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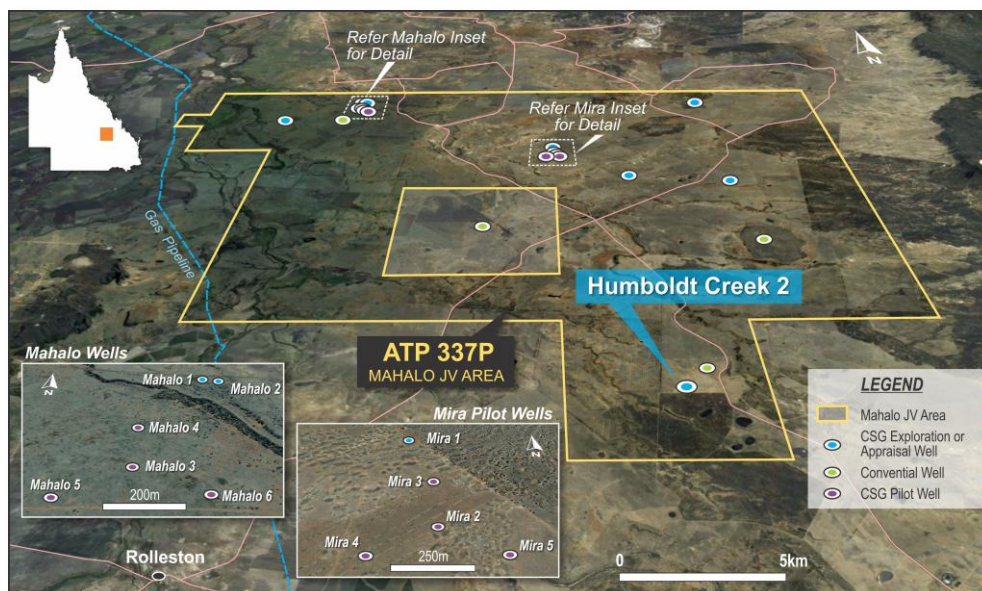
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Mahalo Project Update: Humboldt Creek 2 Exploration Well Spuds

- **Humboldt Creek 2 well spuds in Mahalo block on Friday 15 March**
- **Humboldt Creek 2 is the third step-out core hole following successful drilling in the Mira field**

Coal seam gas explorer Comet Ridge Limited (ASX:COI) announces the commencement of drilling operations at the Humboldt Creek 2 well, at its ATP 337P Mahalo asset in Queensland's Bowen Basin, on Friday 15 March 2013.

Humboldt Creek 2 is the third step-out core hole to be drilled following the recent drilling of pilot production wells in the Mira field. Humboldt Creek 2 is located approximately 24 km south-southeast of the Mira field pilot wells and is approximately 245 km west of Gladstone in central Queensland. The well is expected to reach a total depth of approximately 500 metres.



Humboldt Creek 2 will be cored through the reservoir section and is being drilled to further define the key coal parameters in the southern part of the block.

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A few high rainfall events were experienced in the Mahalo block area during February and March, and this had the impact of slowing or halting drilling operations for several consecutive days, and recently for up to a week, before the rig move to Humboldt Creek 2 could be completed. Comet Ridge Managing Director, Tor McCaul, said that a total of about four weeks of drilling time had been lost due to weather, since the start of the current drilling programme in December. He added that he was pleased drilling operations had been able to re-start late last week.

Comet Ridge currently has a 35% interest in ATP 337P Mahalo, having divested a 5% interest in the asset to Stanwell Corporation Limited in an agreement announced in September 2011. Under the terms of that agreement, Stanwell Corporation Limited will fund Comet Ridge's expenditure for the Mahalo field and Mira field pilot schemes. The agreement also gives Stanwell Corporation an option to purchase half or all of Comet Ridge's equity in the Mahalo block, based on 2P reserves booked.

Equity participants in ATP 337P Mahalo are Comet Ridge Mahalo Pty Ltd 35%, Stanwell Corporation Limited 5% (with an option to increase), Australia Pacific LNG Pty Ltd 30% and Santos QNT Pty Ltd 30%.



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COMET RIDGE LIMITED - OVERVIEW

Comet Ridge Limited has significant Coal Seam Gas (CSG) projects in key regions of Queensland, northern New South Wales and New Zealand, as well as oil and gas interests in the United States. Gas resources have been certified, by independent professional certifiers, at four projects. The company is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX Code: COI) and is based in Brisbane. The Board and Management are experienced in establishing and developing energy projects.

Corporate Strategy

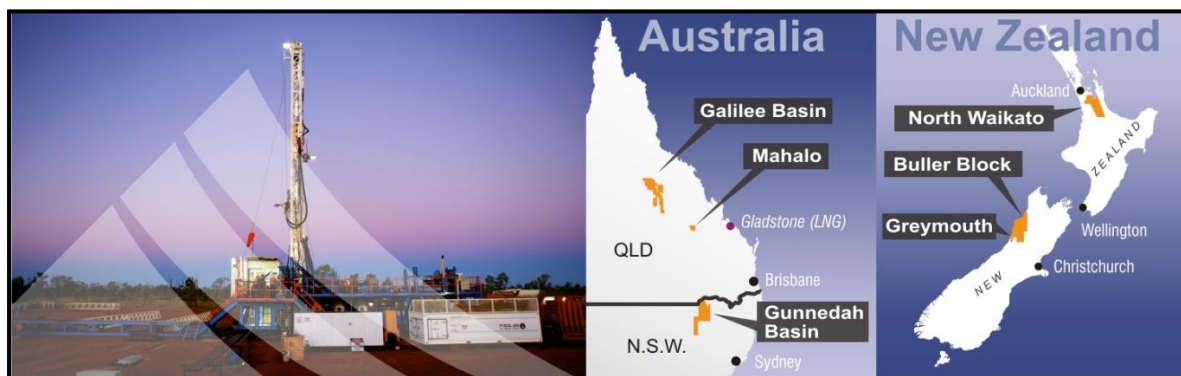
Comet Ridge has gained early entry into well-located exploration areas, allowing shareholders to gain substantial leverage into the upside value potential associated with exploration success.

Comet Ridge conducts CSG exploration and appraisal, with the aim of maturing exploration acreage from Gas Resources into Proven and Probable Gas Reserves. This process initially involves drilling wells in order to certify Prospective and Contingent Resources and then through further appraisal via Pilot Projects, with the intention of progressing into certified Reserves.

Where possible, Comet Ridge takes high equity positions in its large exploration permits, including a 100% interest in both its Galilee Basin and New Zealand assets. Comet Ridge has 35% equity in the ATP 337P Mahalo block in the Bowen Basin, and announced on 21 June 2012 that it has signed an agreement to increase its equity to 22.5%, 50% and 60% respectively in PEL 6, PEL 427 and PEL 428 in the Gunnedah Basin in New South Wales. This transaction is subject to government consent to transfer.

Work Programme

Comet Ridge has an active exploration and appraisal work program for CSG projects in Queensland and northern New South Wales. Drilling for the first Pilot Project for ATP 337P Mahalo was undertaken in July 2012, with additional exploration and appraisal work planned for the Galilee Basin and Mahalo in 2013.



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