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Dear Sir/Madam,

#### **INVESTOR PRESENTATION**

East Energy Resources Limited (ASX: EER) is pleased to provide the Company's most recent corporate investor presentation, which will be delivered to various broker and investment groups over the next few days.

A copy of the presentation is attached.

Yours faithfully

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Non Executive Director

**Company Secretary** 







# **Investor Presentation**

May 2011

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# **Corporate Overview**

### Projects (Eromanga Basin)

- Located 45 km from Blackall, Central QLD
- Eromanga Basin, situated near the Galilee Basin
- Carlow and Alambi deposits

#### Resource

- 1.2Bt inferred resource over an area of 17,000 ha – SRK report 2009
- 469Mt indicated and 280Mt inferred resource over a smaller exploration area of 9,500 ha – Xenith report 2011
- Application for Mineral Development License (MDL) is underway

#### Market Information (16 May 2011)

Current share price: \$0.40

Shares on issue: 166.4m

Market capitalisation: \$66.6m

Cash on hand: \$4.7m

No outstanding options

52-week low and high: \$0.15 – \$0.66

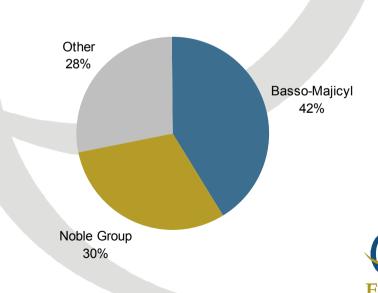
#### Coal Production

- Thermal coal
- Potential 20Mtpa output

### Strong Management and Board

- Experienced Board
- Noble Group support and Board representation

### Ownership

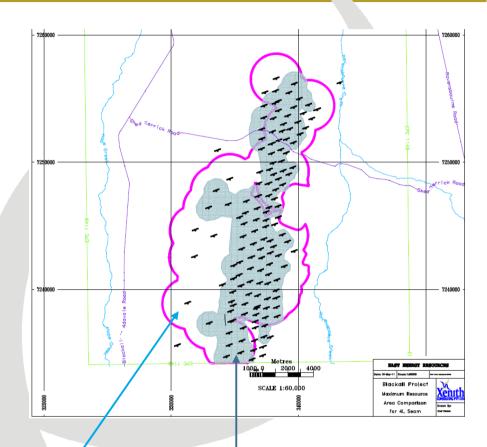


# **Investment Highlights**

- ✓ Located in a major new thermal coal basin with significant resource growth expected over the next 10 years
- ✓ Very large deposit, targeting bulk tonnage of up to 20Mtpa over 30+ year mine life
- ✓ Maiden indicated resource of 469Mt announced on 2 May 2011 near surface, open cut mine, low strip ratio
- ✓ Drilling in previously unexplored areas is unveiling further large resource targets
- ✓ Well positioned to gain access to new and expanded port and rail infrastructure.
- ✓ Sea freight advantage to meet burgeoning demand from Asian and sub-continent consumers
- ✓ Experienced management team
- ✓ Strong shareholder support from key investor Noble Group, with both mine development and marketing expertise
- ✓ Thermal coal demand underpinned by worldwide growth in new coal fuelled power generation

# **Resource Update**

- SRK 2009 JORC Statement reported initial inferred resources of 1.2Bt thermal coal from 17,000 ha based on drilling grid of 4km centres
- Xenith 2011 (April) JORC Statement reported indicated resources of 469Mt and inferred resources of 280Mt thermal coal from 9,500 ha based on drilling grid of 1-2km centres
- The Xenith JORC Statement represents a smaller area compared to the previously reported 1.2Bt inferred resource and provides higher certainty from in-fill drilling of the original drilling
- EER will continue to increase the certainty over the larger landholding and will *increase* the size of the indicated resource from this drilling



#### SRK 2009 Report

Drilling Area: 17,000 ha

Resources: 1.2Bt inferred

#### Xenith 2011 Report

Drilling Area: 9,500 ha

Resources: 749Mt

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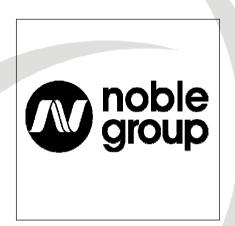
(469Mt indicated + 280Mt inferred)



# **Noble Group Support**

### Strong Backing from Noble Group

- Noble Group holds direct interest of 30.47%
- One Non-Executive Director
- Provides experience and first hand knowledge across all aspects of coal industry
- Particular expertise in coal marketing, pricing, international networks and long term trends



### About Noble Group

- One of the world's largest commodity traders with a market capitalisation of S\$13.3bn
- Based in Hong Kong and listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange
- Global network spanning 38 countries across five continents
- Specialises in the origination and delivery of strategic raw materials, adding value at each stage of the supply chain with "hands on" approach
- Coal focus includes sophisticated supply chain management, strong sourcing and distribution capabilities
- Active in Australia in coal and iron ore

# Blackall Coal Project – Overview

### Project summary

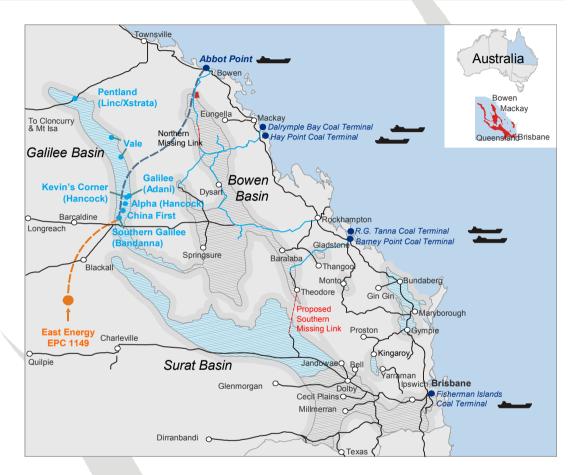
- Carlow and Alambi deposits (EPC 1149)
- 469Mt indicated and 280Mt inferred JORC resources estimated by Xenith Consulting in 2011
- Total resources of 1.2Bt was previously estimated by SRK in 2009 from a larger area
- Continued drilling will increase JORC inferred and indicated resource
- Application for Mineral Development License (MDL) over the JORC indicated coal resource underway
- Potential 20Mtpa output
- Findings support simple open-cut multi-pit mining operation with low strip ratio

#### Location

- 45km from Blackall, Central Queensland
- Covers an area of ~900km² (90,000 ha)
- Emerging Eastern Eromanga Basin

#### Infrastructure

- Preliminary rail infrastructure studies commenced, including a 285km extension of Hancock Alpha Railway to Blackall, providing connection to Abbot Point
- Initial EOI submitted to secure up to 20Mtpa export capacity at the new T4-7 port expansion at Abbot Point





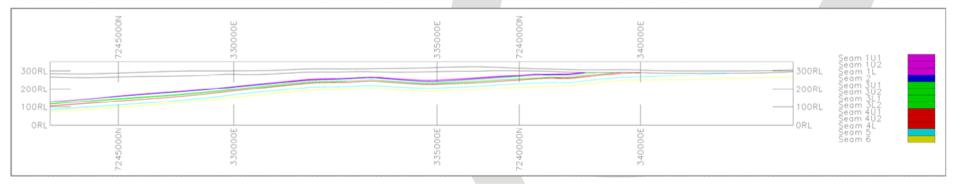
# **Blackall Coal Project – Drilling Update**

#### **2011 Drilling Update**

- Maiden JORC indicated thermal resource of 469Mt confirmed at Carlow
  - Based on an exploration area of approximately 12% of the Blackall tenement area and a cut-off depth of 150m
  - Mineralisation extends into Alambi, where drilling is ongoing to further expand project's resource
- Sufficient to support a large scale open-cut thermal coal mine with long mine life
- Successful result over a small area provides confidence to extend exploration program

#### **Coal Ideal for Thermal Power Projects in China and India**

- Indonesian sub-bituminous coal of similar quality (CV of 5,000k/cal) already used in many coal fired power stations in Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, India, China and Europe
- With the limited expansion capabilities for Newcastle and South African exports, consumers have had to source coal from other regions such as Indonesia (exported 57Mt in 2000 vs 265Mt in 2010)
- Eromanga and Galilee Basin coals will take up the new demand as Indonesia focuses on domestic energy requirements



Seam Group	RD Raw (ad g/cc)	Yield (%)	Ash (ad %)	Moisture (ad %)	VM (ad %)	FC (ad %)	CV (ad MJ/kg)	TS (ad %)
1	1.58	76.39	13.37	14.19	30.74	41.73	20.29	0.33
2	1.54	84.98	12.62	14.57	31.38	41.42	20.44	0.31
3	1.53	84.95	11.94	14.25	31.48	42.36	20.82	0.39
4	1.55	81.43	12.11	13.84	31.01	42.96	20.90	0.39



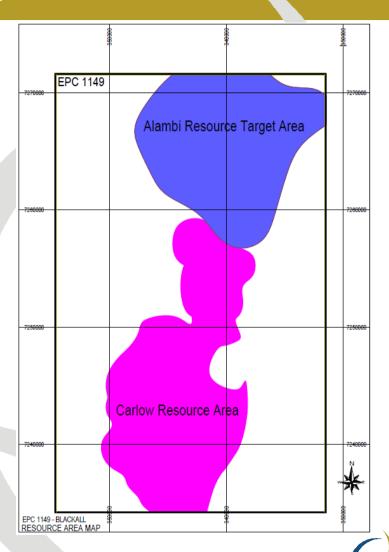
# **Blackall Coal Project – Key Deposits**

#### **Alambi Deposit (North)**

- Recently commenced core drilling program to evaluate coal deposit with the aim of establishing additional JORC compliant inferred resources
- Drill spacing reduced to a 2km grid in order to increase confidence in the geological structure and provide additional coal quality data
- Previous exploration drilling program completed April 2010, covering an area of 12km<sup>2</sup>
  - 25 holes at approximately 3km centres
  - Rock chip and geophysical logs indicate Alambi is continuous with Carlow, and appears similar in geology seam thickness and quality
  - Implies 14km additional strike length

#### **Carlow Deposit (South)**

- Recently finalised the current program of resource definition drilling, completing 18 chip holes and 24 partially-cored holes over the March quarter
- Previous bulk sample extracted from depth of 15-24m, showing good calorific values and relatively low ash
- Coffey Mining Report from July 2009 established
  - Potential for 30 year mine life at 20Mtpa
  - Local power station
  - Coal gasification (underground in-situ)
  - Hydrogenation, liquification (gas to liquids)



### Infrastructure Overview

#### **Blackall Rail**

- Calibre Rail commissioned to undertake a preliminary review of rail infrastructure options, including a 285km extension of Hancock Alpha Railway to Blackall
- Queensland Transport Department permission provided to access existing rail corridor from Jericho to Blackall for Preliminary Rail Study



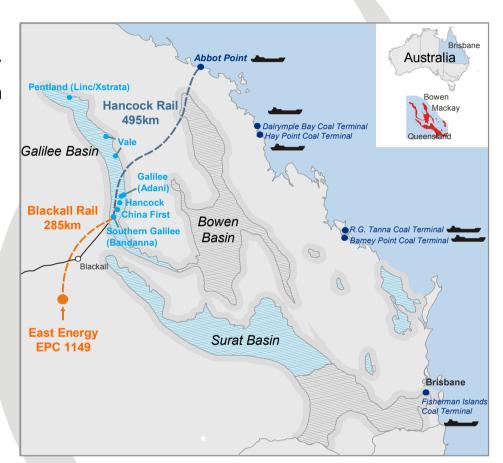
#### **Hancock Rail**

- Hancock Coal has proposed a 495km railway to Abbot Point with a capex spend of ~A\$2bn to support its Alpha thermal coal project. Railway received significant project declaration from the Queensland Government in July 2010
- Other rail options exist:
  - Waratah Coal has proposed a 459km railway as part of its A\$8bn China First thermal coal project
  - Adani is also considering rail facilities connecting the basin to either Abbot Point or Hay Point



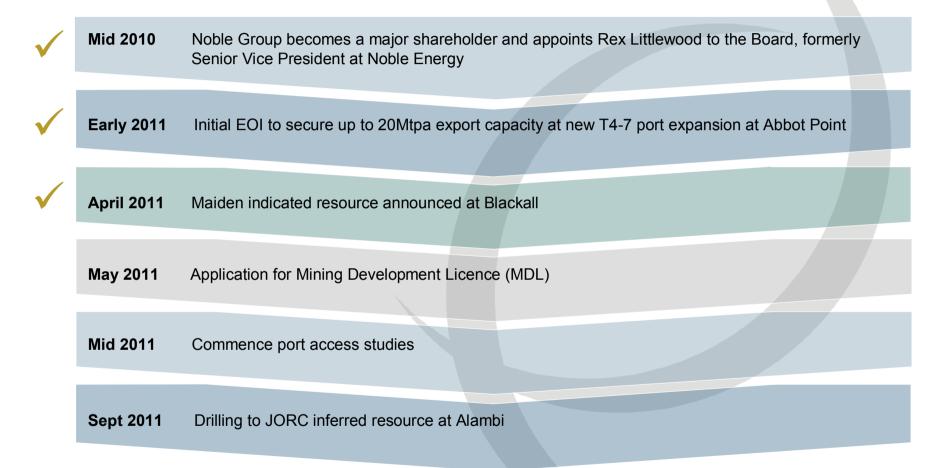
#### **Abbot Point**

- India's Adani recently named the successful bidder with a A\$1.85bn bid for a 99-year lease from the Queensland government to operate the strategic port
- Expansion to 50Mtpa (the 'X50 Project') currently underway and expected to complete by mid-2011 following investment of ~A\$1bn
- Further expansion to 110Mtpa is likely preferred development status has been conferred to BHP Billiton and Hancock Coal to each develop a 30Mtpa single-user wharf





# **Key Milestones**



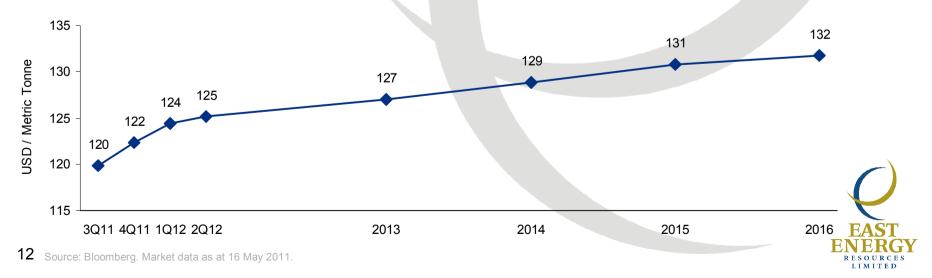


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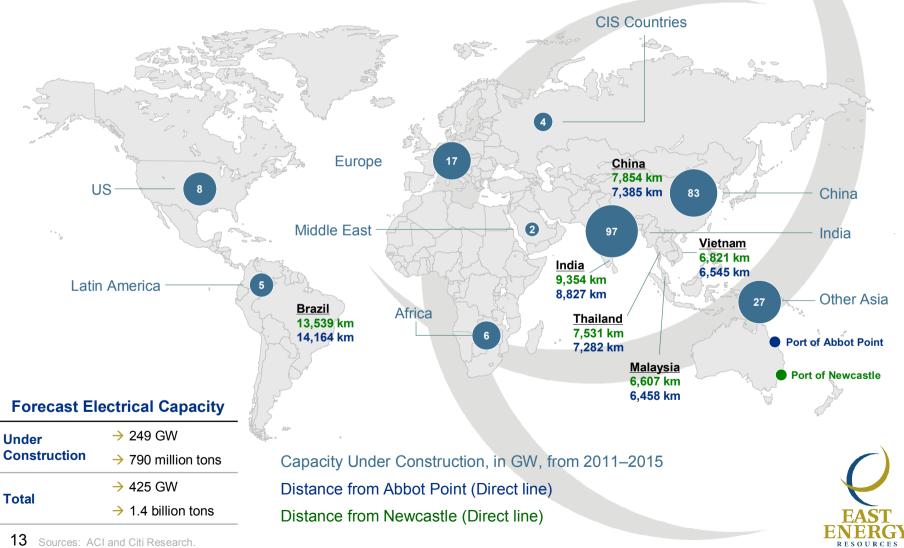
- Next generation electricity producers driving demand in high growth economies such as China and India
  - Indian import demand expected to rise from 60Mt in 2010 to over 120Mt by 2015
  - Chinese import demand forecast to grow at a CAGR of 8% over next 10 years for imports, with domestic industry unable to meet additional 350-400Mt of new supply annually
  - Indian and Chinese companies have been active in acquiring thermal coal assets given their country's demand for coal
- Uncertainty over uranium as a source of energy supply following the Japanese Fukushima nuclear disaster, with recent reports from the Japanese government to not build any new nuclear plants
- Demand expected to tighten for lower rank bituminous coals in response to demand pressures on higher rank Newcastle grade coals by their long term Asian buyers

### **Newcastle Forward Curve (USD/Metric Tonne)**



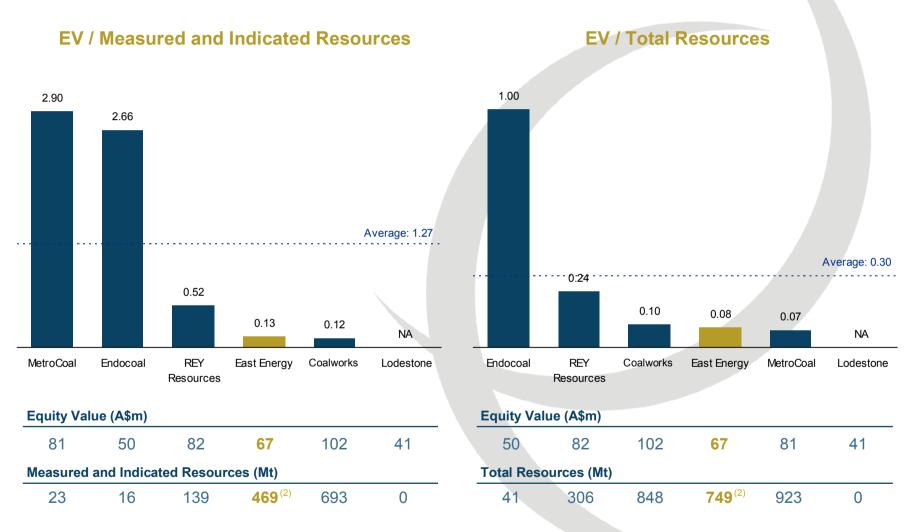
# New Coal-Fuelled Generation Coming Online by 2015

Abbot Point is advantageously positioned to supply countries that are building new coal fired plants to meet electricity growth demand



# **East Energy Positioning**

### Trading Valuation Multiples (A\$/t) (1)



Source: Company filings, IRESS. Market data as at 16 May 2011.

<sup>14 (1):</sup> On fully diluted basis, including any performance based options.

<sup>(2):</sup> Xenith 2011 JORC Statement.

### The Galilee Basin Represents a Highly Prospective Opportunity

Of the emerging Australian coal basins, the Galilee is surfacing as the strongest source of new thermal coal growth – the success of Eromanga is dependent on the development of assets in the Galilee Basin and establishment of the rail infrastructure

### 1 Galilee Basin

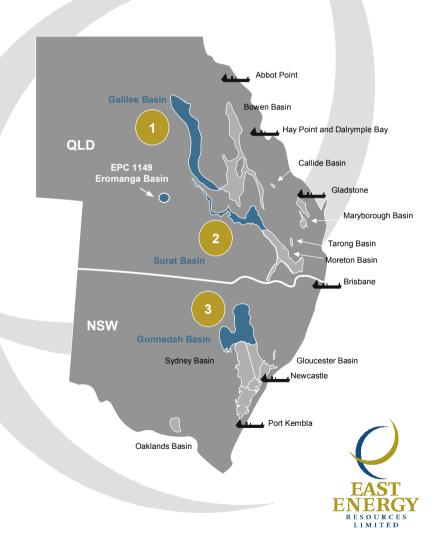
- Large resource bodies
- Potential for scaleable production
- Highest growth potential in Australia
- Adani with vested interest in development of infrastructure following recent acquisition of Linc tenements and Abbot Point Coal Terminal
- Infrastructure planning underway
- Attractive position relative to end markets
- Uniform geology and flat coal seams

### 2 Surat Basin

- WICET Stage 1 subject to delays and Stage 2 timing is uncertain (~2017)
- Surat Basin Rail Link dependent on WICET Stage 2

# 3 Gunnedah Basin

- Current production limited by local infrastructure
- Coal product understood by consumers
- Major projects, Caroona and Watermark are progressing, only slowly



# **Strong Board of Directors**



Mr Mark Basso-Brusa

→ Chairman



Mr Malcolm Castle

→ Non-Executive

Director



Mr Ranko Matic

→ Non-Executive

Director



Mr Rex Littlewood

→ Non-Executive

Director



Mr William Randall

→ Alternative Director

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**Position** 

→ Previously CEO of a construction company

Managing Director

- → Engineering and project management background
- → Previously involved in projects such as Perth International Airport, LNG Storage Tanks on the Burrup, Iron Ore Ship Unloader Romania and Substations Cape Lambert
- → Established a consulting company specialising in exploration management, technical audit, due diligence and property valuation at all stages of development
- → Over 40 years experience in exploration geology and property evaluation

- → Director of a chartered accounting firm and a corporate advisory company based in West Perth
- → Chartered
  Accountant with
  over 20 years
  experience in the
  areas of financial
  and executive
  management,
  accounting, audit,
  business and
  corporate advisory
- Previously Senior Vice President at Noble Energy, the coal and coke trading subsidiary of Noble Group
- → Over 30 years experience in coal technology, coal utilisation and marketing and has been responsible for the development of mines, mine management, mining infrastructure and logistics
- → Noble Group Head of the Coal and Coke division
- → Member of the Noble Group Executive Board since 2008
- → Established
  Noble's coal
  operations, mining
  and supply chain
  management
  businesses



### **Summary**

- ✓ East Energy is an emerging ASX-listed coal exploration company
- ✓ 469Mt indicated coal resource near surface open cut mine, low strip ratio
- ✓ Stable and limited country risk
- ✓ Lower rank sub-bituminous coal similar to Indonesian coals, which are currently exported to China, India, East Asia and the Americas and Europe
- ✓ Increasingly price competitive against higher rank Newcastle coals
- ✓ Located within range of approved rail and port developments
- ✓ Progress to Mineral Development License (MDL) status on track
- ✓ Experienced management team
- ✓ Noble Group key investor

