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**By Email:** [kate.kidson@asx.com.au](mailto:kate.kidson@asx.com.au)

Dear Ms Kidson,

**Re: Price query**

We refer to your correspondence of this afternoon in relation to the price increase in our stock from 15 cents closing price on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2009 to an intra-day high of 22 cents today accompanied by above normal trading volumes.

MEO makes the following responses to your specific numbered points:

1. The Company is not aware of any information that has not already been announced to the market.
2. Not applicable.
3. It is likely that MEO's operating result for the financial year ended 30 June 2009 will vary by more than 15% compared to the operating result for the financial year ended 30 June 2008 due to the likely write-off of exploration expenditure relating to the unsuccessful well drilled in WA-361-P in January/February 2009.
4. There is no reason, at this point in time, to think that MEO will record any material abnormal or extraordinary item for the financial year ended 30 June 2009.
5. Since the last ASX query in relation to price/volume activity on 10<sup>th</sup> June the Company notes that its largest shareholder Xtract International Ltd (formerly Cambrian Oil & Gas Plc) has issued two change in substantial shareholder notices on 12<sup>th</sup> June and 19<sup>th</sup> June.

Xtract's first notice indicated a 20 million share sell down on June 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> of their holding from 48,295,629 shares (11.57%) to 28,295,629 shares (6.78%), while the second notice indicated a further sell down of 3.25 million shares to 25,045,629 (6.00%) shares on 15<sup>th</sup> June. This sell down was likely responsible for the retracement

in the share price from the previous intra-day high of \$0.22 recorded on June 10<sup>th</sup> to an intra-day low of \$0.145 on 17<sup>th</sup> June as the market perceived a stock overhang in the wake of a substantial shareholder sell-down.

In the event that this targeted selling has ceased, any subsequent volume buying will more than likely result in an accompanying rebound in share price.

As previously advised, MEO has hosted (and continues to host) a number of substantial companies that have expressed an interest in reviewing the technical data in support of MEO's WA-360-P farmout opportunity. The primary prospect identified in WA-360-P (MEO 70%) is the Artemis feature which the company interprets is a continuation of the Triassic reseroired Wheatstone gas discovery in the adjoining permit within younger Jurassic aged reservoirs in WA-360-P.

MEO has previously advised the market on a number of separate occasions (as detailed in its June 10<sup>th</sup> response to the ASX) that it believes the Artemis prospect has the potential to contain 9.5 Tcf gas-in-place within WA-360-P.

The location of WA-360-P in close proximity to the North West Shelf Gas Project (16.3 Mtpa LNG), the Pluto LNG development (4.3 Mtpa) and the proposed Wheatstone LNG development (8 Mtpa) underscores the strategic and potential value of any discovered gas resource at this location. The farmout process is expected to continue until at least 31<sup>st</sup> July when the deadline for indicative offers expires.

6. We confirm that to the best of our knowledge, the Company is in full compliance with the listing rules and, in particular, listing rule 3.1.

We trust these explanations satisfy your query.

Yours sincerely,



**Jürgen Hendrich**

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By e-mail only

Dear Colin

**MEO Australia Limited- Price Query**

We have noted a change in the price of the Company's securities from 15 cents at close of trading on 18 June 2009 to a high of 21 cents at time of writing today. We have also observed larger than normal volumes of trades during this period.

In light of the price change and increase in trading volumes, please respond to each of the following questions.

1. Is the Company aware of any information concerning it that has not been announced which, if known, could be an explanation for recent trading in the securities of the Company?

Please note that as recent trading in the Company's securities could indicate that information has ceased to be confidential, the Company is unable to rely on the exceptions to listing rule 3.1 contained in listing rule 3.1A when answering this question.

2. If the answer to question 1 is yes, can an announcement be made immediately? If not, why not and when is it expected that an announcement will be made?

Please note, if the answer to question 1 is yes and an announcement cannot be made immediately, you need to contact us to discuss this and you need to consider a trading halt (see below).

3. Is there any reason to think that there may be a change in the operating loss before abnormal items and income tax so that the figure for the financial year ended 30 June 2009 would vary from the previous corresponding period by more than 15%? If so, please provide details as to the extent of the likely variation.
4. Is there any reason to think that the Company may record any material abnormal or extraordinary items for the financial year ended 30 June 2009? If so, please provide details.
5. Is there any other explanation that the Company may have for the price change and increase in volume in the securities of the Company?

6. Please confirm that the Company is in compliance with the listing rules and, in particular, listing rule 3.1.

Your response should be sent to me by e-mail at [kate.kidson@asx.com.au](mailto:kate.kidson@asx.com.au) or by facsimile on facsimile number 9614 0303. It should not be sent to the Company Announcements Office.

Unless the information is required immediately under listing rule 3.1, a response is requested as soon as possible and, in any event, not later than half an hour before the start of trading (i.e. before 9.30 a.m. EST) on Monday, 22 June 2009.

Under listing rule 18.7A, a copy of this query and your response will be released to the market, so your response should be in a suitable form and separately address each of the questions asked. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact me immediately.

### **Listing rule 3.1**

Listing rule 3.1 requires an entity to give ASX immediately any information concerning it that a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or value of the entity's securities. The exceptions to this requirement are set out in listing rule 3.1A.

In responding to this letter you should consult listing rule 3.1 and Guidance Note 8 – Continuous Disclosure: listing rule 3.1.

If the information requested by this letter is information required to be given to ASX under listing rule 3.1 your obligation is to disclose the information immediately.

Your responsibility under listing rule 3.1 is not confined to, or necessarily satisfied by, answering the questions set out in this letter.

### **Trading halt**

If you are unable to respond by the time requested, or if the answer to question 1 is yes and an announcement cannot be made immediately, you should consider a request for a trading halt in the Company's securities. As set out in listing rule 17.1 and Guidance Note 16 – Trading Halts, we may grant a trading halt at your request. We may require the request to be in writing. We are not required to act on your request. You must tell us each of the following.

- The reasons for the trading halt.
- How long you want the trading halt to last.
- The event you expect to happen that will end the trading halt.
- That you are not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.
- Any other information necessary to inform the market about the trading halt, or that we ask for.

The trading halt cannot extend past the commencement of normal trading on the second day after the day on which it is granted. If a trading halt is requested and granted and you are still unable to reply to this letter before the commencement of trading, suspension from quotation would normally be imposed by us from the commencement of trading if not previously requested by you. The same applies if you have requested a trading halt because you are unable to release information to the market, and are still unable to do so before the commencement of trading.

If you have any queries regarding any of the above, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Sent by electronic means without signature

Kate Kidson

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