



# QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES REPORT

## 31 JULY 2015

27 August 2015

	Quarter Ended			12 Months Ended		
	Jul 15 (‘000t)	Jul 14 (‘000t)	Change (%)	Jul 15 (‘000t)	Jul 14 (‘000t)	Change (%)
Raw Coal Production	2,812	2,946	-4.5%	11,140	11,046	+0.9%
Saleable Coal Production	1,454	1,508	-3.6%	5,747	5,637	+2.0%
Coal Sold*	1,361	1,659	-18.0%	5,827	6,003	-2.9%
QBH Export Throughput	1,839	2,060	-10.7%	7,094	7,863	-9.8%

*\*Coal sold includes traded coal sales*

### KEY POINTS

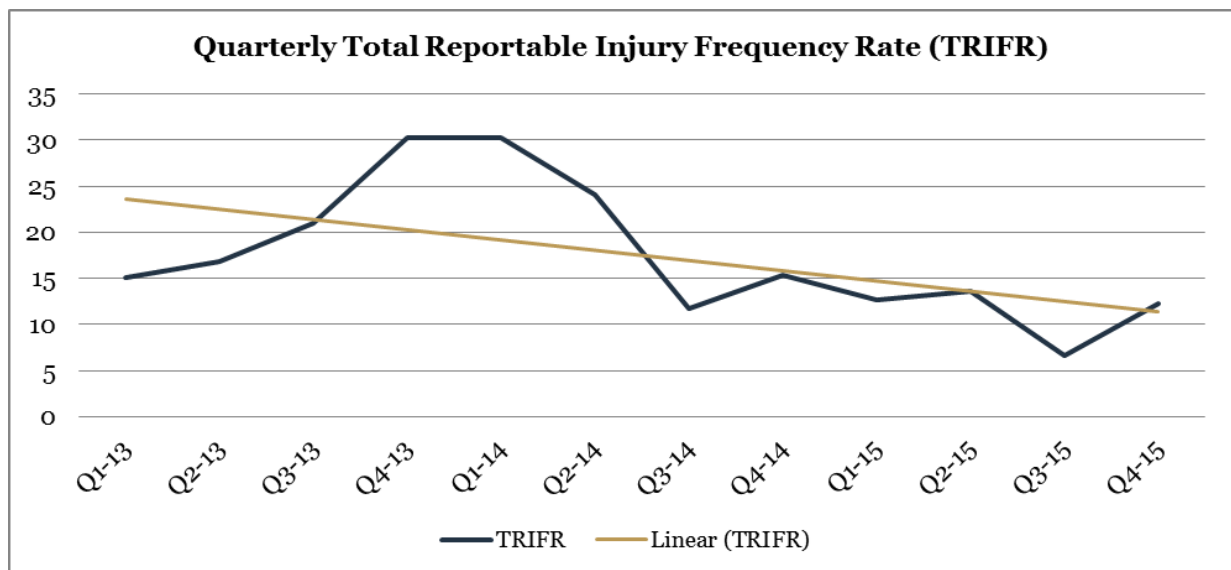
- Operations have continued to deliver an improved financial contribution for the current year compared to the previous year.
- Consistent coal production volumes for the current quarter, with full year exceeding those achieved in the previous corresponding period.
- Coal sales volumes down on the previous corresponding year as a result of a reduction in traded coal sales.
- New Hope continues to hold a strong balance sheet, maintaining its strong strategic position to weather the current difficult market conditions.
- Oil production for the current quarter of 43,554 barrels.
- The Public Notification phase of the Mining Lease and Environmental Authority process for New Acland Stage 3 project has concluded.

## COAL OPERATIONS

Both raw coal production and saleable coal production were below the production recorded in the prior corresponding period. On a full year basis, both raw coal production and saleable coal production exceeded the prior corresponding period.

Sales volumes for the quarter were down on the corresponding period last year. Full year sales volumes were down 9.8% on prior year's sales, as a result of less traded coal sales being made during the current year.

## SAFETY PERFORMANCE



The company remains focussed on delivering safe production across all operations. A group wide commitment to the “i-Safe/we-Safe” behavioural safety program continues to deliver improving safety metrics as highlighted by the above TRIFR statistics.

## EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT

During the quarter drilling activity was conducted over New Acland tenements with 72 holes drilled for a total of 3,351 metres.

### **New Acland (ML 50216, ML 50170 and MDL 244)**

Drilling during the quarter continued to focus on coal quality, seam delineation and confirming geology of future mining areas.

### **Colton (EPC923)**

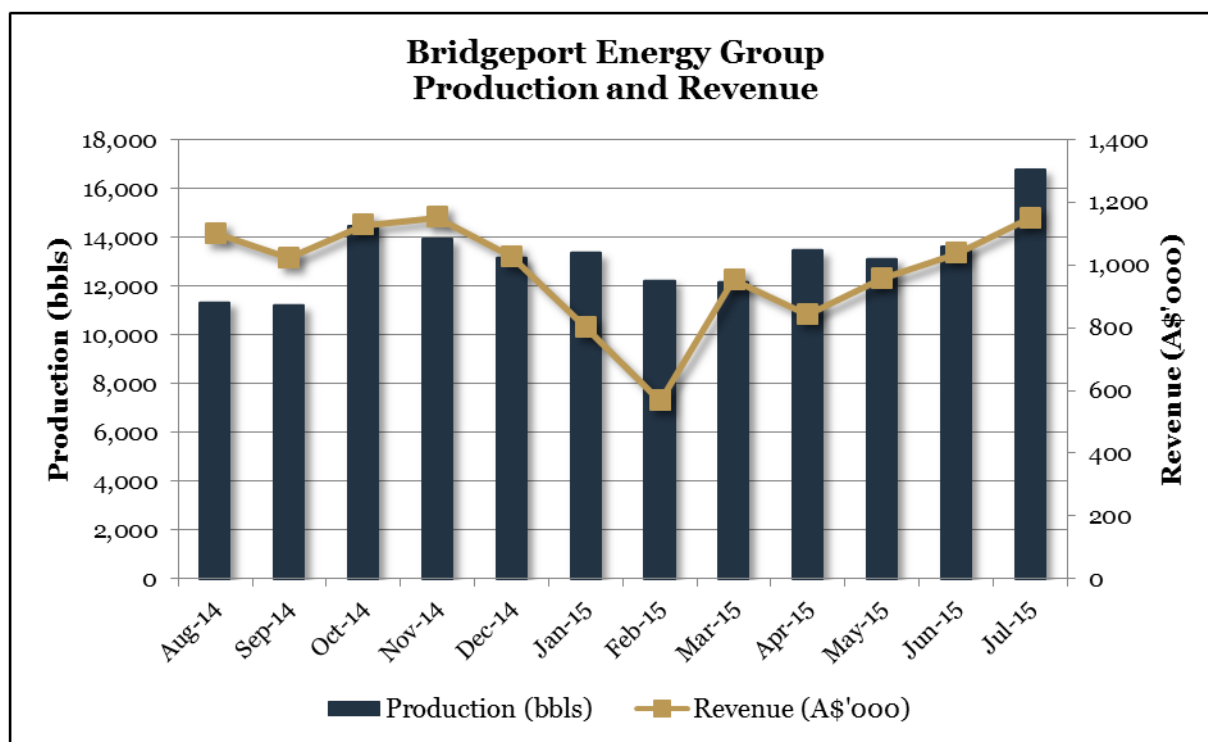
Monthly groundwater monitoring continued as part of ongoing baseline studies.

### **Minerals tenements (EPM's 18589, 19863, 18581)**

Plans for conducting an Induced Polarisation survey at Courtenay EPM18581 and EMP19508 Courtenay West were completed.

## BRIDGEPORT ENERGY

Oil production totalled 43,554 barrels for the quarter.



Oil prices steadied during the quarter, but have since dropped in August.

Oil production for the 12 months was 158,884 barrels with revenues of \$11.8 million over the period.

### Operated fields – Inland and Utopia

Based on improving oil prices, planning is in progress for a substantial amount of production enhancement work at Utopia and Inland, including recompletions to shallower unexploited zones as well as up to five new production wells in the two fields over the next financial year.

### PL303 – Cuisinier (Bridgeport 15 % interest)

The two new Cuisinier development wells (Cu-20 and Cu-21) came on line in late June 2015 and are producing an additional net production to Bridgeport of 90 bopd. Remediation work on Cu-21 is underway to increase production levels further.

### Exploration permits

During the quarter, Bridgeport executed a term sheet to facilitate farm-in to a portfolio of Cooper Basin exploration assets held by Bridgeport. The relevant permits are PEL 630 and PELA 641 in South Australia and ATP 794 and ATP 948 in SW Queensland. The term sheet is now progressing to a full Farm-in Agreement with finalisation and execution expected to occur during the next quarter.

Cultural heritage clearances were in progress or completed at ATP 805 (Surat Basin), PEL 630 and ATP 794, to enable a total of 500 km<sup>2</sup> of 3D seismic is to be acquired across these permits.

An exploration study of the Cooper Eromanga Basin in South West Queensland was completed by Bridgeport during the quarter to assist in determining future exploration activities within permits currently held.

### **Health and Safety**

There were no incidents or near misses during the quarter and Bridgeport's LTI free period is now over 900 days. Bridgeport's LTIFR is below industry average of 2.0 per million man hours.

### **ACLAND PASTORAL**

The results received this quarter from the scientific grazing trial to compare the livestock production performance of rehabilitated land with that of unmined land has continued the trend of showing rehabilitated sites can outperform unmined land.

The trials are being conducted by independent agricultural consultants Outcross Agri Services based in Armidale with the assistance of University of Southern Queensland and other industry experts.

### **DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

#### **Revised New Acland Coal Mine Stage 3 Project**

The Public Notification phase of the Mining Lease and Environmental Authority process for New Acland Stage 3 project has concluded.

#### **North Surat Projects**

Work progressed on building the geological database for the recently acquired North Surat projects.

### **COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

In June, the historic St Jude's Church was successfully transported back to its origins at Jondaryan to take up pride of place on the hill at the historical Jondaryan Woolshed site. The church had originally been built in the late 1800's at Jondaryan, and was relocated to Acland in 1952. The church will now be restored as a wedding chapel.



New Hope Group's Community Investment Fund awarded a number of grants for community related projects during the quarter, some examples of these projects include:

- Friends of McDonald Nursing Home with the refurbishment of the palliative care room at Oakey Hospital.
- The Kingsthorpe and District War Memorial Hall Committee for the purchase of new chairs for their hall.
- Quinalow State School P&C Association to install a new outdoor play structure for lower primary school students.
- The Jondaryan Rural Fire Brigade for improvements to their communications and command room.
- The MacLAGAN-Windermere Kindergarten for an external painting and reroofing project.
- Support for the Oakey State School P&C towards low cost pre-prep training for children transitioning into Oakey State School.

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