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# Corporate Snapshot

#### **Directors**

Kim McGrath Neil Doyle Nigel Harvey

Executive Chairman (Founder)
Director & CEO (Founder)
Non-Executive Director

Highly experienced corporate, geology & engineering teams delivering modern technologies & techniques to mature basins.

Senior Management

Melanie Leydin Geoff Geary Company Secretary Exploration Consultant

During 2012, Company strengthened its operational & technical support base:

#### Major Shareholders

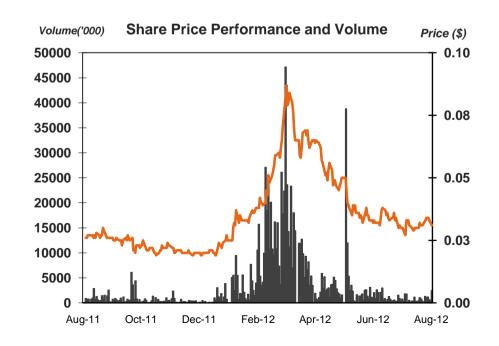
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Directors & Management

7.02% Circa 5%

	DU-EL	(Petroleum	Engineer	ing)
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3DGeo (Geophysical)

ASX Trading Symbols	OBL, OBLOB
Shares (Ordinary)	509.06 M
Options (@ 4 cents 30/06/14)	69.04 M
Shares (Fully Diluted)	579.00 M
52-week Trading Range	\$0.019 - \$0.10
Share Price	\$0.030
52-week Average Daily Volume	3.281 M
Cash (at 30 June 2012)	\$4.5 M
Market Capitalisation	\$15.3 M
OBL holds 77.2 M shares in Bass Strait Oil Company @ current price of circa 1.7 cps	\$1.3 M





#### Overview

#### Establish production hubs near known oil & gas fields in mature basins

- OBL operates 3 onshore/offshore assets
  - Oil: offshore Carnarvon 100% R3/R1
  - Oil: onshore Canning 80% rights Backreef Area (foundation IPO asset)
  - Oil, CSG/USG: onshore Canning Application 5/07-8EP 50% rights exploration permit
- 2 non-operated permits in Eastern Gippsland Basin
  - Oil & Gas: offshore permit Vic/P41 12.5% (foundation IPO asset)
  - Oil & Gas: offshore permit Vic/P66 17%
- Listed as explorer in 2006, now developer with 2 active projects & large equity positions
- Company offers investors exposure to unique portfolio including conventional offshore & onshore oil & gas & potential unconventional shale gas (USG) & shale oil (USO) & coal seam gas (CSG)

#### **Permit 5/07-8EP**

USG potential 51 – 253 Tcf CSG potential 2 – 5 Tcf

# High potential\* portfolio in key locations

\*Gross unrisked in-place basi

#### **Backreef Area Oil Pools** STOOIP 48 - 117 MMbbls

500Km

#### **OBL holds circa 77.2 M** share Investment in BAS

#### **OBL Is the Major Holder In BAS**

BAS's ASX Release on 16 May 2012 **Gippsland Assets Gross Contingent** Resources circa 194 to 934 Bcf Gippsland Gross Prospective Resources circa 1.5 to 6.0 Tcf

#### Canning Basin

#### Carnarvon Basin

**Eastern Gippsland** 

**Cyrano Oilfield** 

STOOIP 10 - 18 MMbbls



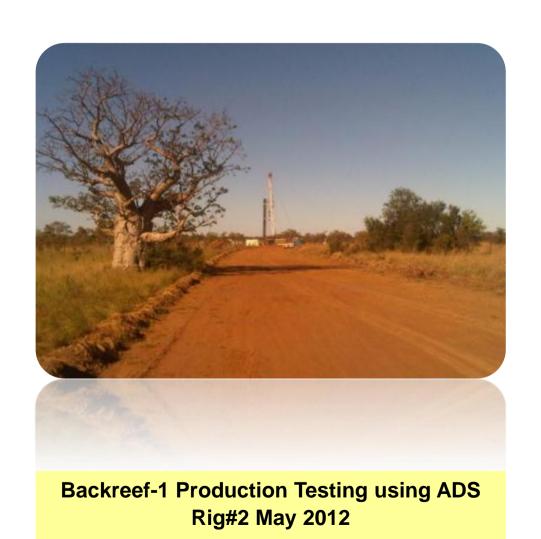


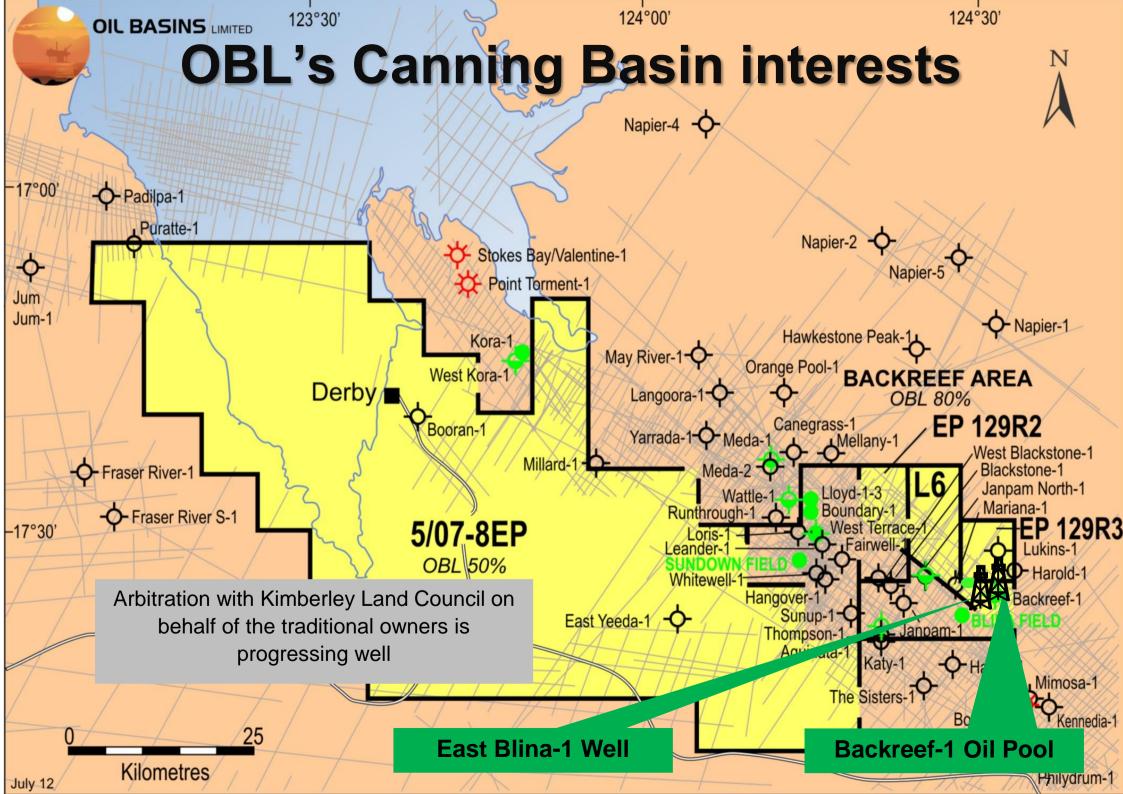
**Gippsland Basin** 



#### 2012 Achievements

- Gippsland: Converted two drilling options to direct 12.5% interest at \$nil, saving \$4.1m in farmin promote costs
- Canning: Sold 20% of Backreef Area to Green Rock Energy Limited (GRK)
  - \$3.6m payment to OBL
  - May 2012, effective 50% free carry on two recent production tests of Backreef-1, DST#1 discovered oil in a highly productive Gumhole fm.
  - 100% free carry on East Blina-1 well to be spudded in October
- Corporate: Acquired circa 19.9% interest (77.2 M shares) in Bass Strait
   Oil Company (BAS) in July 2012







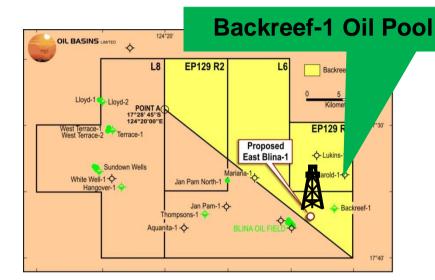
## Backreef Area – New Oil Play

- OBL holds 80% beneficial interest\*
- Located adjacent to Blina oilfield within Kimberley Downs Embayment of Canning Basin, 105 km east-southeast of Derby
- In 2011 an independent technical review of OBL's 'New Oil Play' encountered by Backreef-1 wildcat well drilled in late 2010
- 'New Oil Play' could host significant an unrisked OIP volume of circa 48-117 MMbbls
- Farmed out 20% interest to Green Rock
   Energy\* in April 2012 OBL effectively
   received a 2.5:1 promote to production test &
   5:1 promote on second well East Blina-1

#### **Analogues**

- Nearby Blina Devonian Dolomites (1981)
- Backreef-1 Devonian Dolomites (2010)
- Ungani-1ST & 2 Devonian Dolomites (2011)

\*Subject to transfers & consents

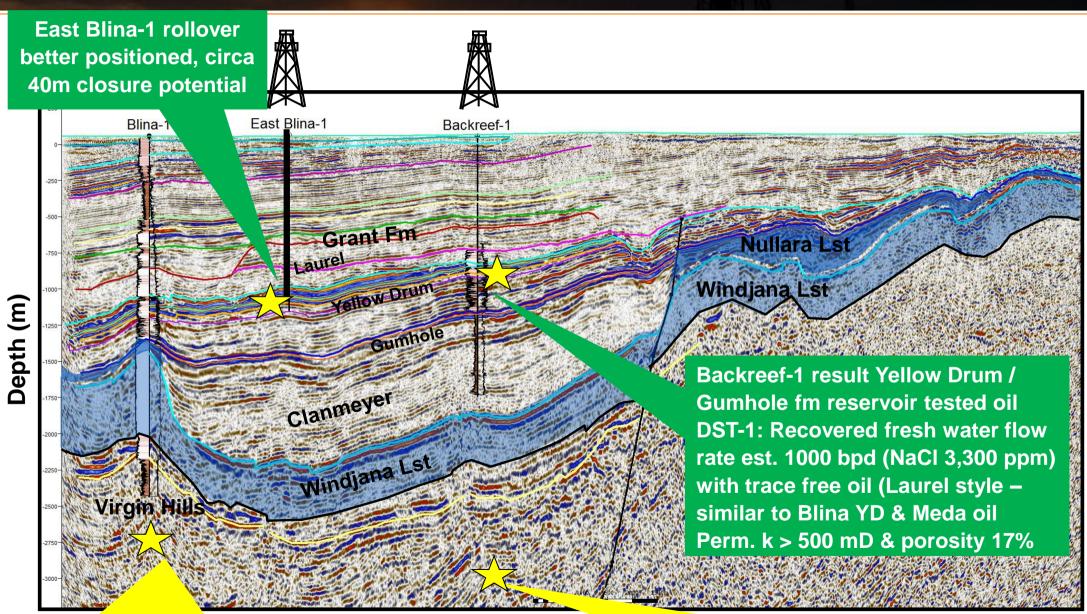




Dynamic Drilling Rig#17
East Bilna-1 (October 2012)



## Regional Seismic Line BV93-17

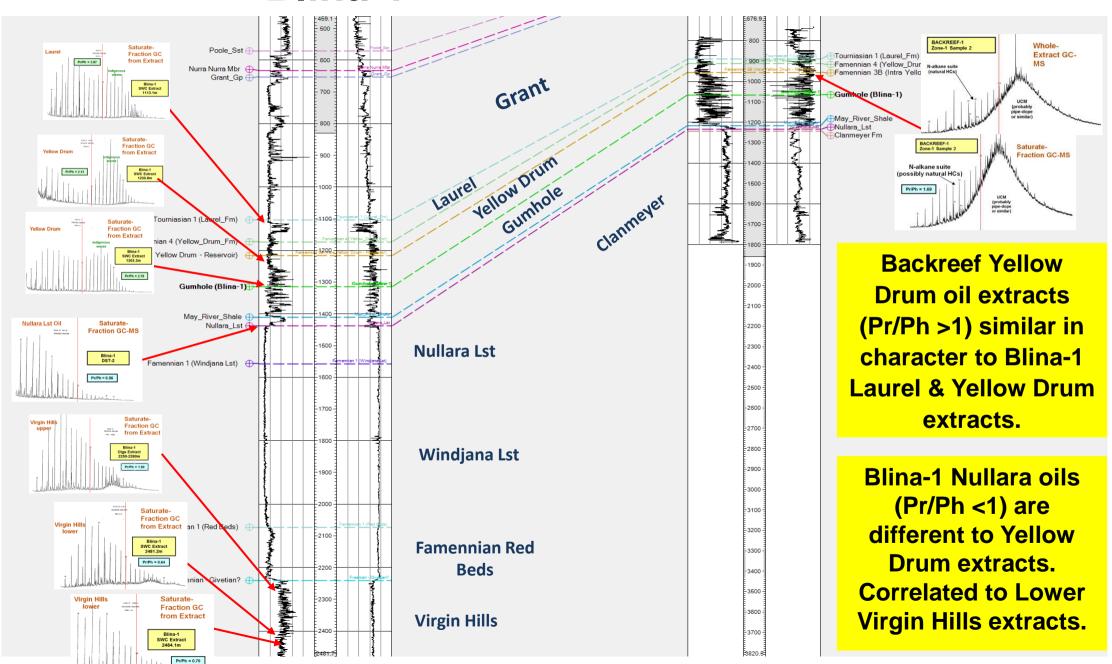


**Deep Virgin Hills sst Tight Gas potential** 

**Deeper Gogo Shale Gas / Shale Oil potential** 

#### Blina-1

#### **Backreef-1**





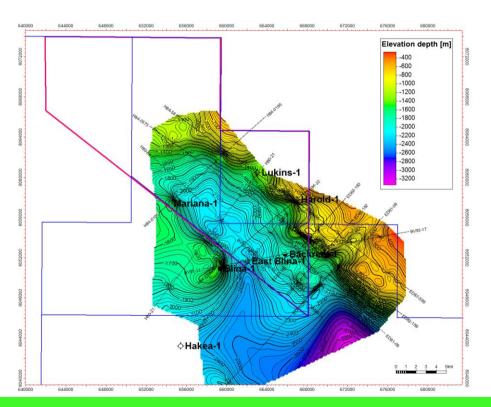
## 2 Plays - Shallow Oil & Deeper USG / USO

# Depth Map Top Yellow Drum Dolomite overlying high perm formation

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New play area circa >150 km<sup>2</sup> recoverable potential 9-37 MMbbls from circa 48-117 MMbbls STOOIP

# Depth Map Top Windjana Limestone overlying Virgin Hills & Gogo Shale



C1-C4 evident in Blina-1 deep & C1-C4 evident in Backreef-1 deep > 1700m carbonates/shales potential 10 Tcf GIP

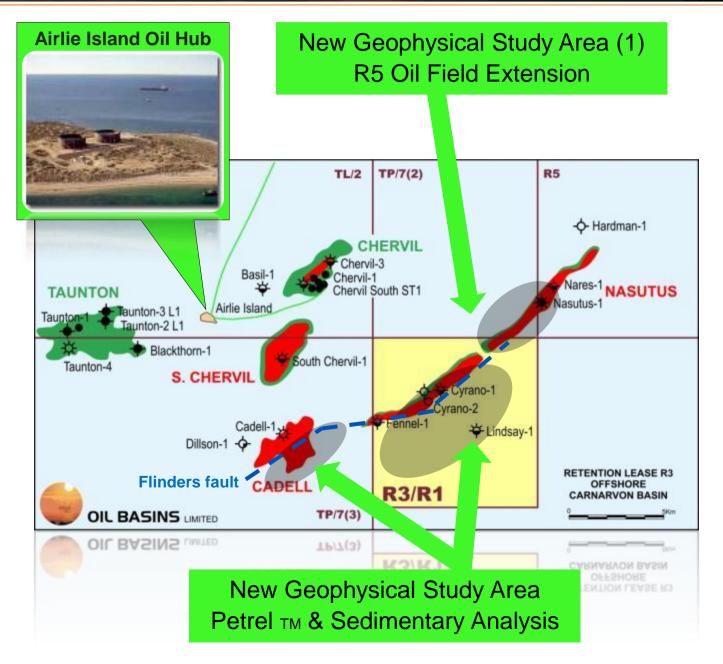


## Backreef Area – 2012 De-risking Strategy

- Production test on Backreef-1 conducted May 2012
- Confirmed new oil play in Gumhole Dolomites with very favourable reservoir qualities
   permeability >500 mD and porosity circa 17%, oil is a 'Meda style oil' re-analysis of CPX logs indicates oil present even though formation water is very fresh
- Potential new play area circa >150 km², recoverable potential 9-37 MMbbls from circa unrisked 48-117 MMbbls STOOIP
- A new assessment of new oil play using 'fit-for purpose' low cost Dynamic Drilling Rig#17 – contract being finalised
- Drilling operations set to begin early Q4 2012 (subject now only to consents)
- East Blina-1 shallow well depth of 1220m target size of 5 MMbbls unrisked STOOIP
- Expectation of 0.75 MMbbls 2C potential risked recoverable resources
- 2012 Drilling: East Blina-1 exploration 100% funded by \$2.5m free carry (paid)
- 2013: shoot 2D seismic, target shallow wells & Farmout deeper USG/USO Play



## Carnarvon Basin – Cyrano Oil Field



- OBL acquired 25% in 2008& remaining 75% inOctober 2010
- Successfully renewed project as R3/R1 with 5 year retention lease in October 2011
- Field contains 10m net heavy 22.8 API, low Sulphur oil, 21m gas cap crude oil viscosity 3.95cp
- Water depth only 15m-17m& TD shallow 600m
- Nearby to Airlie Island –
   Jetty & 2 x 150,000 storage tanks, gas lift & gas/water separation facilities



#### Cyrano R3/R1 – New Work 2012

- 100% interest in Cyrano Oil Field R3/R1
- Preferred development potentially reduces capex by >75% from US\$150m to circa \$30m objective to reduce from \$140 to <\$30 per barrel</li>
- 2011 geophysical assessment conducted to significantly increase risked (P50) Stock Tank
   Original Oil in Place (STOOIP) from 4.4 to 10 MMbbls (using Kingdom software)
- Commissioned DU-EL to undertake scoping study Q2 2012 covering development options & technologies
- Study changes preferred development option to feasibility of Extended Production Test (EPT/EWT) using re-deployable equipment
- Booked contingent 2C resources increased by 250% to 1.5 MMbbls, scope for further increase
- Similar innovative rapid development approach as recently considered by 3D Oil
- Conducting new Petrel ™ mapping assessment of R5 Nasutus Oil Field into R3 with current expectation for further improvement of OBL's booked contingent resources seek Farmout
- 2013 Reservoir simulation studies with potential to enhance 2C resources from 2.0 to
   4.0MMbbls using sophisticated modern electric submerged progressive cavitation pumps (ESPCP's)

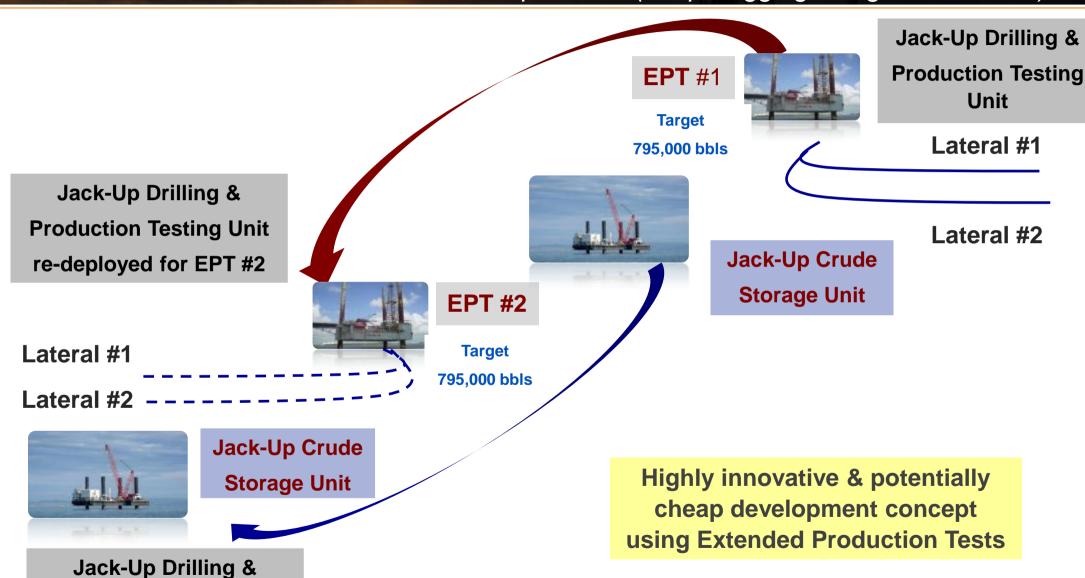


**Production Testing Unit** 

re-deployed for EPT #2

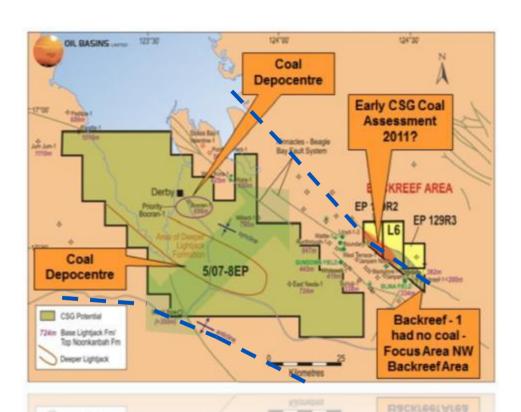
# Cyrano Oil Field - Development Study

Multiple EPTs (Leap-frogging along strike of field)





## Canning Basin CSG



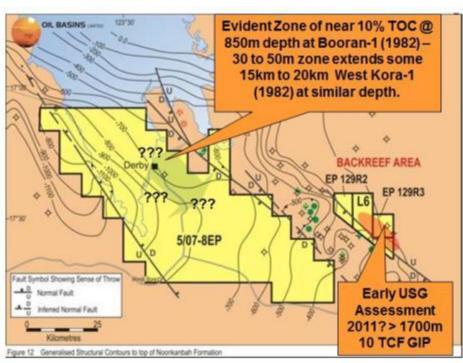
Extent of coal measures bounded in north by 67
Mile Fault Very High Ash Content >45% south of
Fenton Fault - Permit 5,087 km<sup>2</sup>

Arbitration with Kimberley Land Council on behalf of the traditional owners is progressing well

- OBL 50% designated operator permit 5/07-8EP
- Net prospective risked 2P resources assessed at between 2.2 – 5.2 Tcf
- Independent coal measures study assessed historic data – 51-118Bt coal estimated within permit
- 2 thick & deep coal coal depocentres delineated, considered highly suitable for CSG
- Booran-1 petroleum well located 3km from Derby, max. coal thickness 20m
- Canning Basin Permian coals indicate overall gas saturation possibly higher than occurring in Surat Basin Permian coals



## Canning Basin USG



Early USG

Assessment
Assessment

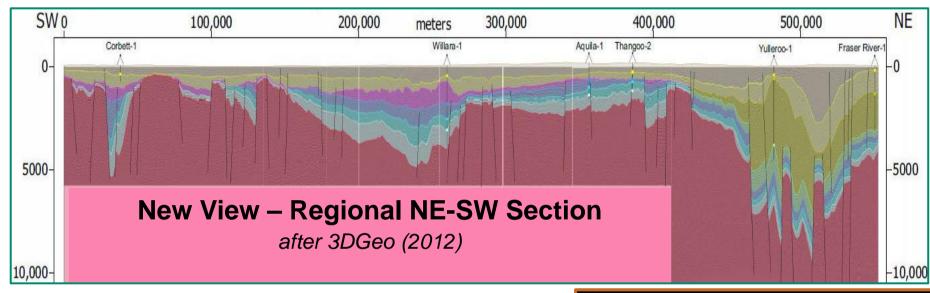
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Figure 12 Generalized Structural Controls to tay of Northerton Formation

- Potential new large energy source OBL designated operator 50%
- Independent expert report delineated unrisked USG prospective potential 51 to 253 Tcf GIP
- 6 formation units occurring within permit
- Evidence of high TOCs from side wall cores analysis, previously cut in Booran-1
- Gogo Shales ~1km overburden removed
- Shallow overlying CSG with ability to potentially de-risk USG exploration at Canning
- Potential to re-enter and deepen Backreef-1 circa 2700m, encouraging wet gas c1 – C4 results ~ 1700m
- New USG study by 3DGeo has provided valuable insights of potential for USG / USO
- Permit closer to established infrastructure & James Price Point LNG Terminal

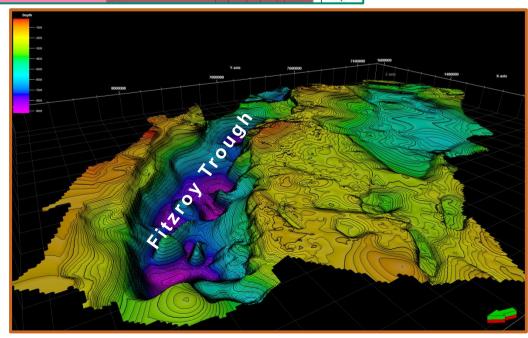


## New View of Fitzroy Trough



In the core of the Fitzroy Trough, basement is very deep with a significant thickness Ordovician – Carboniferous sediments deposited.

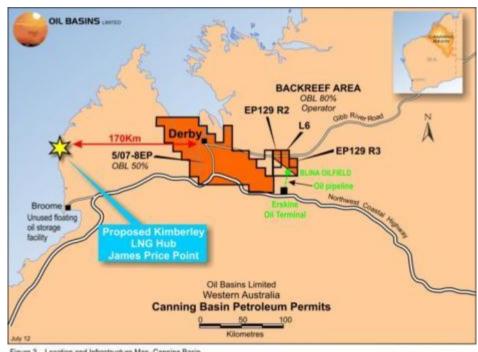
Source rocks in these sequences are mature (probably the source for the oil and gas on the platform areas margining the Fitzroy Trough) and have significant potential for USG and USO.





# OBL offers best exposure to Canning

Backreef-1 has reduced risk for New Oil Play, CSG/USG to de-risk Canning



- Figure 3 Location and Infrastructure Map, Canning Basin

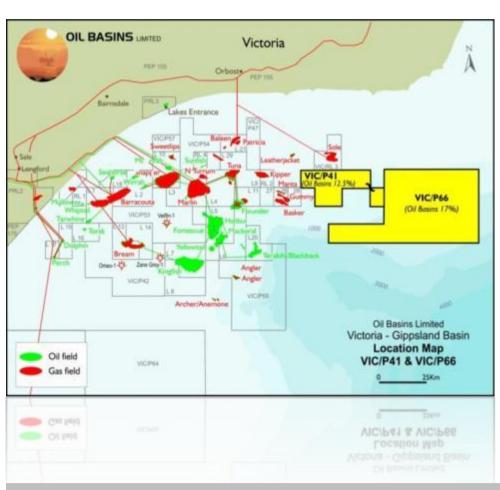
- Strategic footprint for CSG / USG to LNG with potentially large volumes of gas located close to Derby & established regional infrastructure
- Export CSG to LNG / USG to LNG (James Price Point)
- LNG Limited's modular plant technology ideally suited to moderate gas production build-up

#### **Nearby USG Transactions**

- New Standard Energy (NSE) farmed out to ConocoPhillips circa USD\$108M or circa \$1.1m per % point in July 2011
- NSE's assessed Goldwyer Shale Play based on 40-460
   Tcf GIP potential
- Mitsubishi to carry Buru for first \$40/50m USG WP



#### Eastern Gippsland Basin



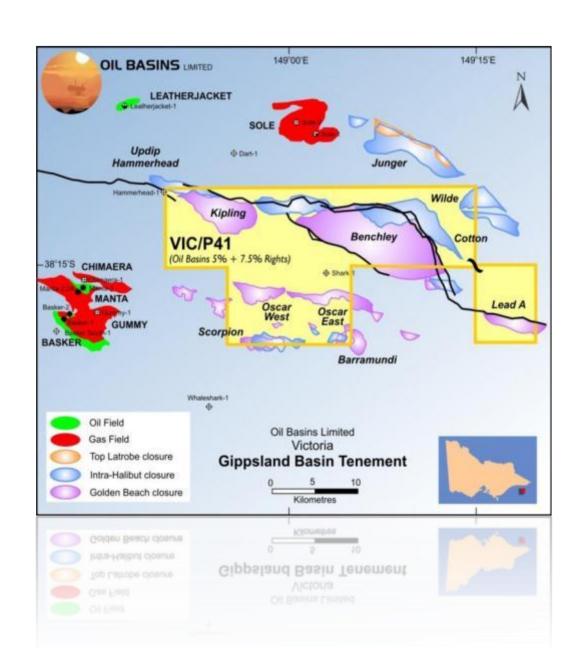
- 12.5% Vic/P41 & 17% Vic/P66
- Permit recently renewed for third term
- Operator signed Joint Study Agreement with CNOOC on 2 August 2011
- OBL recently assigned further 5% of Vic/P41 to secure investment
- OBL is the major shareholder circa 77.3 M shares in Bass Strait Oil Company Ltd (BAS), operator of both permits
- Gassy permits likely to reach value with advent of CO<sub>2</sub> tax on in July 2012
- Vic/P41 best undrilled Golden Beach
   Rosedale Fault play in offshore Gippsland
   Basin

On 3 September 2012, the Company has taken BAS to Federal Court to rule on the recent BAS capital raisings. An early hearing date has been requested.



# Eastern Gippsland Basin

- Foundation IPO asset, 6 undrilled 3D defined prospects
- Vic/P41 potentially best undrilled permit in offshore Eastern Gippsland Basin
- Gross P10 Vic/P41 upside 713 MMbbls Oil & 3.1 TCF Gas with potential for further upside – ie circa 50% of BAS portfolio upside is located in this Permit
- Lead A to be defined by new 3D seismic
- OBL holds rights to circa net 96 MMBoe
   P50 prospective recoverable resources –
   with 38 MMBoe potential now held direct
- Kipper Gas Field analogous to Kipling
- South East Remora oil discovery by ExxonMobil/BHP Billiton Petroleum confirms Golden Beach as the New Oil Play
- 2012 Plan is to further consolidate interests to attain critical mass





# What sets Oil Basins apart?

- 4 diverse projects in mature basins & located close to established markets
- Potential for significant increase to shareholder value & Company re-rating during 2012/2013
- 100% offshore oil development asset with potential 2-4 MMbbls 2C resources & estimated capex modest <\$30m</li>
- 80% beneficial rights of onshore Backreef Area recent Backreef-1 production test delineated
   New Oil Play within Devonian Gumhole dolomite formation
- Recent Backreef-1 well test recovered live oil samples (proof of play) Meda style oil
- Pre-test, mid-case potential recoverable resources est. circa 20.6 MMbbls net 16.5 MMbbls
- East Blina-1 drill-ready circa early October 2012 circa mid-way between Blina & Backreef-1
- Large footprint of potential USG located onshore near infrastructure for future Kimberley LNG
   Hub likely to attractive large Farmin partners
- Strategic footprint in undrilled wet gas offshore permit, located in highly prospective
   Gippsland Basin (6 drill-ready prospects all defined by 3D & AVOs) & strengthened its overall position with a strategic investment in BAS



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# Glossary & Petroleum Units

M	Thousand	PSTM	Pre-stack time migration – reprocessing method used with seismic	
MM	Million			
В	Billion			
bbl	Barrel of crude oil (ie 159 litres)	PSDM	Pre-stack depth migration – reprocessing method used with seismic converting time into depth	
PJ	Peta Joule (1,000 Tera Joules (TJ))			
Bcf	Billion cubic feet	AVO	Amplitude versus Offset, enhancing	
Tcf	Trillion cubic feet		statistical processing method used	
BOE	E Barrel of crude oil equivalent –		with 3D seismic	
	commonly defined as 1 TJ equates to circa158 BOE – approximately	GIP	Gas initially in place – also known as GIIP	
	equivalent to 1 barrel of crude equating to circa 6,000 Bcf dry methane on an	OIP	Oil in place – also known as Stock Tank Oil Initially in Place (STOOIP)	
	energy equivalent basis)	fm	Formation	
CSG	Coal Seam Gas	sst Sandstone		
EPT	Extended Production Test (also commonly referred to as an Extended	OWC	Oil water contact	
	Well Test)	USG	Unconventional Shale Gas	
ESPCP	Electric Submersible Progressive Cavitation Pumps	USO	Unconventional Shale Oil	