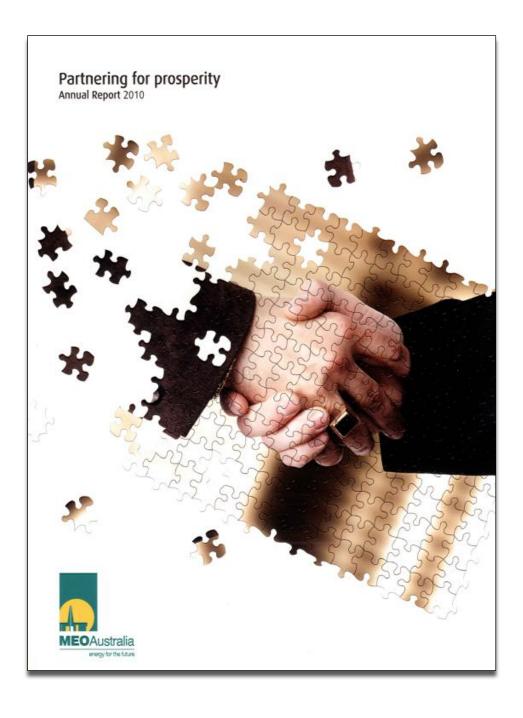


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#### Introduction

#### Your board and executive management team





# **Key messages**

Identifying & realising lasting value requires people, processes & projects

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Aspect	Action	Impact
People -Board -Exec team	Worked tirelessly during farm-in process Sustained technical & commercial effort Targeted addition of Errol Johnstone	Experience crucial in closing deal Underpins future of company Drives new venture screening
Processes -Technical -Commercial	Identify potential to add value Structure deals to optimise s/h value	Quality of partner we attract Value to all stakeholders
Acreage -WA-359-P -WA-360-P -WA-361-P -NT/P68	Relinquished due to technical immaturity Raised funds to exercise option to drill Attracted Petrobras as JV partner Increased interest from 35% to 50% Increased interest from 90% to 100% Renewed acreage for further 5 years Conducted sophisticated technical work Launch farm-in process	Preserve shareholder funds Preserved Artemis-1 opportunity Transformed company fortunes Increased flexibility/optionality Increased flexibility Preserved potential value Model to predict reservoir quality Seeking to attract funding partner
Tassie Shoal	Ongoing effort to secure 3 <sup>rd</sup> party gas	Strict commercial criteria

### **Building sustainable long term value**

Instantaneous valuation driven by short term interest holders





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#### **Achievements**

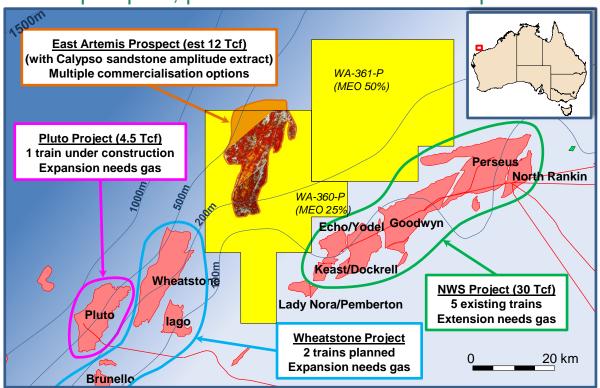
Applying technical and commercial rigour to build value

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New Exploration Acreage • Acquired AC/P50 & AC/P51 • Submit bits for new gazettal acreage							<b>√</b>	



#### Petrobras farm-in to WA-360-P

~12 Tcf prospect, potential to underwrite multiple LNG trains

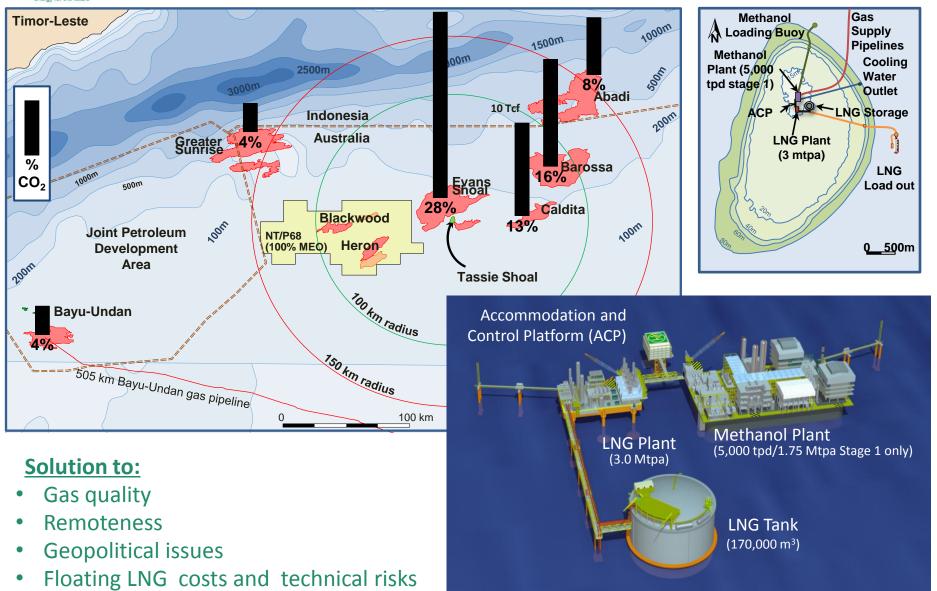


- Petrobras farmed in for 50% interest (April 2010)
  - Paying 100% of 1<sup>st</sup> well (to US\$41m cap, MEO & Petrobras 50/50 above cap)
  - MEO received US\$31.5m cash, plus US\$7.5m in seismic related back-costs
  - Success case
    - Paying 70% of 2 additional wells (MEO carried for 20% PI, to US\$62m cap/well)
    - MEO receives additional US\$31.5m cash payment
- MEO retains 25% participating interest & is Operator for 1<sup>st</sup> well
- Rig handover occurred November 14<sup>th</sup>, expected to arrive at Artemis-1 on 23<sup>rd</sup> November



#### **Tassie Shoal Projects**

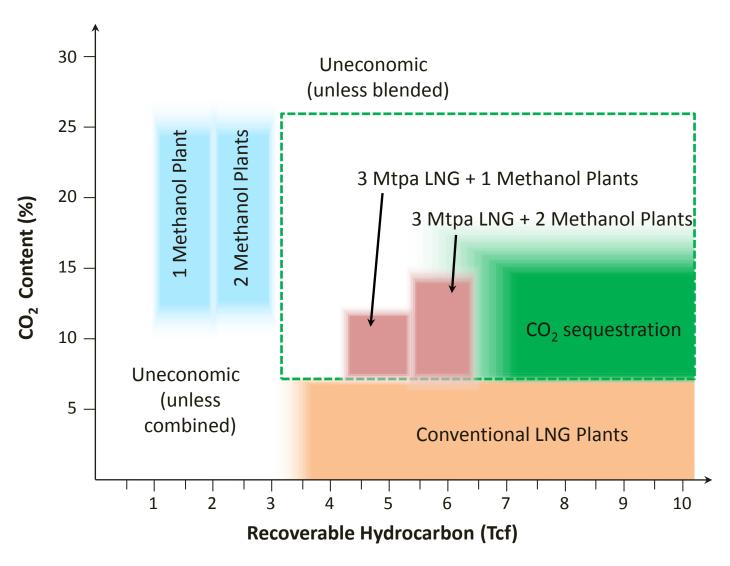
A modular hub ready for gas of any quality...





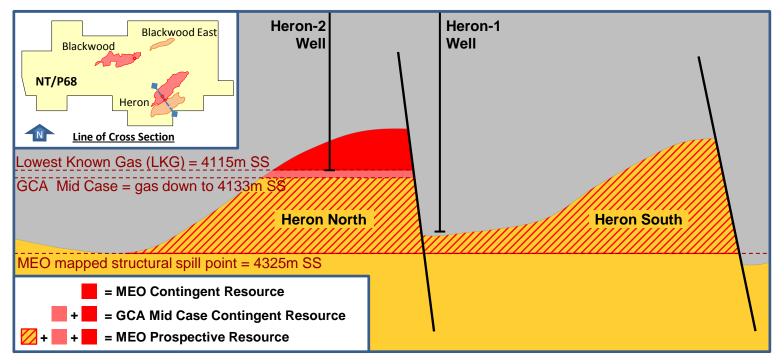
#### **Projects provide optionality & flexibility**

Methanol plant has substantially lower reserves threshold than LNG



#### Heron discovery – seeking farminee to fund appraisal

Prospective resource ~5 Tcf (Best Estimate) – LNG size/quality?



**Table 1. Heron North (Discovered Resource)** 

Raw Gas Ultimate Recovery (Tcf)	1C	2C	3C
GCA Contingent Resource Assessment <sup>1</sup>	0.19	0.39	0.80
MEO Contingent Resource Assessment <sup>1</sup>	0.21	0.29	0.39

**Table 2. Greater Heron Structure (Prospective Resource)** 

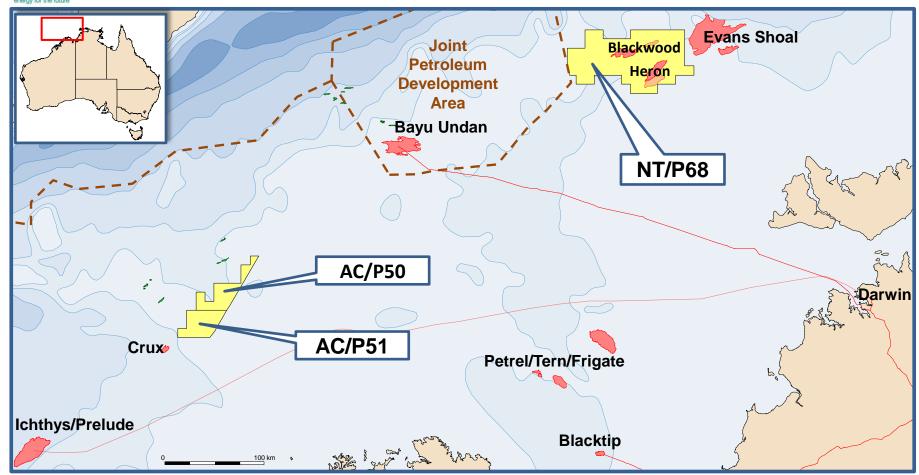
Raw Gas Ultimate Recovery (Tcf)	Low	Best Estimate	High
MEO Prospective Resource Assessment <sup>2</sup>	3.66	4.96	6.64

1. The GCA and MEO volumes reported in this table have NOT been reduced for non-hydrocarbon gas (CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>) content. Expected ranges are shown in Table 3 below. MEO has limited the non-hydrocarbon gas (CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>) content to that observed in the primary reservoir at Evans Shoal-2.



#### Acquired AC/P50 and AC/P51

Selectively adding prospective acreage to portfolio

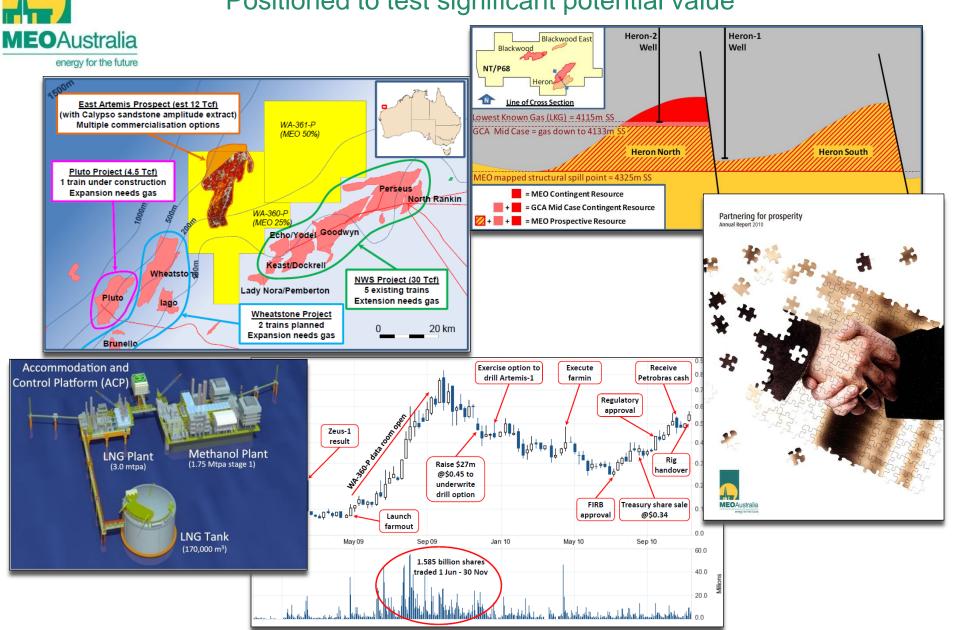


- Executed agreement to acquire 100% interest in AC/P50 & AC/P51 from Silver Wave Energy
- Silver Wave has option to buy-back a 10% working interest in each permit to end Permit Yr 3
- RedRock has option to acquire a 5% carried interest in each permit
- MEO will retain 85%-95% operating interest in each option subject to exercise of options

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## **Summary & questions**

Positioned to test significant potential value





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