## **Carbon Minerals Limited**

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#### QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES REPORT to December 31, 2014

#### REVIEW of OPERATIONS GUNNEDAH BASIN COALBED METHANE PROJECT PETROLEUM EXPLORATION LICENCES 1 AND 12, NSW (GUNNEDAH BASIN)

(These tenements are held by wholly owned subsidiary, Australian Coalbed Methane Pty Ltd (ACM) and are subject to a Joint Venture (JV) with Santos QNT Pty Ltd (Santos), as previously advised. Santos has acquired a 65% interest in the tenements and is the project Operator.)

Field operations during the quarter were limited to routine well and property inspections and completion of the 18th round of surface water sampling. This completes the minimum sampling program required to establish a baseline of surface water quality throughout the tenements. Discussions, information sessions and site visits for local community groups are ongoing.

An application for renewal of PEL 1 was lodged in December together with the required renewal report and supporting documentation.

The Company and Santos are working on the appropriate work program and budget for the 2015 year based on the current oil price environment. Subject to final agreement, this could include the provision for the resumption of on-ground exploration activities.

Following the NSW Chief Scientist's final report on the coal seam gas industry (September 2014) the NSW Government released the **NSW Gas Plan**. The Gas Plan accepts the findings and recommendations of the Chief Scientist's Report and outlines both the need to develop an onshore gas production industry within NSW and measures the Government has introduced in order to enable this to proceed in a safe and sustainable manner. It states that "*without affordable and reliable gas supplies our manufacturers will struggle to compete and households will pay higher prices*" and that the benefits of development of a gas industry "*will be delivered by a strong, certain and trusted regulatory system, supported by science and information*".

The Gas Plan and associated information can be found at <u>http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/energy-supply-industry/legislation-and-policy/nsw-gas-plan</u>

#### CARBON MINERALS LIMITED ABN 29 001 836 586

#### QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

#### **Exploration Expenditure Incurred**

Exploration expenditure incurred during the quarter ended 31 December 2014 on the group's projects is set out below:-

#### Project

Amount Incurred

New South Wales PELs 1 & 12 (Gunnedah Basin)

\$313,918

#### SCHEDULE OF MINERAL TENEMENTS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014

| LOCATION            | TENEMENT        | HOLDER     | INTEREST                             | AREA                   | CURRENT TO                            |
|---------------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| New South<br>Wales: |                 |            |                                      |                        |                                       |
| Gunnedah<br>Bando   | PEL 1<br>PEL 12 | ACM<br>ACM | 35% <sup>1</sup><br>35% <sup>1</sup> | 72 blocks<br>31 blocks | 10/02/2015 <sup>2</sup><br>26/09/2016 |

#### Key to Tenement Types

PEL Petroleum Exploration Licence

#### **Key to Tenement Holders**

ACM Australian Coalbed Methane Pty Limited

#### Notes

- 1. PELs 1 and 12 are subject to an arrangement with Santos QNT Pty Ltd ("Santos"), in which Santos has a 65% interest in each tenement.
- 2. Application for renewal submitted.

Rule 5.5

## **Appendix 5B**

## Mining exploration entity and oil and gas exploration entity quarterly report

Introduced 01/07/96 Origin Appendix 8 Amended 01/07/97, 01/07/98, 30/09/01, 01/06/10, 17/12/10, 01/05/2013

Name of entity

#### CARBON MINERALS LIMITED

ABN

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Quarter ended ("current quarter") 31 DECEMBER 2014

#### Consolidated statement of cash flows

| Cash flows related to operating activities |  | Current quarter<br>\$A | Year to date<br>(12 months)<br>\$A |
|--|--|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1.1  | Receipts from product sales and related debtors                                | 3,192                  | 510,938                            |
| 1.2  | Payments for (a) exploration & evaluation<br>(b) development<br>(c) production | (314,286)              | (766,905)<br>-<br>-                |
|  | (d) administration   | (51,291)               | (228,704)                          |
| 1.3  | Dividends received   | -                      | -                                  |
| 1.4  | Interest and other items of a similar nature received                          | 49,166                 | 198,310                            |
| 1.5  | Interest and other costs of finance paid                                       | -                      | -                                  |
| 1.6  | Income taxes paid  | -                      | -                                  |
| 1.7  | Other (provide details if material)  | (1,395)                | (3,213)                            |
|  | Net Operating Cash Flows   | (314,614)              | (289,574)                          |
|  | Cash flows related to investing activities                                     |                        |                                    |
| 1.8  | Payment for purchases of: (a) prospects  | -                      | _                                  |
|  | (b) equity investments   | -                      | -                                  |
|  | (c) other fixed assets   | -                      | -                                  |
| 1.9  | Proceeds from sale of: (a) prospects   | -                      | -                                  |
|  | (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)                     | (314,614)              | (289,574)                          |

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

| 1.13 | Total operating and investing cash flows      |           |           |
|------|---|-----------|-----------|
|      | (brought forward)                             | (314,614) | (289,574) |
|      |   |           |           |
|      | Cash flows related to financing activities    |           |           |
| 1.14 | Proceeds from issues of shares, options, etc. | -         | -         |
| 1.15 | Proceeds from sale of forfeited shares        | -         | -         |
| 1.16 | Proceeds from borrowings                      | -         | -         |
| 1.17 | Repayment of borrowings                       | -         | -         |
| 1.18 | Dividends paid                                | -         | -         |
| 1.19 | Other (provide details if material)           | -         | -         |
|      | Net financing cash flows                      |           | -         |
|      | Net increase (decrease) in cash held          | (314,614) | (289,574) |
| 1.20 | Cash at beginning of quarter/year to date     | 5,785,112 | 5,760,072 |
| 1.21 | Exchange rate adjustments to item 1.20        | -         | -         |
| 1.22 | Cash at end of quarter                        | 5,470,498 | 5,470,498 |

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

|      |  | Current quarter<br>\$A |
|------|--|------------------------|
| 1.23 | Aggregate amount of payments to the parties included in item 1.2 | 32,190                 |
| 1.24 | Aggregate amount of loans to the parties included in item 1.10   | -                      |
|      |  |                        |

1.25 Explanation necessary for an understanding of the transactions

Item 1.2(d) includes directors fees of \$2,790 and \$29,400 secretarial fees paid to an entity, of which company directors are principals.

## 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

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

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

## Financing facilities available

Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the position.

|     |                             | Amount available<br>\$A | Amount used<br>\$A |
|-----|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 3.1 | Loan facilities             | -                       | -                  |
| 3.2 | Credit standby arrangements | -                       | -                  |

## Estimated cash outflows for next quarter

|     |                            | \$A     |
|-----|----------------------------|---------|
| 4.1 | Exploration and evaluation | 355,000 |
| 4.2 | Development                | -       |
| 4.3 | Production                 | -       |
| 4.4 | Administration             | 60,000  |
|     | T- (-1                     | 415 000 |
|     | Total                      | 415,000 |

## **Reconciliation of cash**

| show | nciliation of cash at the end of the quarter (as<br>n in the consolidated statement of cash flows)<br>e related items in the accounts is as follows. | Current quarter<br>\$A | Previous quarter<br>\$A |
|------|--|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5.1  | Cash on hand and at bank   | 897,519                | 1,251,557               |
| 5.2  | Deposits at call   | 4,572,979              | 4,533,555               |
| 5.3  | Bank overdraft   |                        |                         |
| 5.4  | Other (provide details)  |                        |                         |
|      | Total: cash at end of quarter (item 1.22)  | 5,470,498              | 5,785,112               |

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

## Changes in interests in mining tenements and petroleum tenements

|     |   | Tenement<br>reference<br>and<br>location | 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 and<br>petroleum tenements<br>relinquished, reduced<br>or lapsed |  |                                  |  |                                  |
| 6.2 | Interests in mining<br>tenements and<br>petroleum tenements<br>acquired or increased              |  |                                  |  |                                  |

## 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 quoted | Issue price per<br>security (see<br>note 3) (cents) | Amount paid up<br>per security (see<br>note 3) (cents) |
|-----|---|--------------|---------------|---|--|
| 7.1 | <b>Preference</b><br><b>*securities</b><br>(description)  |              |               |   |  |
| 7.2 | Changes during<br>quarter<br>(a) Increases<br>through issues<br>(b) Decreases<br>through returns<br>of capital, buy-<br>backs,<br>redemptions |              |               |   |  |
| 7.3 | <sup>+</sup> Ordinary<br>securities   | 18,803,498   | 18,803,493    | Various   | 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<br>debt<br>securities<br>(description)   |              |               |   |  |

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

#### Appendix 5B Mining exploration entity and oil and gas exploration entity quarterly report

|      |   | <br> |                |             |
|------|---|------|----------------|-------------|
| 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  | <b>Options</b><br>(description and<br>conversion<br>factor)   |      | Exercise price | Expiry date |
| 7.8  | Issued during<br>quarter  |      |                |             |
| 7.9  | Exercised<br>during quarter   |      |                |             |
| 7.10 | Expired during quarter  |      |                |             |
| 7.11 | <b>Debentures</b> (totals only)   |      |                |             |
| 7.12 | <b>Unsecured</b><br><b>notes</b> (totals<br>only)   |      |                |             |

## **Compliance statement**

- <sup>1</sup> 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 5).
- 2
- This statement does give a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

Sign here:

Company secretary

Date: 30 January 2015

Print name: Steven Danielson

## 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.

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

- 2 The "Nature of interest" (items 6.1 and 6.2) includes options in respect of interests in mining tenements and petroleum 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 or petroleum 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 6: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources* and *AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows* apply to this report.
- 5 **Accounting Standards** ASX will accept, for example, the use of International Financial Reporting 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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