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## Range acquires interest in a strategic US asset

## Highlights:

- Range acquires a 25% interest in well known Texas oil and gas field, with drilling at project already underway,
- Low entry cost To fund drilling of Smith #1 Well (AUD\$1m) and in the event of a discovery fund costs to production (AUD\$350,000),
- Significant infrastructure in place and timing to first sales will be approximately three months
  upon a discovery being made, with an estimated payback period of 8 10 months,

Australian based oil and gas company Range Resources Limited (ASX:RRS, AIM: RRL) ("Range" or "the Company") continues to enhance its international oil and gas portfolio, reaching agreement with U.S. based private oil and gas company Crest Resources Inc ("Crest") to acquire a 25% working interest in the North Chapman Ranch project located in Nueces County, Texas.

The project area encompasses approximately 1,280 acres in one of the most prolific oil and gas producing trends in the State of Texas.

## Smith #1 Well - Currently Drilling

Range will participate in the Smith #1 well, which has already commenced drilling and is expected to confirm an apparent discovery made by Crest and its partners earlier this year. The well is currently at 8,000 feet with a target depth of 14,000 feet. Range anticipates target depth being achieved in the next three weeks and will provide updates to the market as they are received.

## **North Chapman Ranch Background**

North Chapman Ranch is situated within the prolific Frio producing trend just north of the Chapman Ranch in the Mobil David and Doughty Fields. The Mobil David field was discovered in 1965 when Mobil drilled the Chapman #1B and completed the well in the Laureles Sand (now the Howell Hight). Since then, an estimated 250 billion cubic feet of natural gas and more than 10 million barrels of oil have been produced from this field, primarily from the Anderson sandstone. Recently, several operators in the area have been successfully developing the deeper Howell Hight formation, with some wells exhibiting flow rates in the 6-9 million cubic feet per day range. The currently drilling Smith #1 well is programmed to test the Howell Hight formation in a location near that of the recently drilled Zdansky #1 well. Crest was unable to complete the Zdansky well due to hole problems.

If successful, the Smith #1 well could trigger significant oil and gas production and development drilling with very attractive economics, at a time when exploration and development costs in the U.S. have dropped dramatically. In addition, the favorable operating and regulatory environment in Texas serves to mitigate perceived political risk associated with Range's other international exploration projects.

## **Benefits for Range**

The cost for Range is AUD\$1m which includes the cost of the current well. In the event of a discovery, costs to production will be approximately AUD\$350,000. The low cost relates to the significant infrastructure (eg. pipelines) already in place. Timing to first sales will be approximately three months upon a discovery being made with an estimated payback period of 8 – 10 months. With winter approaching in the US, timing may be expedited with increased gas prices. Range can limit its exposure to the Smith #1 well or continue with its participation interest in an exploration area which is targeting a minimum of 80 BCF of gas (undiscovered gas in place).

## **Moving Forward**

With Range anticipating that Africa Oil and the Puntland Government will agree to the proposed drilling programme on the onshore Puntland oil & gas blocks shortly, the recently acquired Georgian blocks being prepared for a seismic survey and the Smith #1 well about half way to target depth, the Company is excited with its portfolio and the activity planned for the coming months.

The Company received over subscriptions with its latest placement and will accept a further AUD\$2.2m as per the attached Appendix 3B.

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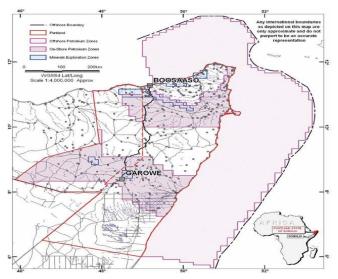
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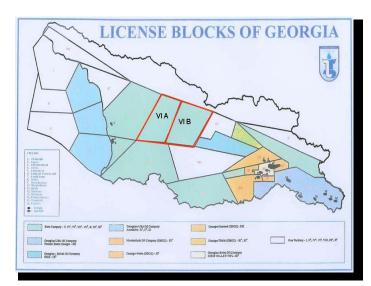
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<sup>\*</sup>The reference to the undiscovered gas in place estimate was provided by Crest Resources Inc., reviewed by Texas Energy Advisers LLC (Range Consultant) who have over 25 years of relevant experience in the oil and gas sector and found to be consistent with the SPE Guidelines.

## **Range Projects**

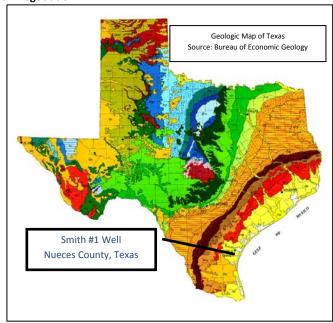




• 20% interest onshore (Africa Oil Corp 80%)

• 50% with Strait Resources (other 50%)

100% offshore subject to PSA negotiation



• 25% interest

# Appendix 3B

# New issue announcement, application for quotation of additional securities and agreement

Information or documents not available now must be given to ASX as soon as available. Information and documents given to ASX become ASX's property and may be made public.

Introduced 1/7/96. Origin: Appendix 5. Amended 1/7/98, 1/9/99, 1/7/2000, 30/9/2001, 11/3/2002, 1/1/2003.

Name of entity

### RANGE RESOURCES LIMITED

ABN

88 002 522 009

We (the entity) give ASX the following information.

## Part 1 - All issues

You must complete the relevant sections (attach sheets if there is not enough space).

<sup>+</sup>Class of <sup>+</sup>securities issued or to be issued

Ordinary Fully Paid Shares

Listed Options (\$0.05 cents, 31 December 2011)

Number of +securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued

65,113,650 Ordinary Fully Paid Shares

65,113,650 Listed Options (\$0.05 cents, 31 December 2011)

3 Principal terms of the <sup>+</sup>securities (eg, if options, exercise price and expiry date; if partly paid <sup>+</sup>securities, the amount outstanding and due dates for payment; if <sup>+</sup>convertible securities, the conversion price and dates for conversion)

65,113,650 Ordinary Fully Paid Shares

65,113,650 Listed Options (\$0.05 cents, 31 December 2011)

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<sup>+</sup> See chapter 19 for defined terms.

4 Do the <sup>+</sup>securities rank equally in all respects from the date of allotment with an existing <sup>+</sup>class of quoted <sup>+</sup>securities?

If the additional securities do not rank equally, please state:

- the date from which they do
- the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment
- the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment
- 5 Issue price or consideration

65,113,650 Ordinary Fully Paid Shares to be issued in a Placement to Sophisticated and Institutional Investors at 3.5 cents per share with a free attaching Listed Option (5 cents, 31 Dec 2011) raising \$2.2m to fund the acquisition of the strategic US Oil &

operations

Puntland

Purpose of the issue
(If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets)

65,113,650 Ordinary Fully Paid Shares to be issued in a Placement to Sophisticated and Institutional Investors at 3.5 cents per share with a free attaching Listed Option (5 cents, 31 Dec 2011) raising \$2.2m to fund the acquisition of the strategic US Oil & Gas Project, Georgian operations Puntland operations, issue costs and working capital.

Gas Project, Georgian

operations, issue costs and working capital.

7 Dates of entering <sup>+</sup>securities into uncertificated holdings or despatch of certificates

On or about 21 Sep 2009

8 Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable)

	Number	+Class	
	563,269,409	Ordinary fully paid shares (RRS)	
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	64,901,186	Listed Options (RRSOA) (A\$1.00, 1 October 2010)	
	363,822,688	Listed Attaching Options (RRSO) (\$A0.05, 31 December 2011)	

9 Number and +class of all +securities not quoted on ASX (*including* the securities in clause 2 if applicable)

Number	+Class		
3,177,029	Unlisted Options (A\$0.50, 30 June 2012)		

10	Dividend policy (in the case of a
	trust, distribution policy) on the
	increased capital (interests)

Not applicable			

## Part 2 - Bonus issue or pro rata issue

11	Is security holder approval required?	N/A
12	Is the issue renounceable or non-renounceable?	N/A
13	Ratio in which the <sup>+</sup> securities will be offered	N/A
14	<sup>+</sup> Class of <sup>+</sup> securities to which the offer relates	N/A
15	<sup>+</sup> Record date to determine entitlements	N/A
16	Will holdings on different registers (or subregisters) be aggregated for calculating entitlements?	N/A
17	Policy for deciding entitlements in relation to fractions	N/A
18	Names of countries in which the entity has <sup>+</sup> security holders who will not be sent new issue documents	N/A
	Note: Security holders must be told how their entitlements are to be dealt with.	
	Cross reference: rule 7.7.	
19	Closing date for receipt of acceptances or renunciations	N/A
20	Names of any underwriters	N/A
21	Amount of any underwriting fee or commission	N/A
22	Names of any brokers to the issue	N/A
23	Fee or commission payable to the broker to the issue	N/A
24	Amount of any handling fee payable to brokers who lodge acceptances or renunciations on behalf of +security holders	N/A
25	If the issue is contingent on +security holders' approval, the date of the meeting	N/A
26	Date entitlement and acceptance form and prospectus or Product Disclosure Statement will be sent to persons entitled	N/A

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27	If the entity has issued options, and the terms entitle option holders to participate on exercise, the date on which notices will be sent to option holders	N/A	
28	Date rights trading will begin (if applicable)	N/A	
29	Date rights trading will end (if applicable)	N/A	
30	How do <sup>+</sup> security holders sell their entitlements <i>in full</i> through a broker?	N/A	
31	How do <sup>+</sup> security holders sell <i>part</i> of their entitlements through a broker and accept for the balance?	N/A	
32	How do +security holders dispose of their entitlements (except by sale through a broker)?	N/A	
33	<sup>+</sup> Despatch date	N/A	
34 (a) (b)	(tick one)  Securities described in Part 1		
	ities that have ticked box 34(a)  Itional securities forming a new class of secu	ırities	
Tick t docum	o indicate you are providing the information or nents		
35	If the *securities are *equity securities, the names of the 20 largest holders of the additional *securities, and the number and percentage of additional *securities held by those holders		
36			
37	A copy of any trust deed for the additional	al +securities	

## Entities that have ticked box 34(b)

38	Number of securities for which <sup>+</sup> quotation is sought		
39	Class of *securities for which quotation is sought		
40	Do the <sup>+</sup> securities rank equally in all respects from the date of allotment with an existing <sup>+</sup> class of quoted <sup>+</sup> securities?		
	If the additional securities do not rank equally, please state:  • the date from which they do  • the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment  • the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment		
41	Reason for request for quotation now  Example: In the case of restricted securities, end of restriction period		
	(if issued upon conversion of another security, clearly identify that other security)		
42	Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX ( <i>including</i> the securities in clause 38)	Number	+Class

## **Quotation agreement**

- <sup>+</sup>Quotation of our additional <sup>+</sup>securities is in ASX's absolute discretion. ASX may quote the <sup>+</sup>securities on any conditions it decides.
- We warrant the following to ASX.
  - The issue of the +securities to be quoted complies with the law and is not for an illegal purpose.
  - There is no reason why those \*securities should not be granted \*quotation.
  - An offer of the <sup>+</sup>securities for sale within 12 months after their issue will not require disclosure under section 707(3) or section 1012C(6) of the Corporations Act.

Note: An entity may need to obtain appropriate warranties from subscribers for the securities in order to be able to give this warranty

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- Section 724 or section 1016E of the Corporations Act does not apply to any applications received by us in relation to any \*securities to be quoted and that no-one has any right to return any \*securities to be quoted under sections 737, 738 or 1016F of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the \*securities be quoted.
- We warrant that if confirmation is required under section 1017F of the Corporations Act in relation to the \*securities to be quoted, it has been provided at the time that we request that the \*securities be quoted.
- If we are a trust, we warrant that no person has the right to return the \*securities to be quoted under section 1019B of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the \*securities be quoted.
- We will indemnify ASX to the fullest extent permitted by law in respect of any claim, action or expense arising from or connected with any breach of the warranties in this agreement.
- We give ASX the information and documents required by this form. If any information or document not available now, will give it to ASX before <sup>+</sup>quotation of the <sup>+</sup>securities begins. We acknowledge that ASX is relying on the information and documents. We warrant that they are (will be) true and complete.

Sign here:

Date: 21 September 2009

Print name: Jane Flegg – Company Secretary