

Block 9, Cuba – Operations Update

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Melbana Energy Limited (ASX: MAY) (**Melbana**) is pleased to provide this update on progress made towards the drilling of its two high impact exploration wells onshore Cuba in its Block 9 contract area (“**Block 9 PSC**”).

Preparations for drilling Alameda-1

Camp facilities for the Alameda-1 drilling program have been delivered to site and installation and hook up of water, sewerage and other utilities have commenced. Containers with rig parts and other equipment have also started to arrive on site.



Figure 1 - Delivery of camp facilities and containers to the Alameda-1 drilling site

The cellar cribbing has been dug in and set in location and matting installed in preparation for the erection of the drill rig.



Figure 2 – Setting of cellar and installation of matting prior to erection of drill rig for Alameda-1

It has been advised that some shipping arrivals will be delayed beyond their schedule arrival in Cuba, but these are not currently expected to impact the commencement of drilling operations at Alameda-1 on or about 13 September 2021.

Civil works for Zapato-1

Work continues on the creation of the well pad for the Zapato-1 well, to be drilled immediately following the completion of Alameda-1. Access roads are now functional but will continue to be improved. Clearing activities have been completed and the well pad is starting to take shape using the fill material that is being transported to site.



Figure 3 - Current status of the well pad for Zapato-1 and surveyors marking the location of the water wells

HSE

Melbana's safety personnel are working to complete the integration of its safety procedures with that of its contractors prior to the commencement of drilling operations. These have been supplemented with a COVID management policy for the isolation and testing of rotating crews.

There have been no safety incidents reported.

Entitlements Offer

On 30 July 2021, Melbana announced a non-renounceable entitlement offer seeking to raise approximately \$7.1 million to provide it with additional funding for its expected share of commitments to the forthcoming drilling program in Block 9, Cuba. Shareholders as of the record date of 10 August 2021 that subscribe for two (2) new shares at \$0.02 per share for every thirteen (13) shares currently held would also receive one (1) free attaching option (exercisable at \$0.035 each on or before 12 months from the date of issue) for every two (2) shares subscribed for.

The Offer is fully underwritten and lead managed by Canaccord Genuity (Australia) Limited and scheduled to close this Friday, 3 September 2021, at 5:00PM AEST.

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