

31 January 2013

# Quarterly Activities Report for the Period to 31 December 2012

*Firestone Energy Limited* (ASX/JSE: FSE) (the "**Company**" or "**FSE**") is pleased to provide shareholders with its Quarterly Activities Report for the 3 month period ended 31 December 2012.

#### **Technical Activities: the Waterberg Coal Project**

During the quarter, the technical team of the Waterberg Joint Venture continued to progress the Bankable Feasibility Study for the proposed coal mine to supply 10 million tones of thermal coal to Eskom per annum.

Eskom and Sekoko Resources agreed to extend the completion date of the Bankable Feasibility Study to 31 March 2013. This extension allows additional time for the joint venture to complete additional drilling and technical components required to support the Bankable Feasibility Study.

Drilling to delineate the faults on Smitspan and Stage 1 drilling to upgrade the resource of Smitspan and Massenberg was completed during the quarter. Laboratory analysis of the results are expected during the first quarter of 2013.

The various specialist studies required for the completion of the Bankable Feasibility Study, namely environmental, rail, infrastructure, geo-technical and hydrology studies, commenced during the quarter, and are currently well underway. The environmental consultants have commenced with the Public Involvement Process required in order to amend the Existing Environmental Right Management Programme.

An extensive drilling programme on Massenberg has now commenced, in order to upgrade the resource status of the property. The Waterberg Joint Venture technical team continue to actively engage with all stakeholders including Eskom, Transnet Freight Rail, and all relevant Regulatory Authorities.

#### **Corporate Activities**

#### Transactions with Ariona Company SA ("Ariona")

During the quarter, the Company held a General Meeting for the suite of transactions with Ariona. The shareholders of FSE approved the transactions between the Company and Ariona, and the parties have advanced toward closing the transactions designed to improve the financial position of the Company.

#### 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: 3,114 million ordinary shares

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

#### **Directors and Officers**

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

Officers: Mr David Knox CEO Mr Jerry Monzu Company Secretary

Contact: Suite B9, 431 Roberts Road Subiaco, Western Australia 6008 Tel: +61 (08) 9287 4600 Web: <u>www.firestoneenergy.com.au</u> On 17 December 2012, the Company announced that it had revised the Investment Agreement to allow for changes to the proposed settlement terms with Ariona. As part of the changes to those terms, the Company received A\$600,000 of working capital from Ariona which will form part of the total investment amount of A\$39.645 million to be provided as per the Investment Agreement. The first stage of financial settlement is now scheduled to take place on 31 January 2013.

The Company has also retained access to the balance of the A\$2.2 million working capital facility which was announced on 22 March 2012.

The funding provided into the Company has allowed the Company to focus on its core activities on completing the Bankable Feasibility Study for the Waterberg Coal Project, in conjunction with its joint venture partner, Sekoko Resources (Pty) Ltd.

#### Take-over Proposal

On 17 December 2012, Range River Gold Limited (RNG.AU)("**Range River**") announced to the ASX an unsolicited, conditional proposal to acquire all of the ordinary shares in FSE by way of an off-market takeover offer ("**Range River Offer**")

After the quarter, on 30 January 2013, Range River announced the Bidders' Statement for FSE.

The Board is unanimous in its view that FSE shareholders should take no action and not make any decision in relation to their shareholding in the Company until the Board has had the opportunity to consider the Bidders' Statement provided by Range River. Following careful consideration of the Range River Offer, the Board will determine and advise FSE shareholders of its recommendation.

Yours sincerely,

David Knox Chief Executive Officer www.firestoneenergy.com.au Tel: Australia (+61 08 9287 4600) South Africa (+27 11 706 3548)

#### About Sekoko Resources

Sekoko Resources (Pty) Ltd is a South African-based black-owned energy and minerals company developing the coal, magnetite iron ore and PGMs Projects in the Limpopo Province of South Africa. This includes a significant exploration program and development of the Waterberg Coal Joint Venture Project based on significant Coal Zone Resources.

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 2012

### Consolidated statement of cash flows

Cash flows related to operating activities		Current quarter \$A'ooo	Year to date \$A'ooo
1.1	Receipts from product sales and related debtors		
1.2	Payments for (a) exploration & evaluation (b) development	(907)	(1,318) -
	<ul><li>(c) production</li><li>(d) administration</li></ul>	(444)	- (797)
1.3	Dividends received	-	-
1.4	Interest and other items of a similar nature received	-	_
1.5	Interest and other costs of finance paid	-	-
1.6	Income taxes paid	-	-
1.7	Other (GST receipts)	31	80
	Net Operating Cash Flows	(1,320)	(2,035)
	Cash flows related to investing activities		
1.8	Payment for purchases of: (a) prospects	_	-
110	(b) equity investments	-	-
	(c) properties	-	-
1.9	Proceeds from sale of: (a) prospects	-	-
2	(b) equity investments	-	-
	(c) other fixed assets	-	-
1.10	Loans to other entities	-	-
1.11	Loans repaid by other entities	-	-
1.12	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
		-	-
	Net investing cash flows		
1.13	Total operating and investing cash flows (carried forward)	(1,320)	(2,035)

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

1.13	Total operating and investing cash flows (brought forward)	(1,320)	(2,035)
	Cash flows related to financing activities		
1.14	Proceeds from issues of shares, options, Convertible Notes etc.	-	-
1.15	Proceeds from sale of forfeited shares	-	-
1.16	Proceeds from borrowings	1,348	2,065
1.17	Repayment of borrowings	-	-
1.18	Capital raising costs	-	-
1.19	Other – Interest paid	-	-
	Net financing cash flows	1,348	2,065
	Net increase (decrease) in cash held	28	30
1.20	Cash at beginning of quarter/year to date	161	169
1.21	Exchange rate adjustments to item 1.20 Gain / (Loss)	(24)	(34)
1.22	Cash at end of quarter	165	165

## 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 \$A'ooo
1.23 Aggregate amount of payments to the parties in	cluded in item 1.2 937
1.24 Aggregate amount of loans to the parties includ	ed in item 1.10 -

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

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 - \$937k

### 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

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

		Amount available \$A'ooo	Amount used \$A'000
3.1	Loan facilities	2,200	1,457
	The Company has in place a further financing facility (convertible notes) with its existing convertible noteholders.		
3.2	Credit standby arrangements	-	-

## Estimated cash outflows for next quarter

		\$A'ooo
4.1	Exploration and evaluation	200
4.2	Development	-
4.3	Production	-
4.4	Administration	200
	Total	400
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# **Reconciliation of cash**

show	nciliation of cash at the end of the quarter (as in in the consolidated statement of cash flows) e related items in the accounts is as follows.	Current quarter \$A'ooo	Previous quarter \$A'ooo
5.1	Cash on hand and at bank	144	134
5.2	Deposits at call	21	27
5.3	Bank overdraft	-	-
5.4	Other (provide details)	-	-
	Total: cash at end of quarter (item 1.22)	165	161

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# Changes in interests in mining tenements

		Tenement reference	Nature of interest (note (2))	Interest at beginning of quarter	Interest at end of quarter
6.1	Interests in mining tenements relinquished, reduced or lapsed		Nil		
6.2	Interests in mining tenements acquired or 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.

7.1	<b>Preference</b> <b>*securities</b> (description)	Total number Nil	Number quoted	Issue price per security (see note 3) (cents)	Amount paid up per security (see note 3) (cents)
7.2	Changes during quarter (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through returns of capital, buy- backs, redemptions	Nil	Nil		
7.3	*Ordinary securities FSE	3,113,878,641	3,113,878,641		Fully paid
7.4	Changes during quarter (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through returns of capital, buy- backs				

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7.5	+Convertible	Unlisted Convertible	Conversion		
	debt	Notes	number-		
	securities		Variable per Note		
	(description)		Repayment dates –		
		Con Note 1 – 12 FSEAQ	2 October 2012		
		Con Note $2 - 3$ FSEAS	16 November 2012		
		Con Note $3 - 3$ FSEAU	18 December 2012		
		Con Note $4 - 3$ FSEAY	21 January 2013		
		Con Note 5-3 FSEAW	23 February 2013		
		Con Note $6 - 3$ FSEAZ	23 March 2013		
		Con Note $7 - 3$ FSEAA	30 April 2010		
		Con Note 8 - $1 \times (\$500k)$	04 June 2013		
		$4 \times (\$100k)$	04 June 2013		
		Con Note 9 - 9 x (\$100k) Con Note 13 - 6 x (\$100k)	13 July 2013 8 November 2013		
		Con Note $14 - 6 \times (\$100k)$	23 November 2013		
		Con Note $15 - 6 \times (\$100k)$	22 December 2013		
		Con Note $16 - 6 \times (\$100k)$	22 December 2013 24 January 2014		
		Con Note $17 - 9 \times (\$100k)$	24 January 2014 22 February 2014		
		Con Note $20 - 6 \times (\$100k)$	24 May 2014		
		Con Note $21 - 3 \times (\$100k)$	22 June 2014		
		Con Note $22 - 3 \times (\$100k)$	19 October 2014		
7.6	Changes				
,	during				
	quarter				
	(a) Increases				
	through				
	issues				
	(b) Decreases				
	through				
	securities				
	matured,				
	converted				
7.7	Options			Exercise	Expiry date
				price	
		440,000,000	N.111		
	FSEAM	110,000,000	Nil	6.0 Cents	31 May 2013
	FSEAO	96,904,767	Nil Nil	6.0 Cents	30 Jun 2013
	FSEAI FSEO	25,875,000 48,395,000	48,395,000	6.0 Cents 4.0 Cents	30 Jun 2014
	FSEO	40,000,000	48,395,000 Nil	2.5 Cents	31 May 2014 19 Sept 2014
- 8	Issued during	40,000,000	1411	2.5 Cents	19 Sept 2014
7.8	0				
	quarter				
7.0	Exercised				
7.9	during				
	quarter				
7 10	Expired				
7.10	during				
	quarter				
	quarter				
	FSEAK	30,000,000	Nil	5.0 Cents	30 Nov 2012
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7.11	Debentures				
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Date: 31 January 2013

# **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 give a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

Sign here:

Company Secretary

Print name: Mr Jerry Monzu

## Notes

- <sup>1</sup> 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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