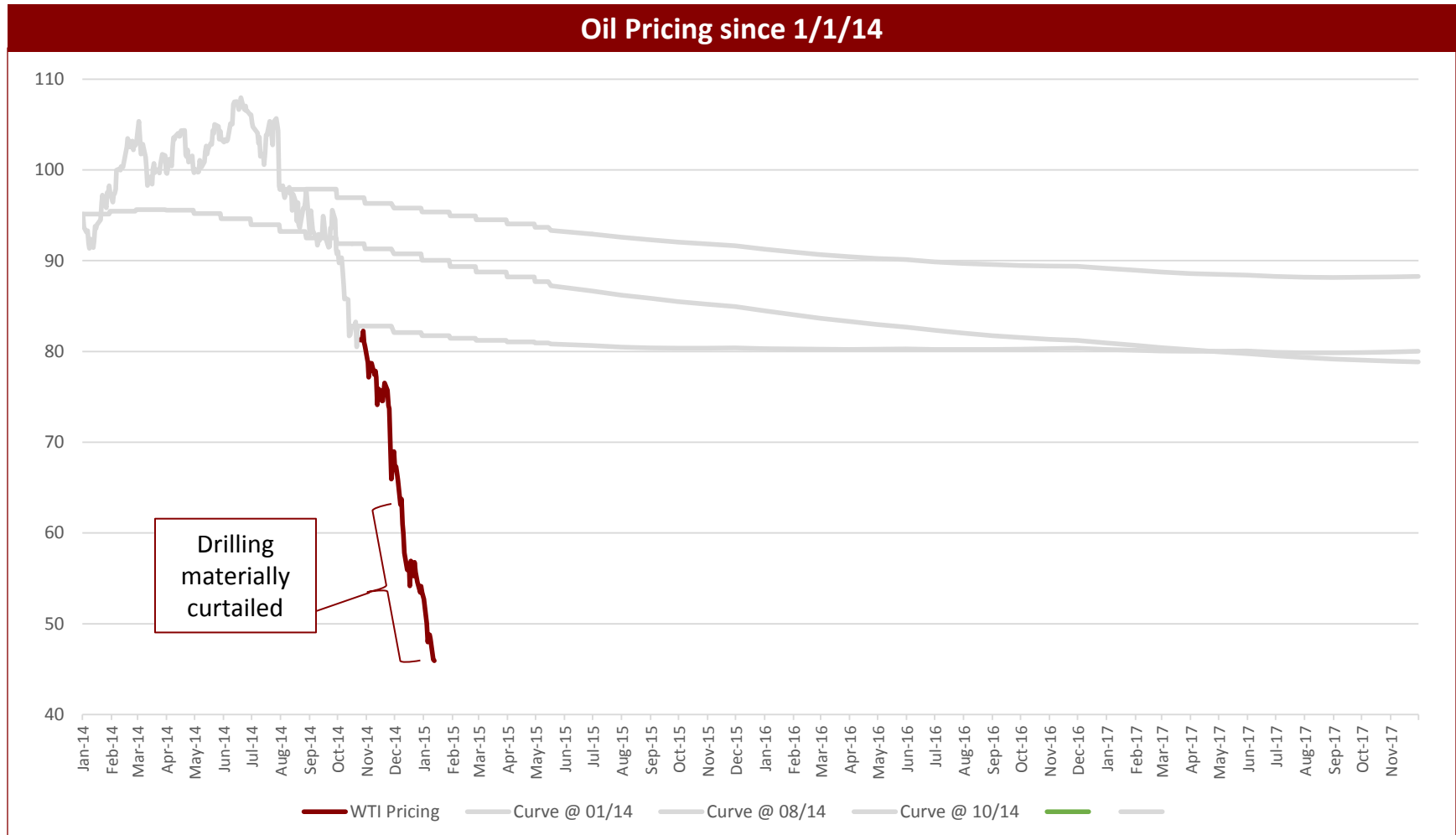


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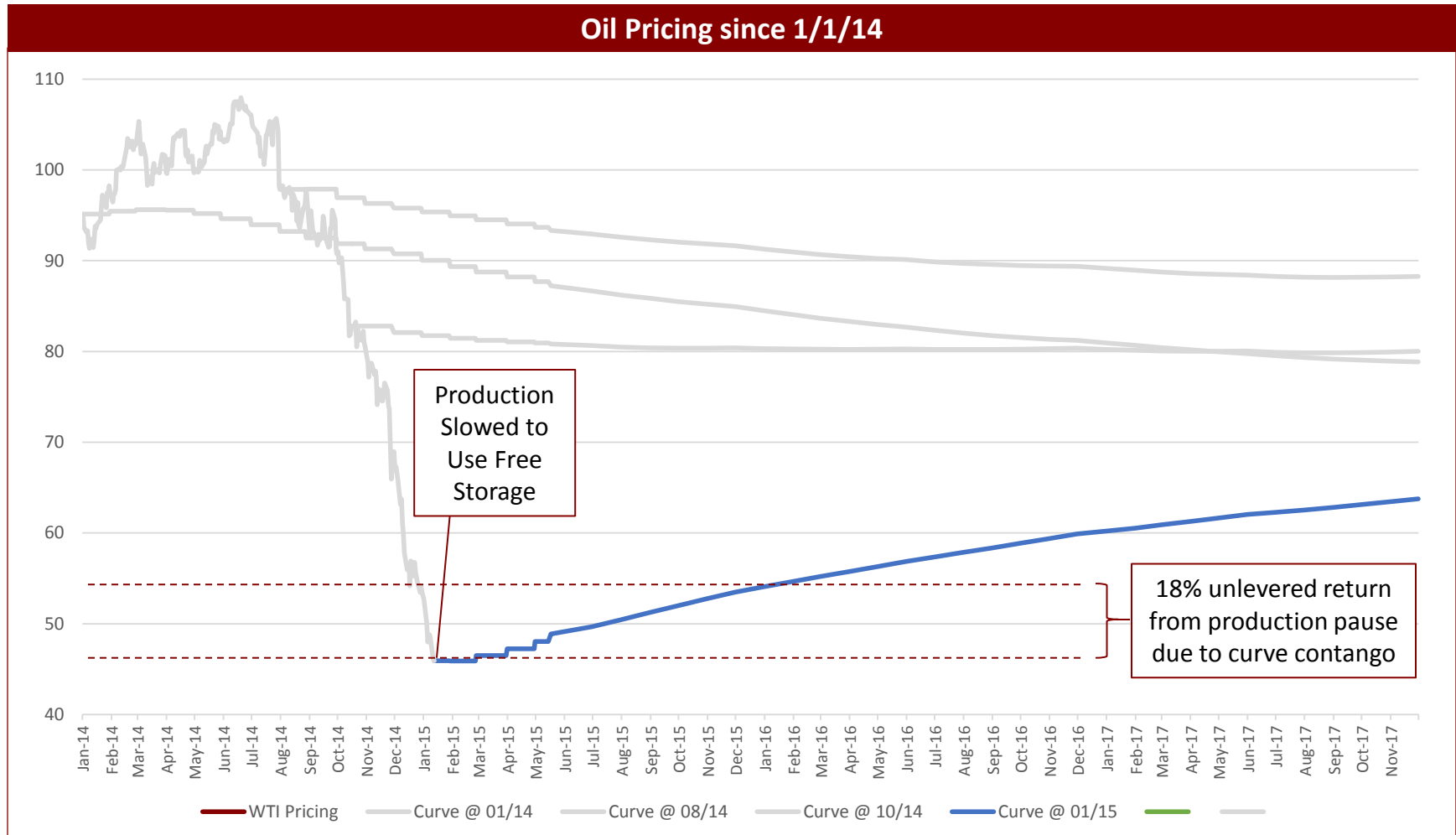
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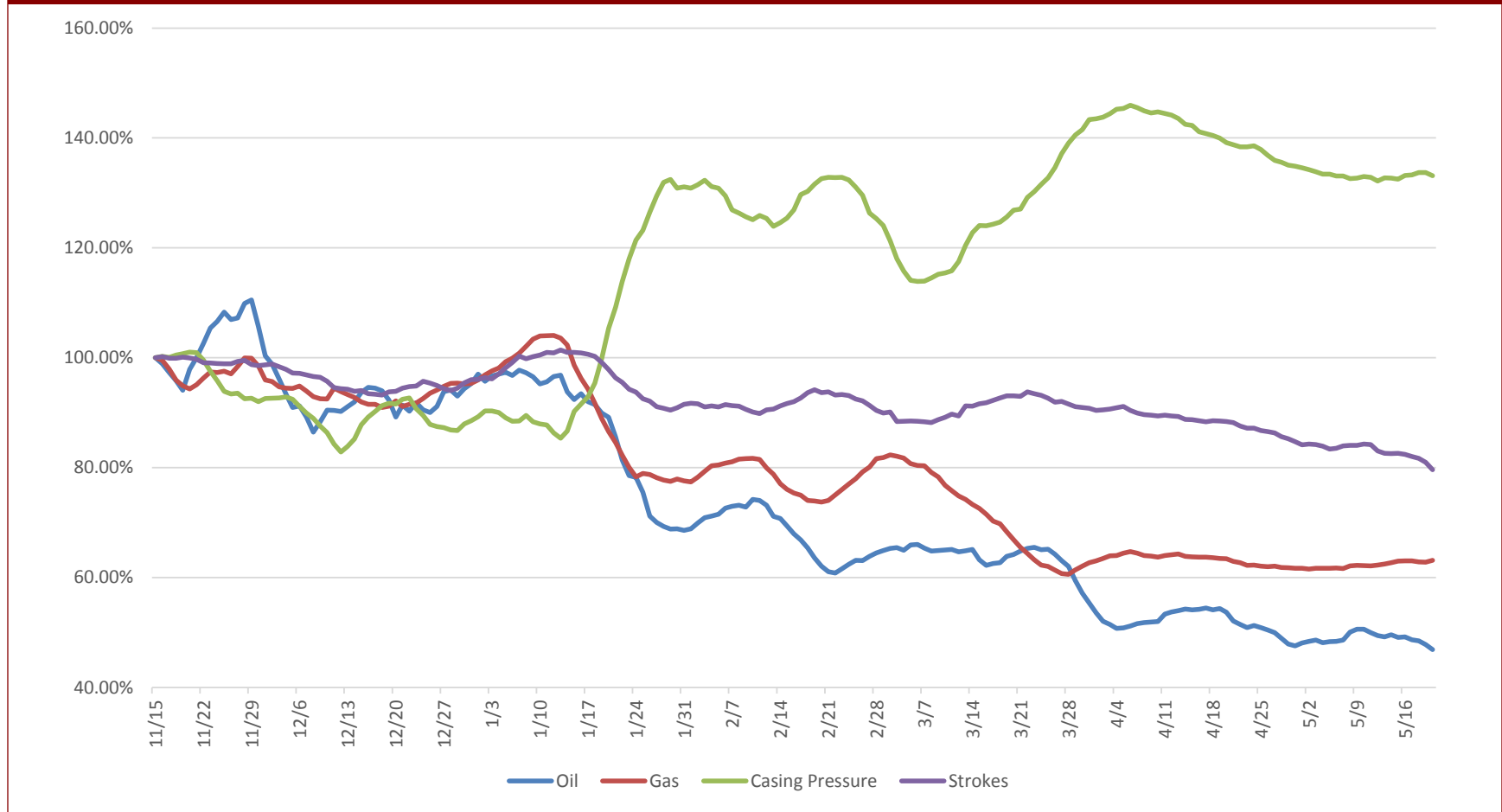
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# Formation “Storing” Oil

*Production curtailed with increased well bore pressure and decline in pump pace*

**Response to Well Pressure and Pump Pace – Per Well Metrics**

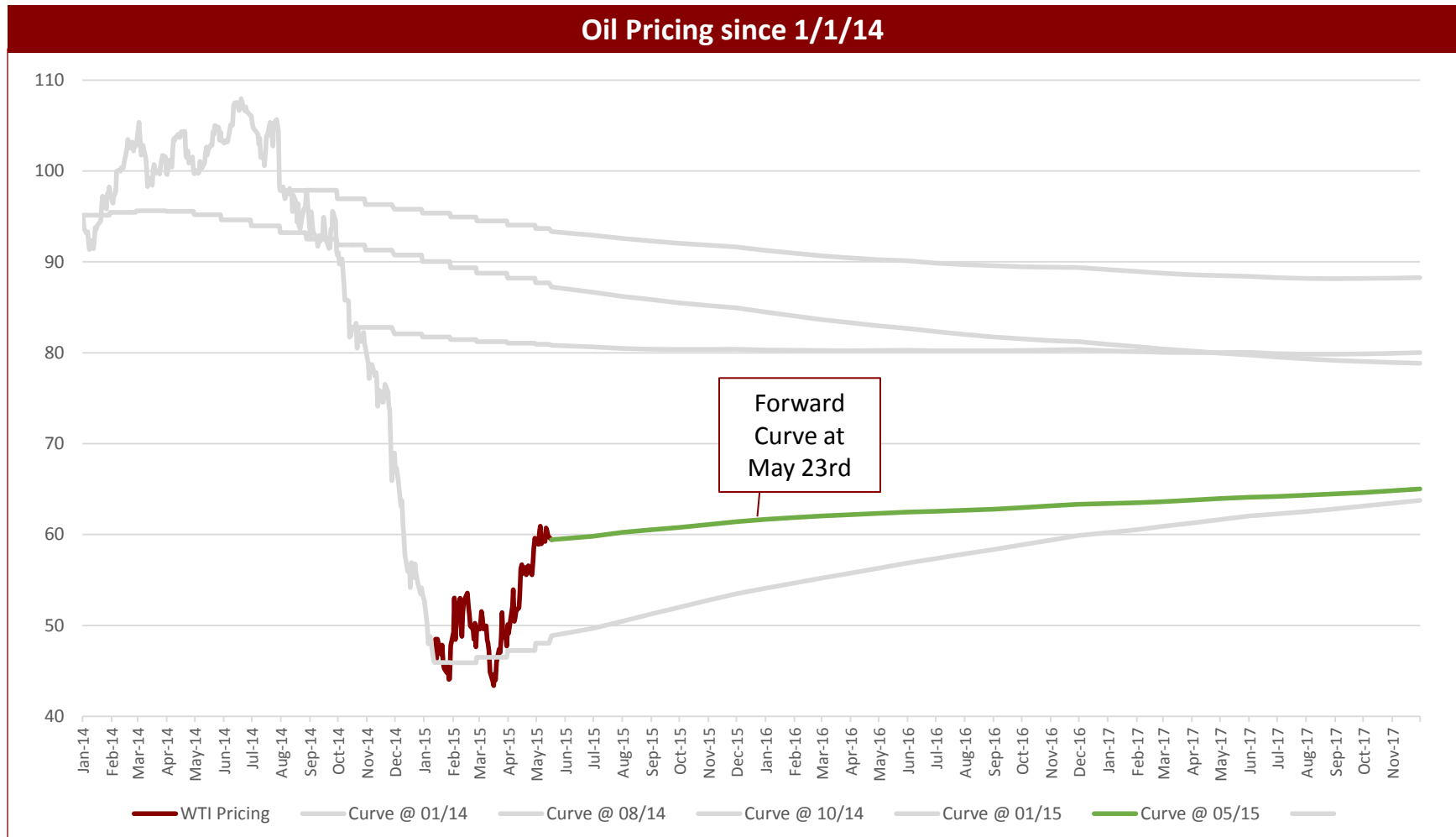


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**Rapid increase in field pressures has successfully retained oil in formation.  
However, means recent production does not create an analogous decline curve**

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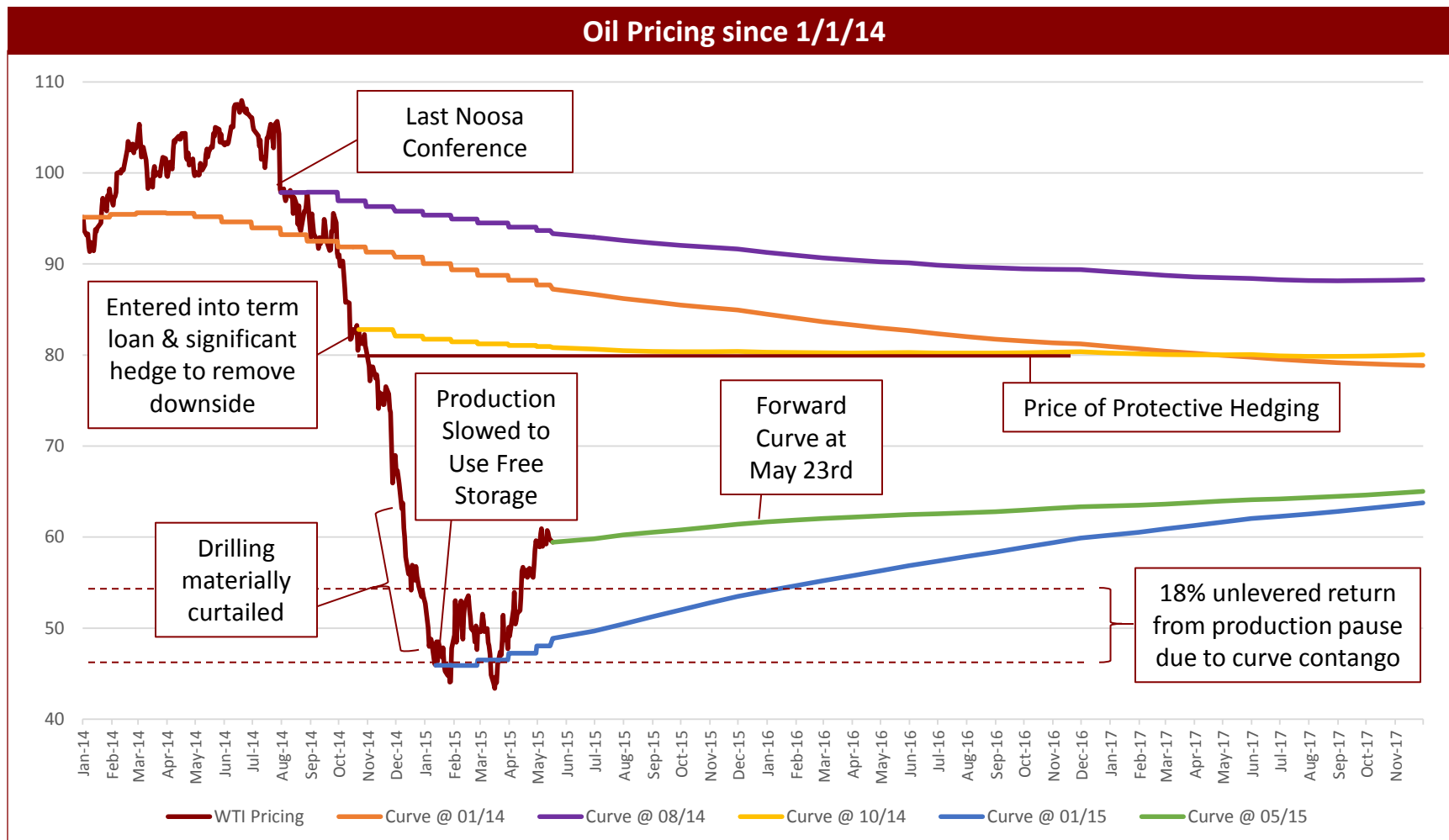


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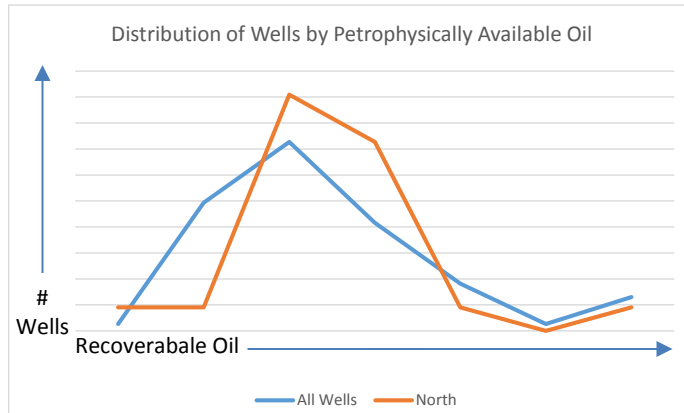
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# Lessons Learned Since Last Noosa Conference

*Using the drilling pause to diagnose recent well underperformance*

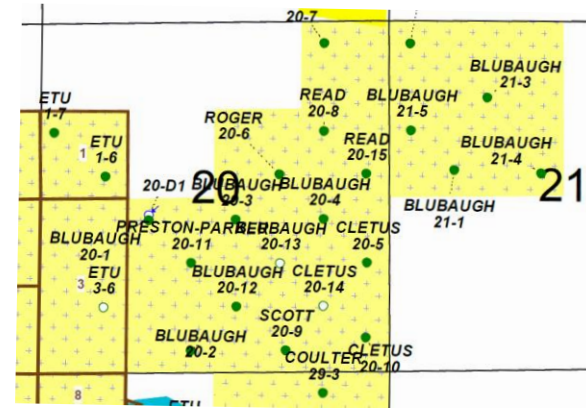
## Poor Results in North Likely Completion Driven



- Based on petrophysical analysis, rock appears reasonably consistent across the field
- Completion variance the likely cause of trouble
  - Perforation selection varied significantly
  - Size of frac and sand type changed
  - Frac methodology adjusted
  - Cement quality lower than typical
  - Deepest perf much lower than prior completions

Source: AusTex

## 20 Acre Density in Section 20 Too Tight



- Test of 20 acre density in section 20 created communication between wells
  - Based on initial results, these wells will not replicate initial decline curve estimates
  - Still economic but at lower IRRs
  - Likely a function of pre-existing natural fracturing
  - Lower frac rates expected to better contain range of communication

**Geology/petrophysics suggests reasonably consistent rock across the field, but completion changes were ineffective and have been returned to prior baselines**

# Response and Plan Forward

*Capitalized on the industry turmoil to increase human capital. Plan to start drilling again within the next week*

## Improved Human Capital

- **New geologist**
  - Formerly with Range Resources
  - Extensive local knowledge
  - Significant understanding of their old vertical Three Sands field
  - Very strong technical talent with highly applicable experience set
- **New head engineer**
  - 30 years experience in the Mississippian
  - Historical experience completing and operating wells
  - Previously worked with Pioneer and Halcon
  - Cost disciplined and ROI focused
- **Field re-organized into production, construction and completion/workover**
- **New finance staff**

Source: AusTex

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Half 2015 Plan

- **All current activity estimates assume oil price stability or better and attractive productivity of new wells<sup>1</sup>**
- **Complete existing drilled wells**
  - With recovery in oil prices, existing wells will be completed by July
- **Restart drilling in July**
  - Initial pace to be slow – 1 to 2 wells per month
  - Will focus on speed to production testing to ensure rapid learning and feedback
- **Pace to increase in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter**
  - Will gauge acceleration on basis of production results re-establishing success of traditional AusTex frac design
- **Will continue to lease and/or acquire acreage and production as possible**

Note 1: Please see the disclaimers for key disclosures about estimates

**If oil prices stabilize and/or continue to improve,  
newly reinforced team will begin drilling again in July**

# Recent Updates

*Performing against objectives stated at the Company's 2014 AGM*

- ✓ Increased cash position in the last quarter
- ✓ Will restart drilling this week
- ✓ AFE coming in at roughly \$525k (includes tank battery but no overhead for disposal)
- ✓ Have started to release casing pressure constraints and production beginning to rebound
- ✓ Frac'ed a new well in each of the North and in the South West
- ✓ Frac prices down 25%+
- ✓ Time frame from frac to sales shortened meaningfully, production testing to commence in the next 10 days
- ✓ New team working well together – more collaborative working dynamic and more data driven conclusions
- ✓ Testing new technology in the field to enhance lease operating efficiency

**Have executed against the near term priorities articulated at the 2014 AGM**

# Current Reserve Base

Based on Nymex Strip at 31/12/14

31-Dec-14 Reserve Report Discounted Cash Flow					
(\$000 USD)	Discount Rate				
	0%	5%	10%	15%	20%
PDP	\$58,373	\$40,645	\$31,831	\$26,599	\$23,127
PDNP	\$8,022	\$5,642	\$4,337	\$3,524	\$2,968
PUD	\$141,964	\$81,211	\$50,311	\$32,596	\$21,545
<b>Total Proved</b>	<b>\$208,359</b>	<b>\$127,498</b>	<b>\$86,479</b>	<b>\$62,719</b>	<b>\$47,640</b>
Probable	\$106,186	\$57,645	\$32,229	\$17,657	\$8,724
<b>2P</b>	<b>\$314,546</b>	<b>\$185,143</b>	<b>\$118,707</b>	<b>\$80,376</b>	<b>\$56,364</b>

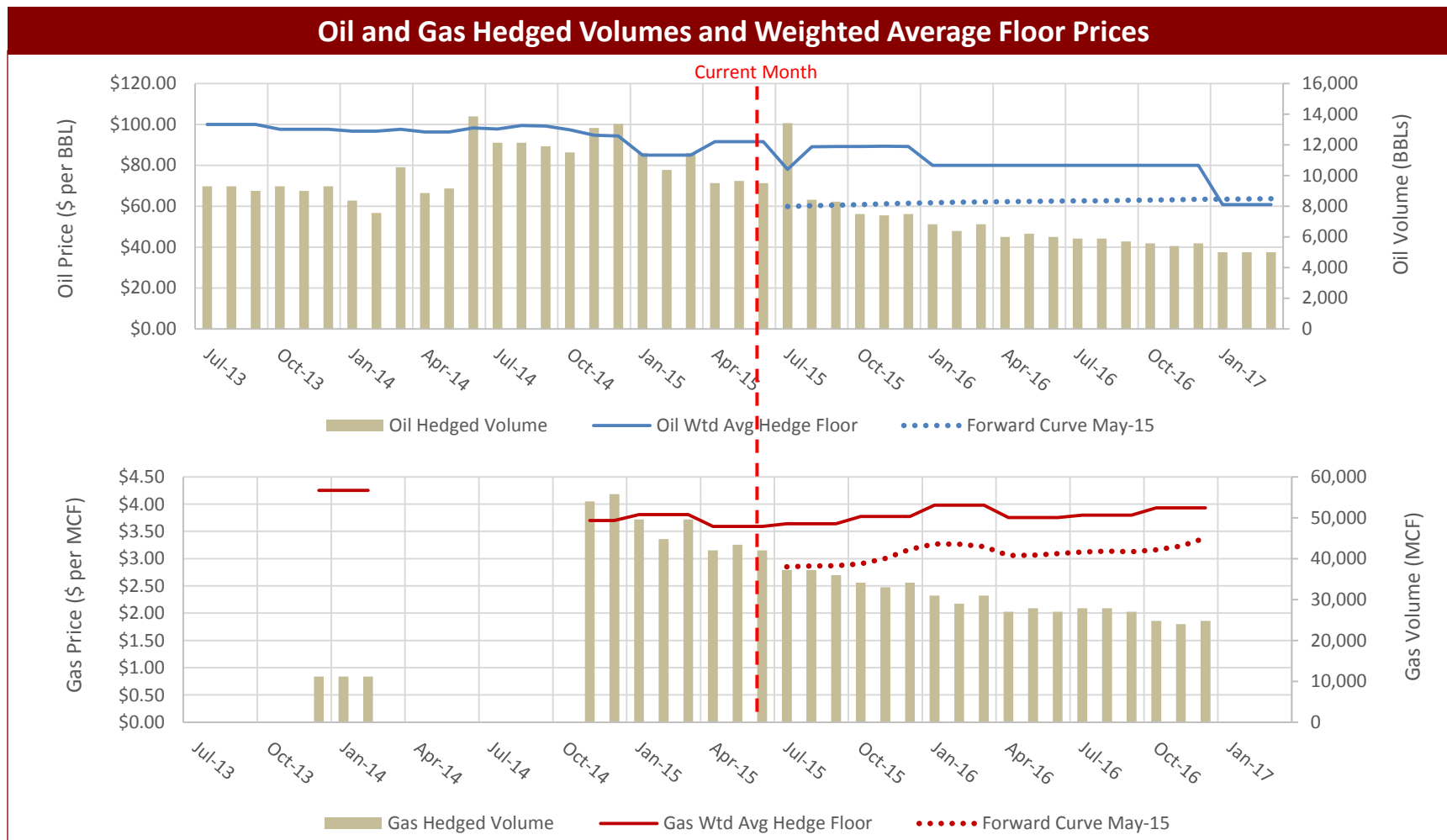
31-Dec-14 Reserve Report Assumed Hydrocarbon Pricing					
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Oil	\$56.26	\$62.63	\$66.55	\$68.50	\$69.75
Gas	\$3.03	\$3.46	\$3.76	\$3.96	\$4.12

Source: Pinnacle Engineering

**Reported on a NYMEX strip basis to provide transparency to shareholders.**

# Current Hedging Position

Meaningful embedded value in the current hedging position



**Our hedges reflect more attractive pricing than the 31/12/14 NYMEX strip and represent some attractive protection in the current price environment**

*Well positioned to capitalize on this oil price correction*

## Key Company Highlights

- ✓ Well Capitalized – stable debt facility and net cash credit today
- ✓ Strong Cash Position – USD\$24M as at June 30
- ✓ Compelling Hedging Assets
- ✓ Upgraded Team – improvements in geology, engineering and field operations
- ✓ Exit of both horizontal and vertical competition from the geography
- ✓ Opportunity for organic growth and strategic transactions
- ✓ Completed infrastructure to handle both gas and water with full OCC approval
- ✓ Limited near term lease expirations
- ✓ Improving well economics due to price reductions and tax breaks
- ✓ Significant drilling runway given cash on hand and cash flow

**Response to the price correction has enabled the Company to now capitalize on the declines. Much still to prove, but the opportunity is compelling**