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Multi Billion Barrel Potential Identified in MEO's Cuba Acreage

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MEO Australia Limited (ASX: **MEO**) is pleased to provide the following significant update in relation to its 2,380 km² onshore Block 9 Production Sharing Contract ("Block 9 PSC"), located on the north coast of Cuba, 140 km east of Havana and along trend with the multi-billion barrel Varadero oil field.

The first of three identified oil plays on Block 9 has been assessed by MEO to contain 8.183 billion barrels of Oil-in-Place with a Prospective (Recoverable) Resource of 395 million barrels (Best Estimate, 100% basis)* of potentially high quality light oil. Further work on the other, shallower oil plays, which also have significant oil potential, is continuing and will be reported on as available.

Key Points:

- 8.183 billion barrels of Oil-in-Place with Prospective Resources of 395 million barrels just in the "Lower Sheet Play" (unrisked Best Estimate, 100% basis).*
- Conventional "Lower Sheet Play" with 15 individual leads is one of three identified oil plays in Block 9.
- Block 9 is a low cost onshore PSC with a number of prior oil discoveries reducing exploration risk.
- Accelerated drilling program to explore further strong potential of "Lower Sheet Play" now under investigation.
- Assessment of the other two oil play types is ongoing and is expected to add significantly to the potential Oil-in-Place and Resource base of Block 9.

MEO's CEO and MD Peter Stickland, commented on the announcement:

"It is extraordinary to be able to already identify nearly 400 million barrels of prospective resources in conventional targets in a proven trend at moderate target depths, located in an accessible onshore area. This result, which is for only one of three identified play-types, speaks to the enormous potential of MEO's Block 9 PSC. Significantly, these leads have the potential for billions of barrels of oil-in-place however the prospective resources so far assume only the historical 5% recovery factor from offset fields in Cuba.

MEO considers that some of these leads can potentially be matured into early drilling opportunities, particularly those with nearby or shallow oil recoveries from old wells. This, along with characterising the potential of the other two play-types, will be a focus of our work in the coming months.

The scale of the identified prospectivity of Block 9 PSC suggests it has the potential to have a substantial positive impact on Cuba's energy sector.

MEO is the only ASX listed company with Cuban energy industry exposure. MEO's early mover positioning in this significantly under explored region offers a great opportunity to build a substantial Cuban focused oil and gas business."

*Refer to Cautionary Statement in this report (Page 2) relating to estimates of prospective resources



Prospectivity Assessment of Block 9 Reaches Significant Milestone

MEO's technical assessment has identified the following three play types in Block 9:

1. Lower Sheet Play (approximately 2,000 – 3,500 metres depth);
2. Upper Sheet Play (approximately 800-3,000 metres depth); and
3. Shallow Tertiary Play (approximately 400-1,200 metres depth).

MEO has now completed the initial resource assessment for the Lower Sheet Play which is a conventional, fractured carbonate reservoir, similar to existing producing fields in Cuba, and is located at depths typically between 2,000 and 3,500 metres. Oil recoveries to date suggest that the Lower Sheet Play has potential for high quality light crude oil. It has demonstrated prospectivity in the western and central areas of Block 9 and is likely to be prospective in the east of Block 9, where an absence of seismic data limits the assessment. MEO's technical assessment has identified a total of 15 structural closures in the Lower Sheet Play (see Figure 1).

Total Oil-In-Place for the Lower Sheet Play has been estimated to be 8.183 billion barrels (see Table 1), with the total Prospective Resource of 395 million barrels (unrisked, Best Estimate 100% basis) (See Table 2), with an estimated 267 million barrels net to MEO based on its net entitlement interest under the Block 9 PSC (see Attachment 1 for details). The recoverable volumes have been conservatively estimated using the historical 5% recovery factor for nearby Cuban fields.

Table 1: Block 9 PSC Oil-in-Place Summary for Lower Sheet Play:

Lead Name	Chance of Discovery	Low	Best	High	mean
	%	MMstb	MMstb	MMstb	MMstb
A1	20	142	965	3,177	1,409
A2	25	130	1,275	4,447	1,917
B	16	190	1,707	5,792	2,500
C1	17	156	892	2,678	1,223
C2	18	162	1,075	3,247	1,476
C3	12	16	47	132	64
D	22	46	320	1,083	475
H	31	71	401	1,221	556
I	29	27	196	696	300
J	29	58	471	1,844	767
L	18	33	224	713	317
N	14	63	454	1,544	676
O	19	15	92	283	128
P	14	15	63	184	86
Total (unrisked 100%)		1,124	8,183	27,042	11,894

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C1	17	8	45	134	61
C2	18	8	54	162	74
C3	12	1	2	7	3
D	22	2	16	54	24
H	31	1	6	20	9
I	29	1	10	35	15
J	29	3	24	92	38
L	18	2	11	36	16
N	14	3	23	77	34
O	19	1	5	14	6
P	14	1	3	9	4
Total (unrisked 100%)		53	395	1311	576
MEO Net Entitlement Interest		36	267	885	389

Table 2: Block 9 PSC Prospective Resources Summary for Lower Sheet Play:

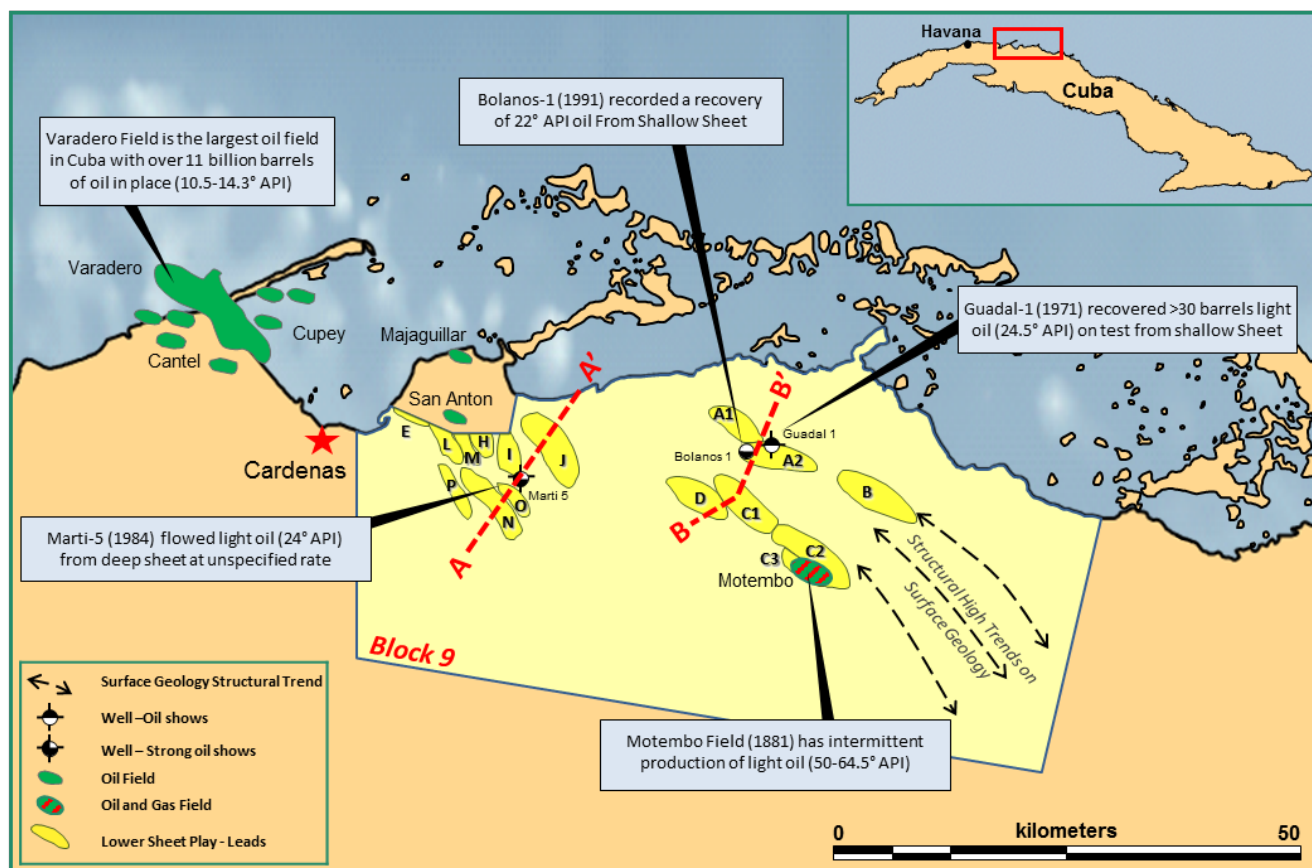


Figure 1. Block 9 location map showing adjacent fields.



'Lead A2' Highest Ranked Multi Billion Barrel Prospect in Central Area of Block 9

Among the most attractive of the identified features within the Lower Sheet is Lead A2, which has a significant chance of discovery (25%) and is potentially very large with the potential for more than 4 billion barrels of Oil-In-Place and 222 million barrels of recoverable oil (unrisked, High case, 100% basis). Supporting the A2 lead, are two nearby shallow wells that have recovered oil from the Upper Sheet above the deeper A2 Lead (see Figure 2):

- Guadal-1, drilled in 1970/71 (prior to the acquisition of modern seismic data), recovered more than 30 barrels of light oil (24° API) on test; and
- Bolanos-1 drilled in 1991 recorded a recovery of 22° API oil

These shallower oil recoveries are still being evaluated by MEO to determine if a well to test the A2 Lead could be designed to test multiple objectives.

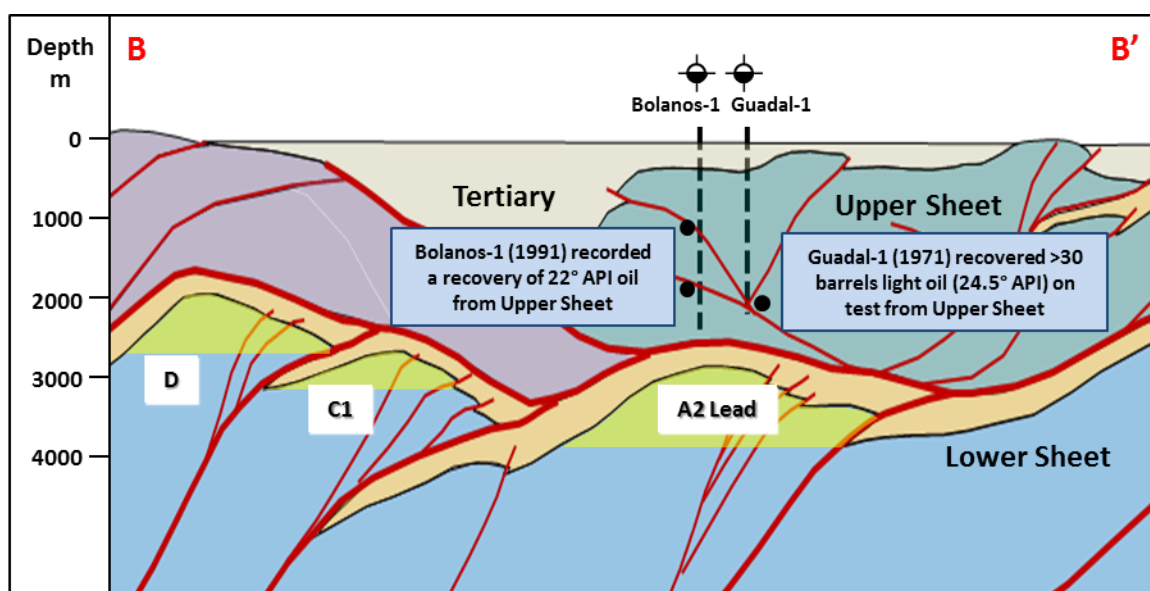


Figure 2. Schematic cross section through A2 Lead in central area of Block 9.

Oil Recovery at Marti-5 Highlights Lower Sheet Potential of Western Area of Block 9

Marti-5 recovered light oil (24° API) and had oil shows over a 390 metre gross interval from the Lower Sheet section, when drilled in 1984. MEO's analysis and interpretation suggest that Marti-5 was outside of mapped closure, but it high grades the potential of the adjacent mapped structures to contain oil, particularly Leads I, J and O (see Figure 3).

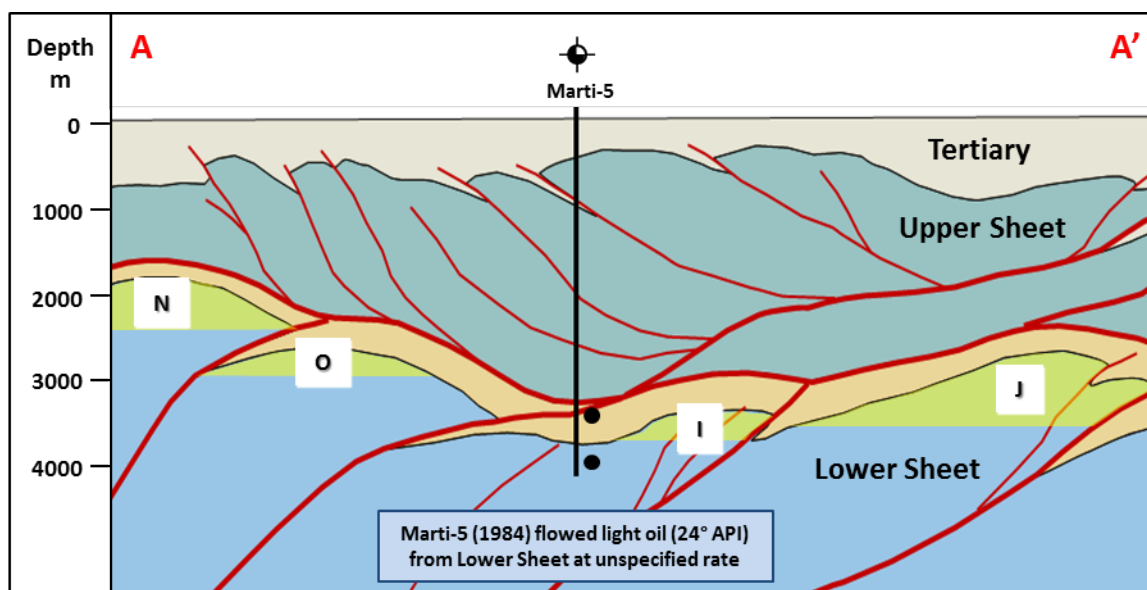


Figure 3. Schematic cross section through Marti-5 well in western area of Block 9.

Next Steps

MEO will investigate the potential to accelerate drilling in Block 9 to test the potential of the Lower Sheet Play.

In addition, MEO will investigate the merits of additional seismic data acquisition in Block 9 to better define some of the identified geological features in the Lower Sheet Play as well as extending seismic data coverage to the east of Block 9 to assess the potential of that region of the block.

MEO will also continue its assessment of the other play types within Block 9, being the Upper Sheet Play and shallow Tertiary play both of which may have significant potential, and refine the potential resource base as further information comes to hand.

Overview of Block 9 PSC, Onshore Cuba

The Block 9 PSC, covering 2,380km² onshore the north coast of Cuba, is in a proven hydrocarbon system with multiple producing fields within close proximity, including and the Majaguillar and San Anton fields immediately adjacent to Block 9 and the multi-billion barrel Varadero oil field. Block 9 contains the Motembo field, the first oil field discovered in Cuba. MEO is prequalified as an onshore and shallow water operator in Cuba and was awarded a 100% interest in the Block 9 PSC on 3rd September, 2015. MEO has secured a 100% interest in Block 9, subject to a conditional 40% back-in option to be exercised no later than September 2017 held by Petro Australis Limited. MEO's established position in Cuba provides a strong early mover advantage ahead of ongoing strengthening of diplomatic relations between Cuba and the US.

Peter Stickland
Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer

Contingent and Prospective Resources: The information in this presentation that relates to Contingent Resources and Prospective Resources for MEO is based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation compiled by Peter Stickland, the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of MEO. Mr Stickland B.Sc (Hons) has over 25 years of relevant experience, is a member of the European Association of Geoscientists & Engineers and the Petroleum and Exploration Society of Australia, and consents to the publication of the resource assessments contained herein. The Contingent Resource and Prospective Resource estimates are consistent with the definitions of hydrocarbon resources that appear in the Listing Rules. Conversion factors: 6 Bscf gas equals 1 MMboe; 1 bbl condensate equals 1 boe.



Attachment 1: Block 9 PSC Resource assessment for Lower Sheet Play

This assessment has been prepared by MEO in accordance with the definitions and guidelines set forth in the Petroleum Resource Management System, 2011, approved by the Society of Petroleum Engineers. The assessment is based on historical seismic and well data in Block 9 as well as surface geology and relevant data from offsetting areas.

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The Prospective Resource estimates have been estimated using probabilistic methods. The Low, Best and High Estimates represent respectively that there is a 90%, 50% and 10% probability that the actual resource volume will be in excess of the amounts reported. The mean volume represents the probabilistic average of the resource volume distribution.

“MMstb” means million stock tank barrels of oil.

The gross (100%) Prospective Resource estimates are based on the total anticipated oil recovery from the given feature.

The net entitlement interest is based on the anticipated cost recovery oil and MEO’s share of profit oil under the terms of the Production Sharing Contract. MEO’s average net entitlement interest has been estimated to be 67.5%, but will ultimately be dependent on production costs, production rates of future discoveries and prevailing oil prices.