

## **QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES REPORT**

### for the Period to 31 December 2011

The Board of Firestone Energy Limited (ASX/JSE: FSE) ("Firestone" or the "Company") is pleased to provide shareholders with its Quarterly Activities Report for the 3 month period ended 31 December 2011.

#### Highlights

- The off-take and/or coal supply MoU renegotiations to secure increased tonnages and an extended supply period are ongoing,
- Ongoing discussions with a listed multinational mining and power company with regards to investing in the project,
- Technical and environmental work on track, and
- Sekoko Resources (Sekoko) has made a restructuring proposal to Firestone to streamline the overall joint-venture operations.

#### Overview

Since joining the company at the beginning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2011, David Knox, the Firestone CEO, has focused his attention on working closely with the newly appointed management team at Sekoko, its major shareholder and joint venture partner. A review of operations, allocated resources and costs found that the Company's respective resources have been operated in accordance with the requirements of the project.

The Company continues discussions with Eskom to secure increased tonnages and extend the supply period. In the event that the Company is successful in this initiative, the overall project may need to be re-modelled and re-budgeted.

Firestone received a proposal from Sekoko, which if implemented, would more closely align the management and economic interests of the two organisations. The advantages outlined in the proposal include streamlining management, simplifying the joint venture structure and providing a more easily understood investment vehicle for both the equity and debt markets. We expect to be able to provide updates during Q2 2012.

#### About Firestone Energy

**Firestone Energy Limited** is an independent, Australian exploration and development company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange Ltd (ASX) and the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE). Firestone Energy has entered into a Joint Venture with Sekoko Resources (Pty) Ltd through which Firestone Energy has acquired the right to 60% participation interests in the Waterberg Coal Project located in Lephalale area, Limpopo Province, South Africa.

The first stage of the project is to develop the Smitspan mine which has a substantial measured thermal coal resource and to develop the Vetleegte mine which is a substantial metallurgical coal deposit.

Firestone Energy is committed to becoming a profitable independent coal and energy producer at its projects in South Africa, thereby making a substantial contribution to the social and economic development of the Lephalale area and South Africa.

**Corporate Details** 

ASX: FSE JSE: FSE

Issued Capital: 2,958 million ordinary shares

Major Shareholders: Sekoko Resources (Pty) Ltd Linc Energy Ltd BBY Nominees Ltd Bell Potter Nominees Ltd

**Directors and Officers** 

Non Executive Directors: Tim Tebeila (Chairman) David Perkins (Deputy Chairman) Dr Pius Kasolo Mr Ben Mphahlele Mr Kobus Terblanche

> Company Secretary: Jerry Monzu

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## Funding

In relation to the funding arrangements between Sekoko and IDC, the Company confirms that it has been informed by Sekoko that the drawdowns under the facility have commenced. The Company, however, understands from Sekoko that the balance of the IDC facility is subject to certain conditions (which are usual for project development facilities) being fulfilled by 30 June 2012. Furthermore, Sekoko has confirmed that approval of the Australian Foreign Investment Review Board has been obtained. The company is assessing the current budget and expenses with regards to its ongoing and potential future contribution to the joint-venture operation. In light of this, it may be necessary to raise additional capital during 1<sup>st</sup> half, 2012. The company will advise shareholders accordingly.

### Marketing

### Eskom MOU

The board and Sekoko's designated project team are working to finalise a revised MoU and further announcements will be made in due course.

### Corporate

Sekoko appointed Mr Jan Britz as CEO, Jan is an experienced mining engineer with extensive experience in the coal mining industry.

Ms Amanda Matthee was appointed Sekoko CFO. Both Firestone and Sekoko now have a focused executive team driving the joint-venture business.

During the quarter, Timothy Tebeila joined the Firestone Energy board as Chairman. His appointment follows a decision made by David Perkins who has held the position of Chairman since January 2011, and recently relinquished the position due to other work commitments. David Perkins will remain a non-executive director and assume the role of Deputy Chairman.

Firestone has mandated a highly regarded sector analyst to cover the Company. A review of the Company's corporate profile is being carried out and is now in the process of being updated by Q1 2012. The corporate profile will be regularly up-to-dated and include industry peer benchmarking, while providing continued analysis on the Company's material activities to the market.

### **Cornerstone investor**

Discussions have continued with a major listed mining and power company to conduct due diligence on the project and further announcements will be made in due course.

### Outlook

The Company continues to focus resources on concluding terms with Eskom and working to secure a satisfactory outcome with the proposed cornerstone investor. The management of the joint venture are working closely and costs are being kept to a minimum. The Company is confident of its positioning to unlock value in the project.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

David Knox CEO

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Rule 5.3

# Appendix 5B

## Mining exploration entity quarterly report

Introduced 1/7/96. Origin: Appendix 8. Amended 1/7/97, 1/7/98, 30/9/2001, 01/06/10.

Name of entity

## **Firestone Energy Limited**

ABN

71 058 436 794

Quarter ended ("current quarter")
31 December 2011

## Consolidated statement of cash flows

| Cash flows related to operating activities |  |   | Current quarter<br>\$A'000 | Year to date<br>\$A'ooo  |
|--|--|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1.1  | Receipts from product s  | ales and related debtors  |                            | -                        |
| 1.2  | Payments for (a) exploration & evaluation<br>(b) development<br>(c) production<br>(d) administration |   | (181)<br>-<br>-<br>(400)   | (500)<br>-<br>-<br>(800) |
| 1.3  | Dividends received   |   | -                          | -                        |
| 1.4  | Interest and other items received  | of a similar nature   | 13                         | 28                       |
| 1.5  | Interest and other costs   | of finance paid   | -                          | -                        |
| 1.6  | Income taxes paid  |   | -                          | -                        |
| 1.7  | Other  |   | 21                         | 68                       |
|  | Net Operating Cash Fl  | ows   | (547)                      | (1,204)                  |
| 1.8  | <b>Cash flows related to i</b><br>Payment for purchases o  | of: (a) prospects   | (418)                      | (418)                    |
| 1.9  | Proceeds from sale of:   | <ul> <li>(b) equity investments</li> <li>(c) other fixed assets</li> <li>(a) prospects</li> <li>(b) equity investments</li> <li>(c) other fixed assets</li> </ul> | -<br>(375)<br>-<br>-       | (1,892)                  |
| 1.10                                       | Loans to other entities  | (c) other fixed assets  | -                          | -                        |
| 1.11                                       | Loans repaid by other er   | ntities   | -                          | -                        |
| 1.12                                       | Other (provide details if material)  |   | -                          | -                        |
|  |  |   | (793)                      | (2,310)                  |
| 1.13                                       | <b>Net investing cash flows</b><br>Total operating and investing cash flows (carried<br>forward)     |   | (1,340)                    | (3,514)                  |

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

| 1.13 | Total operating and investing cash flows (brought forward)         | (1,340) | (3,514) |
|------|--|---------|---------|
|      | Cash flows related to financing activities                         |         |         |
| 1.14 | Proceeds from issues of shares, options, Convertible<br>Notes etc. | -       | 2,030   |
| 1.15 | Proceeds from sale of forfeited shares                             | -       | -       |
| 1.16 | Proceeds from borrowings   | 146     | 719     |
| 1.17 | Repayment of borrowings  | -       | -       |
| 1.18 | Capital raising costs  | -       | (90)    |
| 1.19 | Other – Interest paid  | (173)   | (173)   |
|      | Net financing cash flows   | (27)    | 2,486   |
|      | Net increase (decrease) in cash held                               | (1,367) | (1,028) |
| 1.20 | Cash at beginning of quarter/year to date                          | 2,239   | 1,892   |
| 1.21 | Exchange rate adjustments to item 1.20                             | 11      | 19      |
| 1.22 | Cash at end of quarter   | 883     | 883     |

## Payments to directors of the entity and associates of the directors Payments to related entities of the entity and associates of the related entities

|      |  | Current quarter<br>\$A'000 |
|------|--|----------------------------|
| 1.23 | Aggregate amount of payments to the parties included in item 1.2 |                            |
| 1.24 | Aggregate amount of loans to the parties included in item 1.10   | -                          |

### 1.25 Explanation necessary for an understanding of the transactions

Directors fees (inc Exp reimbursements) - \$78K.

Payments to wholly owned subsidiary, Lexshell Pty Limited, of which amounts are paid to third parties to make payments on behalf of Firestone Energy pursuant to its JV agreement with Sekoko Resources - \$973K

## Non-cash financing and investing activities

2.1 Details of financing and investing transactions which have had a material effect on consolidated assets and liabilities but did not involve cash flows

N/A

2.2 Details of outlays made by other entities to establish or increase their share in projects in which the reporting entity has an interest

N/A

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

# **Financing facilities available** Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the position.

|     |   | Amount available<br>\$A'ooo | Amount used<br>\$A'000 |
|-----|---|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 3.1 | Loan facilities   | \$25,000                    | \$25,000               |
|     | (The holder of the Convertible Notes has converted<br>A\$3.7million to equity as at 31 Dec 2011. The outstanding<br>convertible note liability for Firestone Energy as at 30 Sept<br>2011 is A\$21.0 million) |                             |                        |
| 3.2 | Credit standby arrangements   | -                           | -                      |

## Estimated cash outflows for next quarter

|     |                            | \$A'000 |
|-----|----------------------------|---------|
| 4.1 | Exploration and evaluation | -       |
| 4.2 | Development                | -       |
| 4.3 | Production                 | -       |
| 4.4 | Administration             | 390     |
|     | Total                      | 390     |

## **Reconciliation of cash**

| show | nciliation of cash at the end of the quarter (as<br>on in the consolidated statement of cash flows)<br>e related items in the accounts is as follows. | Current quarter<br>\$A'ooo | Previous quarter<br>\$A'ooo |
|------|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 5.1  | Cash on hand and at bank  | 110                        | 318                         |
| 5.2  | Deposits at call  | 773                        | 1,921                       |
| 5.3  | Bank overdraft  | -                          | -                           |
| 5.4  | Other (provide details)   | -                          | -                           |
|      | Total: cash at end of quarter (item 1.22)   | 883                        | 2,239                       |

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## Changes in interests in mining tenements

|     |   | Tenement<br>reference | Nature of interest<br>(note (2)) | Interest at<br>beginning<br>of quarter | Interest at<br>end of<br>quarter |
|-----|---|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| 6.1 | Interests in mining<br>tenements relinquished,<br>reduced or lapsed |                       | Nil                              |  |                                  |
| 6.2 | Interests in mining<br>tenements acquired or<br>increased           |                       | Nil                              |  |                                  |

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# **Issued and quoted securities at end of current quarter** Description includes rate of interest and any redemption or conversion rights together with prices and dates.

|      |  | Total number                           | Number<br>quoted         | Issue price per<br>security (see note    | Amount paid up<br>per security (see                      |
|------|--|--|--------------------------|--|--|
|      |  |  |                          | 3) (cents)                               | note 3) (cents)  |
| 7.1  | Preference<br>+securities<br>(description)   | Nil                                    | Nil                      |  |  |
| 7.2  | Changes during<br>quarter  | Nil                                    | Nil                      |  |  |
|      | <ul> <li>(a) Increases</li> <li>through issues</li> <li>(b) Decreases</li> <li>through returns</li> <li>of capital, buy-</li> <li>backs,</li> <li>redemptions</li> </ul> |  |                          |  |  |
| 7.3  | <sup>+</sup> Ordinary<br>securities<br>FSE   | 2,958,675,784                          | 2,958,675,784            |  | Fully paid   |
| 7.4  | Changes during<br>quarter<br>(a) Increases<br>through issues<br>(b) Decreases<br>through returns<br>of capital, buy-<br>backs  |  |                          |  |  |
| 7.5  | +Convertible   |  |                          |  |  |
| , ,  | <b>debt</b><br>securities<br>(description)   |  |                          |  |  |
| 7.6  | Changes during<br>quarter<br>(a) Increases<br>through issues<br>(b) Decreases<br>through<br>securities<br>matured,<br>converted  |  |                          |  |  |
| 7.7  | Options<br>FSEAK<br>FSEAM  | 30,000,000<br>111,000,000              | Nil<br>Nil               | Exercise price<br>5 Cents<br>6 Cents     | <b>Expiry date</b><br>30 Nov 2012<br>31 May 2013         |
|      | FSEAO<br>FSEAI<br>FSEO   | 96,904,767<br>25,875,000<br>42,382,500 | Nil<br>Nil<br>42,382,500 | 6 Cents<br>6 Cents<br>6 Cents<br>4 Cents | 30 Jun 2013<br>30 Jun 2013<br>30 Jun 2014<br>31 May 2014 |
| 7.8  | Issued during<br>quarter   | 42,382,500                             | 42,382,500               | 4 Cents                                  | 31 May 2014<br>31 May 2014                               |
| 7.9  | Exercised<br>during quarter  |  |                          |  |  |
| 7.10 | Expired during quarter   |  |                          |  |  |

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| 7.11 | <b>Debentures</b><br>(totals only)  |  |
|------|-------------------------------------|--|
| 7.12 | Unsecured<br>notes (totals<br>only) |  |

## **Compliance statement**

- This statement has been prepared under accounting policies which comply with accounting standards as defined in the Corporations Act or other standards acceptable to ASX (see note 4).
- 2 This statement does /does not\* (*delete one*) give a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

Sign here:

Company Secretary

Date: 31 January 2012

Print name: Mr Jerry Monzu

## Notes

- The quarterly report provides a basis for informing the market how the entity's activities have been financed for the past quarter and the effect on its cash position. An entity wanting to disclose additional information is encouraged to do so, in a note or notes attached to this report.
- 2 The "Nature of interest" (items 6.1 and 6.2) includes options in respect of interests in mining tenements acquired, exercised or lapsed during the reporting period. If the entity is involved in a joint venture agreement and there are conditions precedent which will change its percentage interest in a mining tenement, it should disclose the change of percentage interest and conditions precedent in the list required for items 6.1 and 6.2.
- 3 **Issued and quoted securities** The issue price and amount paid up is not required in items 7.1 and 7.3 for fully paid securities.
- 4 The definitions in, and provisions of, *AASB 1022: Accounting for Extractive Industries* and *AASB 1026: Statement of Cash Flows* apply to this report.
- 5 **Accounting Standards** ASX will accept, for example, the use of International Accounting Standards for foreign entities. If the standards used do not address a topic, the Australian standard on that topic (if any) must be complied with.

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