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## Jesse-2 Pure Helium Well Reaches Surface Casing Point

Grand Gulf Energy Ltd (ASX:GGE) (“Grand Gulf” or the “Company”) is pleased to advise that drilling operations are progressing on schedule on the potentially company-making pure-play helium well, Jesse-2, in SE Utah.

The Aztec 1099 drilling rig spudded the Jesse-2 helium well on 14 March 2023, and has reached total depth for the 12.25” surface hole section at 3135 feet. The rig is currently running the 9.625” casing before drilling the 8.75” intermediate hole section. The Jesse-2 well is anticipated to take approximately a month to reach the projected total depth of 8150 feet true vertical depth subsea in the middle Mississippian Leadville Dolomite formation.



Figure 1: Aztec 1099 Drilling Rig



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*This ASX announcement has been authorised for release by the Board of Grand Gulf Energy Ltd.*

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**About Grand Gulf Energy:**

Grand Gulf Energy Ltd (ASX:GGE) is an independent exploration and production company, headquartered in Australia, with operations and exploration in North America. The Red Helium project is a pure-play helium exploration project, located in the Paradox Basin, Utah, in the prolific Four Corners region. For further information please visit the Company's website at [www.grandgulfenergy.com](http://www.grandgulfenergy.com)

**Competent Person's Statement:**

The information in this report is based on information compiled or reviewed by Mr Keith Martens, Technical Director of Grand Gulf. Mr Martens is a qualified oil and gas geologist/geophysicist with over 45 years of Australian, North American, and other international executive oil and gas experience in both onshore and offshore environments. He has extensive experience of oil and gas exploration, appraisal, strategy development and reserve/resource estimation. Mr Martens has a BSc. (Dual Major) in geology and geophysics from The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.

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### About the Red Helium Project:

The Red Helium Project provides exposure to the burgeoning helium industry in a prolific proven helium-producing region, the Four Corners Area, that comprises:

- 250,713 acre area of mutual interest (AMI) with over 29,000 acres (private leases/Utah state leases) leased in drill-friendly Utah in the heart of the most prolific helium-producing region in the world;
- Geologically analogous to Doe Canyon Field. Doe Canyon is situated 15 miles due east of the Red Helium project, and is currently producing approximately 10,700,000 cubic feet of helium per month, the bulk of which comes from only 7 wells. Air Products (market cap US\$68b) is processing the helium, and it is anticipated that Doe Canyon will ultimately produce 3-5 billion cubic feet of helium. With additional drilling, this resource figure could increase;
- 315 kms of well-placed 2D seismic has been acquired and reprocessed identifying multiple drill targets – and confirming a structural trap 4-5 times larger than the Doe Canyon Field;
- Six historic wells exclusively targeting hydrocarbons were drilled within the project AMI, proving trap, seal, reservoir presence and gas charge and a working helium system, to differing degrees within each prospect. Several wells tested non-flammable gas, the only two analysed for helium confirmed helium presence; and
- 20 miles south of and connected by pipeline to the operational Lisbon Helium Plant (99.9995% purity).

Key milestones in the Red Helium Project:

- Maiden prospective gross project unrisked P50 helium resource of 10.9 billion cubic feet of helium;
- Jesse discovery (Jesse-1A), generally exceeding pre-drill expectation and highlights including:
  - over 200 feet of gross gas column, and 101 feet of net pay (Independently Audited);
  - Helium grade of up to 1%. An analogous Doe Canyon well at 1% helium and a raw gas rate of 20 million cubic feet per day would produce 200 thousand cubic feet of helium per day; and
  - Productive, well pressured reservoir at 2465 psi on trend with neighbouring Doe Canyon virgin pressure.
- Helium Offtake Agreement with Paradox Resources LLC, a helium refiner and seller owner with extensive helium market experience and connections, and operator of the advanced Lisbon Valley helium plant;
- Strategic Alliance to expand on the Offtake terms and exploit the corporate synergies with Paradox;
- Increased Working Interest in the Red Helium Project to 70% with a right to earn 85%.

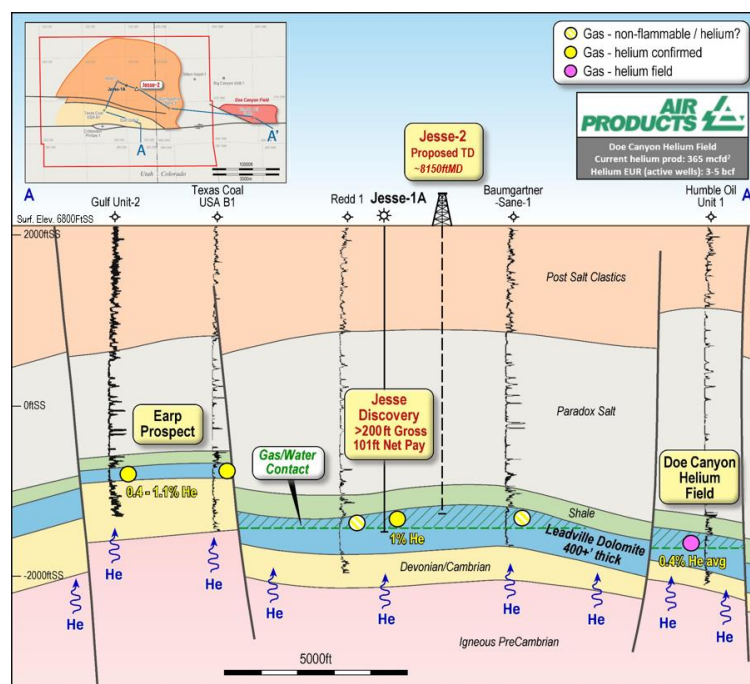


Figure 2: Stylised schematic showing Jesse-2 location exclusively targeting the gas pay zone



### Helium Offtake Agreement (“Offtake”):

Offtake executed with helium refiner and seller Paradox Resources LLC (“**Paradox**”) with industry standard 80/20 revenue sharing / allowing near immediate monetisation of a success case well to monetized with minimal time and Capex<sup>1</sup>. The Red Helium project is 20 miles south of and connected by pipeline to the operational Lisbon Helium Plant.

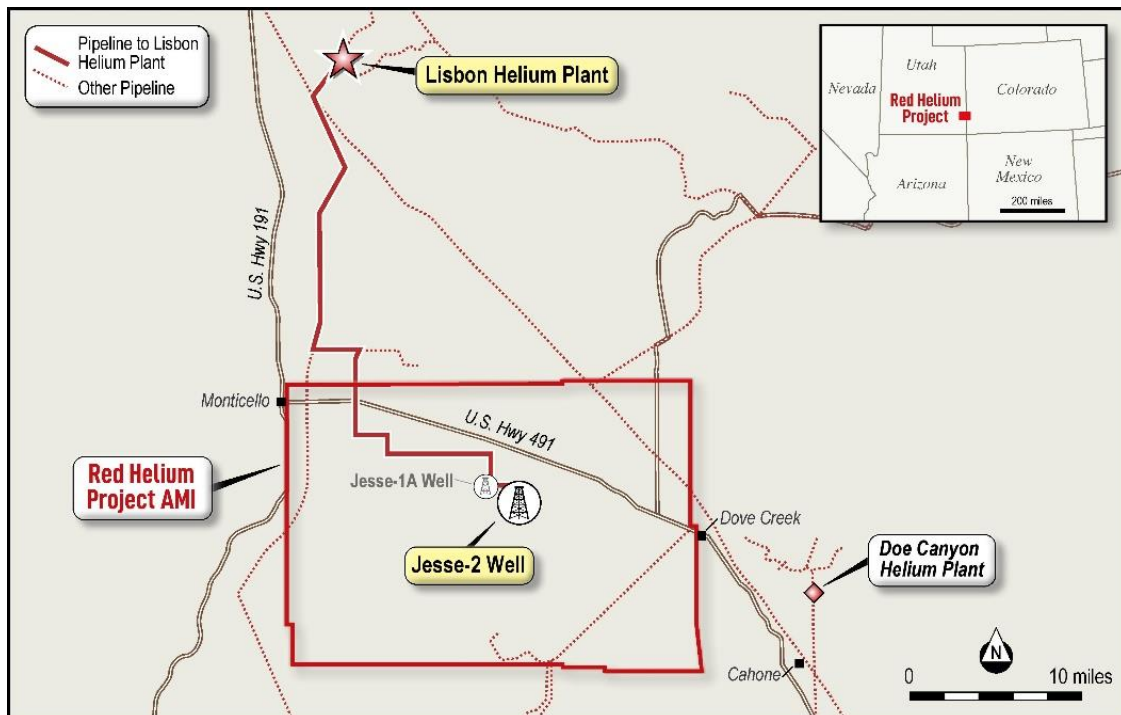


Figure 3: Jesse-2 location in the Red Helium project AMI with local pipelines / gas transport route to the Lisbon Helium Plant.

### Strategic Alliance

Grand Gulf entered into a Strategic Alliance (“**Alliance**”) with helium refiner and seller Paradox designed to fast-track and optimise the significant commercial opportunities that exist in the current buoyant helium market<sup>2</sup>. The Alliance is structured to explore mutually commercially advantageous revenue sharing arrangement on such key items as:

- Optimize and prioritize near-term exposure to the burgeoning helium market
- Red Helium Project to be a potential priority supplier to re-start the Paradox liquefier capable of producing high purity 99.9995% helium (“5 ½ Nines”) - which attracts premium pricing, currently over US\$2,000/mcf
- Collaborative downstream marketing targeting end users of high-purity helium such as semi-conductor manufacturers and the space industry
- Expansion of the terms of the recently executed Offtake agreement to include future wells
- Progress identified CO<sub>2</sub> disposal options with revenue generating potential:
  - Expansion of existing carbon sequestration activities at Paradox’s Lisbon Plant to include CO<sub>2</sub> from the Red Helium Project - potentially revenue-generating under Section 45Q of the US Tax Code; and
  - Joint investigation into utilization of Red Helium Project CO<sub>2</sub> for enhanced oil recovery (flooding) from Paradox’s Lisbon Oil Field
- Potential synergistic commercial benefits in assessing corporate opportunities that involve both Paradox assets and the Red Helium Project

<sup>1</sup> ASX Announcement 9 January 2023 – Helium Offtake Agreement Secured for Jesse-2

<sup>2</sup> ASX Announcement 11 April 2022 – Strategic Alliance with Helium Offtake Partner





Figure 4: Paradox “5.5 Nines” Resources Lisbon Valley Gas Processing Plant.

### Maiden Prospective Helium Resource

On 8 December 2021 the Company announced that Sproule had completed the maiden Prospective Resource Report for the Red Helium Project located in the Paradox Basin, Utah USA.

Sproule has confirmed a P50 10.9 billion cubic feet (BCF) Prospective Resource over gross leased acreage and P50 of 7.4 BCF on a net acre basis to Valence. The Sproule Prospective Resource calculation is based on the current acres held by incorporated joint venture company at 8 December 2021.

The Company plans a resource update based on the data gained from Jesse-1A and future wells.

### Valence Prospective Resources<sup>3</sup>

| Recoverable Helium                        | 1U (P90)<br>(BCF) | 2U (P50)<br>(BCF) | 3U (P10)<br>(BCF) |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Gross to Valence - (28,046 gross acres)   | 7.6               | 10.9              | 12.9              |
| Net to Valence - (18,959 net acres)       | 5.2               | 7.4               | 8.5               |
| Net to GGE - (earning 85% of net Valence) | 4.4               | 6.3               | 7.2               |
| Red Project Total                         | 7.9               | 20.8              | 57.6              |

The estimated quantities of helium that may potentially be recovered by the application of a future development project relate to undiscovered accumulations. These estimates have both an associated risk of discovery and a risk of development. Further exploration appraisal is required to determine the existence of a significant quantity of potentially moveable helium.

GGE now has a 70% interest in Valence with a right to secure a further 15% interest (total of 85%) on the following terms:

| Earning 85% of Valence Resources | Max Commitment Spend | Cumulative Interest |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Current Working Interest         |                      | 70%                 |
| Drilling second well             | US\$1.5M             | 77.5%               |
| Drilling third well              | US\$1.5M             | 85%                 |

<sup>3</sup> Sproule as announced on ASX on 8 December 2021. The Company is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the referenced ASX announcement and confirms that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed.