

# Petsec Energy Ltd

Appendix 4E & Consolidated Financial Statements  
For the period ended 31 December 2014



## Key Points

- Net loss after tax was US\$1.1 million after recognition of a US\$2.2 million gain on sale of the Marathon and Main Pass 270 assets, dry hole, impairment, exploration and work-over expense of US\$3.0 million and depreciation, depletion & amortisation (“DD&A”) expense of US\$1.8 million.
- Net oil and gas revenue (after royalties and hedging) for the twelve months to 31 December 2014 of US\$8.2 million was generated from production of 1,612 MMcfe at an average gas equivalent sales price received of US\$5.08/Mcfe.
- Sale of Marathon and Main Pass 270 interests for US\$17 million plus the right to participate in four of the Purchaser’s high potential exploration prospects with an effective transaction date of 1 January 2014 was completed in July 2014. Net cash on completion of the transaction was US\$12.1 million.
- Execution of agreements with AWE Limited (21.25%) and Mitsui E&P Middle East B.V. (8.5%) to acquire their respective Participating Interests in Block 7, Al Barqa Permit, in the Republic of Yemen. Transfers are dependent on Yemen government approvals.
- Adeline Sugar Factory #4 exploration well on the Jeanerette Field – successfully drilled and brought into production on 30 June 2014.
- Appointment of U.S. based Mr. Richard Smith as the Chief Executive Officer of Petsec Energy Inc.
- Cash balance of US\$32.6 million (including US\$5.3 million of restricted deposits) and no debt.

## Key data – Twelve months ended 31 December 2014 compared to the twelve months ended 31 December 2013

	Twelve Months to 31 December 2014	Twelve Months to 31 December 2013	% Increase/ (Decrease)
<b>Key Operating/Financial Data</b>			
Net production (MMcfe <sup>1</sup> )	1,612	3,645	(56%)
Net revenues after royalties (US\$m)	8.2	16.4	(50%)
Net loss after tax (US\$m)	(1.1)	(15.2)	(93%)
Add: Depreciation, depletion and amortisation expense (US\$m)	1.8	7.0	(74%)
Add: Dry hole, impairment, exploration and work-over expense (US\$m)	3.0	14.4	(79%)
Add: Net financial expense (US\$m)	0.2	0.2	-
Add/(less): Derivative gains (US\$m)	0.1	1.3	(92%)
Less: Income tax benefit	(0.6)	-	n/a
<b>EBITDAX (US\$m)<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>(56%)</b>
<b>Key Performance Indicators</b>			
Average net sales price/Mcfe <sup>3</sup> (US\$)	5.08	4.50	13%
Add: Other revenue/(expense)/Mcfe (US\$)	1.25	(0.01)	n/a
Less: Operating costs/Mcfe (US\$) <sup>4</sup>	(4.23)	(2.40)	76%
<b>EBITDAX/Mcfe (US\$)</b>	<b>2.10</b>	<b>2.09</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Gross margin <sup>5</sup></b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>(6%)</b>
<b>DD&amp;A/Mcfe (US\$)</b>	<b>1.13</b>	<b>1.93</b>	<b>(42%)</b>
<b>Other Financial Data</b>			
<b>Acquisition, exploration and development expenditure (US\$m)</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>USD/AUD average exchange rate</b>	<b>0.8981</b>	<b>0.9369</b>	<b>(4%)</b>

1 MMcfe = million cubic feet of gas equivalent (conversion ratio: 1 barrel of oil = 6 Mcf of gas).

2 Earnings before interest (financial income and expense), income tax, depreciation, depletion, and amortisation and exploration (including dry hole, impairment and abandonment expense; seismic and repair expense). EBITDAX is a non-IFRS number and is unaudited.

3 Mcfe = thousand cubic feet of gas equivalent

4 Operating costs comprise lease operating expense plus geological, geophysical and administration expenses.

5 Gross margin is EBITDAX as a percentage of sales.

## Commentary on results

### General

The Appendix 4E results and the accompanying consolidated final financial statements are prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (AASBs) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and are presented in United States dollars.

Current period: Twelve months ended 31 December 2014; Previous corresponding period: Twelve months ended 31 December 2013.

### Key Operating/Financial Data

- Net production of 1,612 million cubic feet of gas equivalent (“MMcfe”) for the twelve months ended 31 December 2014. This was 56% lower than the 3,645 MMcfe achieved for the previous corresponding period, primarily as a result of the divestiture of the Company’s working interests in the Marathon and Main Pass 270 fields which closed on 14 July 2014. Refer to “*Review of Operations*” section of the Directors’ Report for further details.
- Net oil and gas revenues (after royalties and hedging) for the current period of US\$8.2 million were 50% lower than that achieved for the previous corresponding period of US\$16.4 million due to 56% lower production due to the aforementioned asset divestiture slightly offset by the higher average sales price received for the current period of US\$5.08/Mcfe (previous corresponding period: US\$4.50/Mcfe). Refer to “*Key Performance Indicators*” below for further details.
- EBITDAX for the current period of US\$3.4 million was 56% lower than the previous corresponding period (US\$7.7 million), due to lower production.
- Net loss after tax of US\$1.1 million for the twelve months to 31 December 2014 after the recognition of a US\$2.2 million gain on the sale of the Marathon and Main Pass 270 assets, dry hole, impairment, exploration and work-over expense of US\$3.0 million, and depreciation, depletion and amortisation (“DD&A”) expense of US\$1.8 million. This compares to a net loss of US\$15.2 million recorded for the previous corresponding period, which included net dry hole, impairment, exploration and work-over expense of US\$14.4 million and DD&A expense of US\$7.0 million.

### Key Performance Indicators

- Average net gas equivalent sales price of US\$5.08/Mcfe (including hedging) for the current period. This was 13% higher than the US\$4.50/Mcfe achieved in the previous corresponding period, with the Company receiving an average sale price of US\$4.68/Mcf and US\$101.12/bbl for its natural gas and oil/condensate production, respectively (previous corresponding period: US\$3.94/Mcf and US\$107.89/bbl). Approximately 28% of natural gas production volumes for the current period were hedged at an average sales price of US\$4.29/Mcf with the Company averaging US\$4.83/Mcf for its unhedged production volumes.
- Unit operating costs of US\$4.19/Mcfe were 75% higher than the previous corresponding period of US\$2.40/Mcfe, reflecting the lower production.
- EBITDAX margin of US\$2.10/Mcfe was in line with the previous corresponding period (US\$2.09/Mcfe). The higher average sales price received for the current period coupled with the gain recognised on the divestiture of the Company’s Marathon and Main Pass 270 interests were absorbed by the impact of the higher unit operating costs caused by the lower production volumes.
- Current period unit DD&A expense of US\$1.13/Mcfe was 42% lower than the previous corresponding period of US\$1.93/Mcfe. This was largely attributable to the cessation of DD&A expense for the Marathon and Main Pass 270 producing fields following the sale on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

### Other Financial Data

- Acquisition, exploration and development expenditures for the twelve months ended 31 December 2014 of US\$5.7 million (twelve months ended 31 December 2013: US\$5.7 million) mainly comprised US\$2.0 million in lease, drilling and completion costs of the Adeline Sugar Factory No. 4 well, US\$1.2 million recompletion cost of the Main Pass 18 G-6 well, US\$1.6 million relating to the Herbert Abstract Co. #1 well, and US\$0.7 million in initial costs associated with certain exploration prospects which the Company has committed to drill during the first half of 2015.

### Dividend

- Petsec Energy Ltd does not propose the payment of a dividend in respect of the twelve months ended 31 December 2014.

## Directors' Report and Full Financial Report

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## **Directors' Report**

For the year ended 31 December 2014

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The directors present their report together with the Financial Report of Petsec Energy Ltd ("the consolidated entity"), being Petsec Energy Ltd (the Company) and its subsidiaries, for the financial year ended 31 December 2014 and the independent auditor's report thereon.

### **1. Directors**

The names and particulars of the qualifications and experience of each director during or since the end of the financial year are:

#### **Terrence N Fern**

*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer*

Mr Fern has been a director since 1987 and has over 35 years of extensive international experience in petroleum and minerals exploration, development and financing. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Sydney and has followed careers in both exploration geophysics and natural resource investment. Mr Fern was formerly a director of TSX and ASX listed company Oceana Gold Corporation from 2006 until June 2011.

#### **David A Mortimer AO**

*Non-executive Director*

*Chairman of the Audit Committee and the Nomination and Remuneration Committee*

Mr Mortimer was appointed to the Board in 1985 and has over 40 years of corporate finance experience. He was a senior executive of TNT Limited Group from 1973, serving as Finance Director and then as Chief Executive Officer until his resignation in October 1997. He is presently Chairman of Opera Australia, Crescent Capital Partners Limited, Buildcorp Advisory Board, University of Sydney Senate Investment and Commercialisation Committee, and MySale Group PLC. He is a Director of Clayton Utz Foundation, the Grant Samuel Advisory Board and is on the CEDA's Board of Governors.

Mr Mortimer holds a Bachelor of Economics degree (First Class Honours) from the University of Sydney and is a Fellow of the University of Sydney Senate and the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Mr Mortimer's other roles include Governor of the Australia Israel Chamber of Commerce, and President of the Sydney University Football Club.

Mr Mortimer was formerly a non-executive director and more recently Chairman of ASX listed company Leighton Holdings Limited from 1997 until August 2011 and Chairman of Australia Post from 2006 to 2012.

#### **Alan P Baden**

*Non-executive Director*

*Member of the Audit Committee and the Nomination and Remuneration Committee*

Mr Baden was appointed to the Board in May 2013 and is a U.S. citizen, resident in Houston, Texas. He is a senior commercial lawyer with the legal firm of Thompson & Knight and has over 35 years of experience in the U.S. oil and gas industry, with a focus on mergers and acquisitions, public and private financings, and U.S. capital market activities, representing major U.S. E&P companies who operate in shale oil and conventional exploration in the Gulf of Mexico. He has been recognised by his peers to be a leading lawyer in oil and gas transactions and in securities and corporate finance.

Mr Baden holds a Juris Doctor Degree from Case Western Reserve University, and a Bachelor of Science (Economics) Degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

#### **Mark S Lober**

*Non-executive Director*

*Member of the Audit Committee and the Nomination and Remuneration Committee*

Mr Lober was appointed to the Board in May 2013 and is a U.S. citizen, resident in Houston, Texas, who brings a wealth of technical and management expertise gained from his 35 years of experience in the U.S. oil and gas industry, where he was particularly engaged in prospect generation in those areas in which the Company operates for both conventional and unconventional exploration. In the last decade he has been actively involved in shale oil exploration in California, New Mexico, Texas and Louisiana.

Mr Lober holds a Master of Science (Geophysics) Degree from the Boston College and a Bachelor of Science (Geology) Degree from the State of New York at Brockport. Mr Lober is a Certified Professional Petroleum Geologist and a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and the Society of Exploration Geophysicists.

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### **1. Directors (continued)**

He has held the positions of senior geophysicist, exploration manager and new ventures manager with Amoco Production Company, Standard Oil Production Company (SOHO), Amerada Hess Corporation, Prime Natural Resources, Inc., Meridian Resource Corporation and Caltex Gas Exploration where he is currently developing new resource play opportunities.

### **2. Executive Officers**

#### **Richard J Smith**

*Chief Executive Office of Petsec Energy Inc. ("PEI")*

Mr Smith joined the Company in March 2014 and has over 35 years of experience in a wide variety of senior exploration and production roles predominantly with U.S. E&P companies including Amerada Hess Corporation, Amoco Production Company, Pedernales Production LLC, Houston Energy LLC, Prime Natural Resources (formerly F-W Oil Interests, Inc.), and F-W Oil Exploration LLC/F-W Oil Trinidad LLC. He holds an impressive record of growing the value of exploration and production companies through successful exploration and acquisitions. His North American experience is predominantly in the Gulf of Mexico, Louisiana and Texas onshore, in conventional and unconventional reservoirs. He also has international exploration experience in West Africa, North Africa, Europe and the Caribbean.

Mr Smith holds a Master of Science (Geology) from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee and a Bachelor of Science (Geology) from SUNY at Brockport, Brockport, New York.

#### **Ross A Keogh**

*President of PEI and Group Chief Financial Officer*

Mr Keogh joined the Company in 1989 and has over 35 years of experience in the oil and gas industry. Between 1979 and 1989, Mr Keogh worked in the financial accounting and budgeting divisions of Total Oil Company and as Joint Venture Administrator for Bridge Oil Limited in Australia. Mr Keogh holds a Bachelor of Economics degree, with a major in Accounting, from Macquarie University in Sydney. Mr Keogh was appointed Chief Financial Officer in November 1998 until April 2002, and appointed President of PEI in April 2002. Mr Keogh took on the extended role of Group Chief Financial Officer in February 2012, in addition to his current role of President of PEI.

#### **Ron Krenzke**

*Executive Vice President of Exploration of PEI*

Mr. Krenzke joined the Company in November 2009 as the Executive Vice President of Exploration of Petsec Energy Inc. Mr. Krenzke has 40 years of experience in the oil and gas exploration and production industry. His career includes experience in many phases of management of oil and gas exploration and production operations. During his early career Mr. Krenzke worked in a variety of technical and management positions at major and large independent oil and gas companies including: Mobil Oil, Texas Eastern, Monsanto Oil and Amerada Hess. Since 1990 Mr. Krenzke has founded and co-founded three private E&P companies operating in the Gulf Coast region of the USA. Mr. Krenzke founded INEXS and South Coast Exploration in 1990, both of which were sold in 1997 to Xplor Energy. In 2000, he co-founded Gryphon Exploration Company, which was ultimately sold in to Woodside Petroleum in 2005 for US\$285 million. From 2006 through 2009, Mr. Krenzke worked with small cap private companies primarily as a business and technical consultant. Mr. Krenzke holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Geophysics from Texas A&M University.

#### **Paul Gahdmar**

*Company Secretary and Group Financial Controller*

Mr Gahdmar joined the Company in 1999 as the Financial Accountant of the Petsec Energy Ltd group and has since held a number of management positions within the Company. Mr Gahdmar was appointed as the Company Secretary of Petsec Energy Ltd in 2008 and has over 20 years of experience in corporate accounting and finance in listed companies within the mining and resources industry. Mr Gahdmar holds a Master of Business and Technology degree from The University of New South Wales and a Diploma in Investor Relations from the Australasian Investor Relations Association. Mr Gahdmar is a Fellow of the Institute of Public Accountants and a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

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### 3. Directors' meetings

The Board has a formally constituted Audit Committee and a Nomination and Remuneration Committee, of which Mr Mortimer, Mr Baden and Mr Lober (non-executive directors) are members. Mr Mortimer chairs both committees.

The number of directors' meetings (including meetings of committees of directors) and number of meetings attended by each of the directors of the Company during the financial year are:

	Regular Board Meetings	Additional Board Meetings	Audit Committee Meetings	Nomination & Remuneration Committee Meetings
<b>Total number held during the year</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
T N Fern <sup>1</sup>	8	-	4	3
D A Mortimer	8	-	4	3
A P Baden	8	-	4	3
M S Lober	2	-	1	2

<sup>1</sup> Mr Fern attended the Audit and Nomination & Remuneration Committee meetings as an invitee.

### 4. Remuneration report

The Remuneration Report is set out on pages 16 to 25 and forms part of the Directors' Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2014.

### 5. Principal activities

The principal activities of the consolidated entity during the course of the year were oil and gas exploration and production in the shallow waters of the Gulf of Mexico and state waters of the Louisiana Gulf Coast region of the USA, and exploration activities onshore Texas and Louisiana, USA.

In addition, the consolidated entity executed agreements during the year with AWE Limited (21.25%) and Mitsui E&P Middle East B.V. (8.5%) to acquire their respective interests in Block 7, Al Barqa Permit in the Republic of Yemen. Completion of both the AWE and Mitsui transactions is subject to customary approvals from the Joint Venture Partners, the Yemen government and the state owned Yemen Oil and Gas Company.

There were no other significant changes in the nature of the activities of the consolidated entity during the year.

### 6. Financial review

The consolidated entity incurred a net loss after tax for the full year of US\$1.1 million (previous corresponding period: Loss of US\$15.2 million) after the recognition of a gain of US\$2.2 million on the sale of the Marathon and Main Pass assets, dry hole, impairment, exploration and work-over expense of US\$3.0 million and depreciation, depletion, and amortisation ("DD&A") expense of US\$1.8 million.

The consolidated entity generated net oil and gas revenues (after royalties and hedging) of US\$8.2 million for the twelve months to 31 December 2014, from production of 1,612 million cubic feet of gas equivalent ("MMcfe") at an average natural gas equivalent sales price of US\$5.08/Mcfe. This represents a reduction of 50% on the net oil and gas revenues achieved in the previous corresponding period of US\$16.4 million due to the divestiture of Petsec Energy's working interests in the Marathon and Main Pass 270 producing fields in July 2014 (see "Operations Review – Asset Divestiture" section below for further details).

The consolidated entity realised an average gas equivalent sales price of US\$5.08/Mcfe (including hedging) for the current period. This was 13% higher than the US\$4.50/Mcfe achieved in the previous corresponding period, with the Company benefiting from high natural gas prices during the extremely cold USA Winter period which caused U.S. natural gas prices to increase substantially during the first quarter of 2014 – natural gas spot prices reached a high of approximately US\$6.33/Mcf in mid-February 2014. The consolidated entity produced 45% of its 2014 production volumes in the March quarter and 85% of total production for the year in the first six months, prior to the sale of its interests in the Marathon and Main Pass 270 fields.

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### **6. Financial review (continued)**

The consolidated entity realised an average sale price of US\$4.68/Mcf and US\$101.12/bbl for its natural gas and oil/condensate production, respectively (previous corresponding period: US\$3.94/Mcf and US\$107.89/bbl). Approximately 28% of natural gas production volumes for the current period were hedged at an average sales price of US\$4.29/Mcf with the Company averaging US\$4.83/Mcf for its unhedged production volumes.

Lease operating expense of US\$2.5 million (previous corresponding period: US\$3.7 million) and geological, geophysical and administrative ("GG&A") expense of US\$4.3 million (previous corresponding period: US\$5.1 million) were lower in the current period, reflecting the reduced size of the consolidated entity's U.S. operations. On a unit-basis, lease operating expense was US\$1.53/Mcfe (previous corresponding period: US\$1.01/Mcfe) and GG&A was US\$2.66/Mcfe (previous corresponding period: US\$1.39/Mcfe), both higher than the prior year due to lower production volumes.

Earnings before interest, income tax, depreciation, depletion, amortisation and rehabilitation, and exploration expense ("EBITDAX") for the current period was US\$3.4 million, down 56% on the previous corresponding period EBITDAX of US\$7.7 million mainly due to lower production.

The EBITDAX margin of US\$2.10/Mcfe was in line with the previous corresponding period. The higher average sales price received for the current period coupled with the gain recognised on the sale of the Company's Marathon and Main Pass 270 interests, were absorbed by the impact of the higher unit operating costs attributable to lower production volumes.

Depreciation, depletion, amortisation and rehabilitation ("DD&A") expense for the twelve months to 31 December 2014 reduced significantly to US\$1.8 million (previous corresponding period: US\$7.0 million) following the sale of the Marathon and Main Pass 270 producing fields.

### **Financial position**

At 31 December 2014, the consolidated entity held cash deposits of US\$32.6 million and was debt free. This represents a 28% increase on the previous corresponding period cash balance of US\$25.4 million. The cash deposits which are predominantly held in U.S. dollars include US\$5.3 million held in an escrow account to secure operator bonds that are on issue to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management ("BOEM").

### **7. Operations review**

Petsec Energy Ltd (the "Company") is an independent oil and gas exploration and production company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX Ticker: PSA) with operations in the shallow waters of the Gulf of Mexico and onshore Texas and Louisiana, United States of America ("USA"), and in the Republic of Yemen where the Company has entered into agreements to acquire interests in Block 7, Al Barqa Permit which holds the Al Meashar oil discovery.

### **Appointment of new CEO of Petsec Energy Inc.**

In March 2014, the Company appointed Mr. Richard Smith as Chief Executive Officer of its U.S. subsidiary, Petsec Energy Inc. ("PEI"). Mr. Smith is a U.S. citizen, resident of Texas, who has over 35 years' experience in a wide variety of senior Exploration and Production ("E&P") roles predominantly with U.S. E&P companies. He has a successful track record of managing E&P programmes and asset acquisitions resulting in significant, low-cost reserve additions.

### **Asset divestiture**

In July 2014, the Company sold its working interests in the Marathon and Main Pass 270 fields, together with certain associated exploration interests, to a privately held U.S. exploration and production company ("Purchaser") for US\$17 million plus the right to participate in four of the Purchaser's high potential exploration prospects. The transaction had an effective date of 1 January 2014 and was completed on 14 July 2014. Net cash on completion of the transaction was US\$12.1 million.

One of the Purchaser's high potential South Louisiana exploration prospects has been drilled, the Adeline Sugar Factory ("ASF") No. 4 prospect, which was a success and brought into production on 30 June 2014.

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### **7. Operations review (continued)**

#### **Asset divestiture (continued)**

The assets sold by the Company pursuant to the transaction included:

- All of Petsec's production and exploration rights in the Marathon field
- All of Petsec's interests in the Main Pass 270 producing wells
- Assignment of working interests in the exploration rights on Main Pass 270, Main Pass 273 and Main Pass 274

As a result of the transaction, Petsec retained a 12.5% working interest in the exploration rights in Main Pass 270, 273 and 274.

The Company received its share of production, revenues and lifting costs, in respect of the Marathon and Main Pass 270 fields, from 1 January 2014 through to the closing date (14 July 2014), and these were adjusted against the US\$17 million cash consideration amount. As a result the net cash amount on completion of the transaction was US\$12.1 million.

#### **Production**

Petsec Energy produced 1,559 million cubic feet of gas and 8,821 barrels of oil/condensate (equivalent to 1,612 MMcfe) for the twelve months to 31 December 2014 from its producing fields onshore Louisiana, in the state waters of the Louisiana Gulf Coast and in the shallow waters of the Gulf of Mexico, USA.

Following the divestment of the working interests in the Marathon (Atchafalaya Bay) and Main Pass Block 270 fields, the Company's remaining producing fields are Main Pass Block 19 in the shallow waters of the Gulf of Mexico and the Jeanerette Field, onshore Louisiana – brought into production on 30 June 2014.

Production from the Company's Main Pass Block 18 field ceased in March 2014, when the G-6 well was shut-in due to sand production. The well was recompleted in June 2014 at a cost of US\$1.2 million and was returned to production for a few days before loading up with fluid and ceasing production. Efforts to restore the well to production were unsuccessful and the cost of the recompletion was expensed in the current period.

In May 2014, the Company decommissioned its Chandeleur Block 31/32 field, which had reached the end of its productive life in the prior year. The decommissioning operations were completed in August 2014 at a cost to the Company of US\$3.2 million.

#### **Exploration and development**

The Company's strategy to grow reserves is to focus on high impact conventional exploration, in mainly gas/condensate and oil rich areas onshore Gulf Coast (Louisiana and Texas) and shallow Gulf of Mexico, USA, and to acquire onshore leases with producing reserves, or near term development reserves, with significant exploitation and exploration potential.

For the most part of 2014, the Company has been actively identifying exploration prospects in which to participate.

In December 2014, the Company announced that the Board had approved the 2014/2015 Exploration Programme in which five committed and three optional conventional exploration wells were planned to be drilled on the Gulf Coast and in the Gulf of Mexico, USA.

The Company expects to expose US\$7.3 million in prospect and exploration drilling costs on the five committed exploration wells which will target prospects ranging in size from 10 to 66 Bcfe gross (2.4 to 6.7 Bcfe net to Petsec Energy) for a total exposure of 18.3 Bcfe, net to the Company.

The five committed exploration wells will test oil and gas/condensate prospects which are all located onshore Louisiana, other than the Company's Hummer Prospect which is located in 215 feet of water on the Main Pass Block 270/273/274 leases in the Gulf of Mexico, offshore Louisiana.

To-date, the Company has drilled one well in this programme – the Herbert Abstract Co. #1 well which reached its target depth in mid-December 2014 and was plugged and abandoned (see below for further details). A second well, the Ruth R. Bravanec, et al #1 well, which was not one of the five committed wells, was spud on 7 January 2015 and reached its planned true vertical depth in late January 2015. This well was also plugged and abandoned (further details are provided in section 19. *Events subsequent to balance date* of this Directors' Report).

Despite the dramatic fall in oil and gas prices over the last quarter of the 2014 year, from US\$110/bbl to less than US\$50/bbl for oil and from US\$4/Mcf to US\$3/Mcf for U.S. natural gas, the Company has determined that the remaining prospects in the programme are economically robust at current oil and gas prices.



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### **7. Operations review (continued)**

#### **Adeline Sugar Factory ("ASF") No. 4 well – Jeanerette Field**

***Petsec: 12.5% working interest (9% net revenue interest)***

In the first half of the year, the Company participated in the exploration drilling of the onshore Adeline Sugar Factory ("ASF") No. 4 well for a 12.5% working interest. The ASF No. 4 was spud on 12 March 2014 and was located in the Jeanerette Field, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana.

The ASF No. 4 well reached a total depth of 15,300 feet (4,663 metres) in early May 2014 with wireline logging indicating a gas/condensate discovery in the primary objective lower Miocene sands. The well was tested at a peak flow rate of 15.8 million cubic feet of gas per day ("MMcfd") and 105 barrels of condensate per day ("bcfd") through a 16/64<sup>th</sup> choke, at a flowing tubing pressure of 7,890 pounds per square inch in June 2014. Net drilling and completion cost to the Company was \$1.9 million.

The well commenced production on 30 June 2014 and has produced at a consistent gross rate of approximately 10.4 MMcfd and 62 bcfd on a 15/64<sup>th</sup> choke.

Production from the ASF No. 4 well is currently constrained by flow line capacity. The operator plans to install additional flow lines to the main production facility and upgrade the high pressure separator to increase production rates by some 4 MMcfd.

#### **Herbert Abstract Co. #1 Well – Southwest Holmwood Prospect**

***Petsec: 37.5% BPO/28.88% APO working interest (30.0% BPO/ 23.1% APO net revenue interest)***

The Herbert Abstract Co. #1 well (Herbert #1 well) on the Southwest Holmwood Prospect in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana was spud on 27 November 2014 and reached its planned TD of 12,000 feet (3,658 metres) in mid-December 2014.

The vertical well was drilled to test a fault closure immediately south of the Southwest Holmwood gas/condensate Field and on the east flank of the Lake Charles Field. The well intersected the objective Marg Tex sand, however the reservoir sand package was thicker than expected and was not adequately fault sealed from the adjacent Southwest Holmwood Field. The well encountered insufficient productive hydrocarbons to warrant completion. The well has been plugged and abandoned and no further exploration is planned for the prospect. The Company's net share of the drilling and upfront exploration costs of approximately US\$1.7 million has been expensed.

### **Acquisition**

#### **Block 7, Al Barqa Permit, Republic of Yemen**

Block 7 is an onshore exploration permit covering an area of 5,000 square kilometres (1,235,527 acres) located approximately 340 kilometres east of Sana'a, the capital of Yemen. The block is operated by Australia's Oil Search Limited and contains the Al Meashar oil discovery as well as an inventory of leads and prospects defined by 2D and 3D seismic surveys, which hold significant oil potential.

The Company announced in March 2014 that it had executed an agreement with a wholly owned subsidiary of AWE Limited to acquire its 21.25% Participating Interest in the Block 7, Al Barqa Permit, in the Republic of Yemen. The terms of the transaction include a cash consideration of US\$1 million, the replacement of AWE's existing Letter of Credit with the Arab Bank, and working capital adjustments on completion.

The Company further announced in May 2014, following the agreement executed with AWE, that it had executed an agreement with Mitsui E&P Middle East B.V. to acquire its 8.5% Participating Interest in the Block 7, Al Barqa Permit, in the Republic of Yemen, thereby increasing Petsec Energy's total interest in Block 7 to 29.75%. The terms of the transaction include a cash consideration of US\$0.4 million, the replacement of Mitsui E&P Middle East B.V.'s existing Letter of Credit with the Arab Bank, and working capital adjustments on completion.

Completion of both the AWE and Mitsui transactions is subject to customary approvals from the Joint Venture Partners, the Yemen government and the state owned Yemen Oil and Gas Company. The Company anticipates that these transactions will be completed in 2015.

Reservoir analysis, design and costing of production, storage and transportation facilities for the long term production testing of the Al Meashar Oil Field, was completed in late 2014 and has been presented to the Yemen authorities. Approval to proceed with the testing is anticipated in the first half of 2015.

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### USA, Gulf of Mexico/Onshore Louisiana (continued)

#### 7. Operations review (continued)

##### Oil and gas reserves – USA

As of 1 January 2015, the independently estimated net proved and probable (2P) oil and gas reserves were 1.9 Bcfe, after net reserve sales/additions of 3.3 Bcfe, production of 1.6 Bcfe for the twelve months to 31 December 2014 and net reserve revisions of 0.4 Bcfe.

The table below provides a summary of the independently assessed reserve estimates and movements.

Gas Equivalent (Bcfe *)	Independent Assessment <sup>1</sup>		
	Net Proved Reserves <sup>3</sup>	Net Probable Reserves <sup>3</sup>	Net Proved and Probable Reserves <sup>3</sup>
<b>USA Reserves</b>			
Reserves as of 1 January 2014	6.2	1.0	<b>7.2</b>
Sale/added	(2.7)	(0.6)	<b>(3.3)</b>
Adjustments <sup>2</sup>	(0.3)	(0.1)	<b>(0.4)</b>
Production	(1.6)	-	<b>(1.6)</b>
<b>USA Reserves as of 1 January 2015</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.9</b>

*\*Billion cubic feet of gas equivalent using ratio of six thousand cubic feet of natural gas to one barrel of oil.*

#### Footnotes

- The independent reserve assessments as of 1 January 2014 and 1 January 2015 were estimated by independent petroleum engineers Ryder Scott Company.
- Adjustments comprise reserves reclassified and reduced during the period.
- Net reserves means those reserves representing the Company's net revenue interest which is the Company's working interest less royalties payable.

#### Qualified Petroleum Reserves and Resources Evaluator

The USA reserve estimates in this report are based on, and fairly represent, information and supporting documentation prepared by, or under the supervision of, qualified petroleum reserves and resources evaluator Mr. John Hamlin, an employee of Ryder Scott Company and a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers. In accordance with ASX Listing Rule 5.44(b), the reserves statement as a whole was approved by Mr. John Hamlin. Mr. Hamlin has consented in writing to the form and context in which the reserve estimates are presented in this report.

The net reserves have been estimated using a deterministic method. Liquid hydrocarbons are expressed in standard 42 gallon barrels. All gas volumes are reported on an "as sold" basis expressed in millions of cubic feet (MMCF) at the official temperature and pressure bases of the areas in which the gas reserves are located. The net proved and probable (2P) reserves are the summation of the net proved (1P) reserves and net probable reserves.

The methodology for the determination of "Recoverable Amount" for the estimated reserves is consistent with that disclosed in the section on "Recoverable Amount" in the Company's 2013 Annual Report released to the market on 17 April 2014. This section covers reserves estimates, material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the "Recoverable Amount" of the 2013 Annual Report, and that all the material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates therein continue to apply and have not materially changed.

To ensure accuracy and compliance of reserves estimations, the Company has put in place a robust process which incorporates the following governance arrangements and internal controls:

- At least once a year, as part of the year-end reporting procedures, the Company's oil and gas reserves are to be reviewed by an external, independent expert. The externally verified reserves are to be used as the basis for depreciation, depletion and amortisation calculations
- All releases or reports containing statements of reserves are to be in accordance with ASX listing rules, requiring sign-off for content and context by an appropriately qualified person and in accordance with the Company's Reserves Policy

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### 8. Objectives, strategy and future performance

It is the consolidated entity's objective to increase the market capitalisation of the Company, and ultimately shareholder value, through successful oil and gas exploration, development, and production, and through acquisitions. The consolidated entity intends to produce its current reserves, pursue participation in high quality, high impact exploration drilling opportunities in the Gulf Coast onshore and bay areas of Texas and Louisiana, USA, and in Yemen and explore opportunities to acquire onshore producing oil and gas reserves which hold significant development, exploitation and low risk exploration potential.

The consolidated entity's strategy takes into account the expected operating and market conditions, together with general economic conditions, which are inherently uncertain. The consolidated entity has structured and proactive risk management and internal control systems in place to manage material risks. Certain of those risks are inherent to the consolidated entity's business, such as drilling for, producing and marketing oil and gas. Although the consolidated entity is committed to minimising its risk exposure, many risks are largely beyond the control of the consolidated entity and its directors. Moreover, other more general risks associated with the vicissitudes of commercial life, political change, and cyclical economic conditions are risks that the consolidated entity cannot control. The following are those risks which management and the Board consider to be material business risks that could adversely affect the achievement of the financial prospects of the Company discussed above:

#### Drilling and Production Risks

Drilling for oil and natural gas is subject to numerous risks. Paramount is the risk that drilling operations will not result in the discovery of commercially productive oil or natural gas reservoirs. Also, projects are subject to economic risks. Before beginning a drilling project, the Company can only estimate the cost of drilling and completing wells as many undeterminable factors can affect the total cost. For example, oil and natural gas drilling and production activities may be extended, shortened, delayed or cancelled as a result of a variety of factors, many of which are beyond the Company's control. These risks may negatively impact the economics of drilling projects. In part, these factors include:

- Unexpected drilling conditions including abnormal geological pressure or irregularities in formations;
- Equipment failures or accidents;
- Weather conditions, including hurricanes and other tropical weather disturbances;
- Shortages in experienced labour;
- Shortages, delays in the delivery, or high cost of drilling rigs and equipment;
- Constraints on access to transportation systems (pipelines) delaying sale of oil and natural gas;
- Reduction or losses of resources or reserves;
- Acquiring and maintaining title to its interests;
- Unresolved landowner or regulatory issues; and
- Inability of third-party joint venture partners to participate in or fund their share of drilling and production activities.

#### Operating Risks

The exploration for and development and production of oil and natural gas involves a variety of industry operating risks. If any of these industry-operating risks occur, the Company could have substantial losses. Substantial losses could include injury or loss of life, severe damage to or destruction of property, natural resources and equipment, pollution or other environmental damage, clean-up responsibilities, regulatory investigation and penalties and suspension of operations. These risks include:

- Fire, explosions, blowouts and surface cratering;
- Lost or damaged oilfield drilling pipe and service tools;
- Casing or cement failures;
- Environmental hazards caused by oil spills, natural gas leaks, pipeline ruptures or discharges of toxic gases; and
- Hazards of marine operations such as capsizing, collision and adverse weather and sea conditions.

#### Marketing and Sales Risks

The marketing and sale of oil and natural gas is subject to the risk of adverse commodity price fluctuations that impact cash flow. Some factors that affect commodity prices include:

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### 8. Objectives, strategy and future performance (continued)

- Relatively minor changes in the supply of and demand for oil and natural gas;
- Market uncertainty;
- The level of consumer product demand;
- Weather conditions;
- Domestic and foreign governmental regulations;
- The price and availability of alternative fuels;
- Technological advances affecting oil and natural gas consumption;
- Political and economic conditions in oil producing countries, particularly those in the Middle East;
- Policies of the Australian, U.S. and Yemen governments;
- The foreign supply of oil and natural gas;
- The price of oil and natural gas imports; and
- General economic conditions.

To reduce the impact of price fluctuations, from time to time, the Company uses derivative financial instruments, such as natural gas swaps, puts and costless collars, on a portion of its future production. However, such hedging activities may not be sufficient to protect the Company against the risk of price declines and may limit income and liquidity if prices rise.

- Hedging activities that are intended to reduce the risk of downward price fluctuations on a portion of our future production may limit the Company's potential income if oil and gas prices rise above a level established by its hedge instruments.
- Hedging counterparties require collateral when the mark-to-market value of our hedge instruments is in the counterparties' favour and exceeds the Company's credit limits with such counterparties. As a result, the Company may be required to provide substantial security to the counterparties when commodity prices change significantly. The security provided may be in the form of cash or letters of credit, and thus, could have a significant impact on the Company's liquidity.

#### Exchange Rate Risks

Adverse exchange rate variations between the U.S. dollar and the Australian dollar may impact upon cash balances held in Australian dollars. Since most of the Company's operations are conducted in U.S. dollars, the Company generally maintains a substantial portion of its cash balances in U.S. dollar accounts. Occasionally, however, it may have substantial cash deposits in Australian dollar accounts. Until these funds are converted into U.S. dollars, the U.S. dollar value of the deposits will change as the exchange rate between the two currencies fluctuates.

#### Other Risks

Other factors can impact the environment in which the Company operates and thus can affect its ability to perform as desired. Such factors include:

- Changes in legislation and Government regulation both in the USA and in other countries in which the Company operates.
- Political and societal risks from wars, social and ethnic unrest, changes in government and insurgencies in the districts, regions and countries in which the Company operates;
- Environmental risks from existing and new regulations and standards being applied in the jurisdictions in which the Company operates;
- General economic conditions in the USA and Australia; and
- Stock market conditions in Australia.

### 9. Dividends

Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend for the financial year ended 31 December 2014. No dividends were paid during the financial year.

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### 10. Significant changes in state of affairs

There were no significant changes to the state of affairs of Petsec Energy during the financial year, other than those detailed in the "Financial review" and "Operations review" sections of this report.

### 11. Environmental regulation

The consolidated entity's oil and gas exploration and production activities are subject to significant environmental regulation under U.S. Federal and State legislation.

The consolidated entity is committed to achieving a high standard of environmental performance and compliance with all lease conditions. Directors are not aware of any breach of environmental compliance requirements relating to the consolidated entity's activities during the year.

### 12. Likely developments

The consolidated entity intends to grow its reserve and production base through the prosecution of its 2014/2015 drilling programme in which five committed and three optional conventional exploration wells are planned to be drilled on the Gulf Coast and in the Gulf of Mexico, USA, and to conduct oil production testing on the Al Meashar Oil Field in Block 7, Yemen.

The consolidated entity expects to expose US\$7.3 million in prospect and exploration drilling costs on the five committed exploration wells which target prospects ranging in size from 10 to 66 Bcfe gross (2.4 to 6.7 Bcfe net to Petsec Energy) in the USA.

The consolidated entity plans to also pursue opportunities to acquire onshore oil and gas reserves with low risk exploitation and development potential, by way of direct or corporate acquisitions and merger opportunities that have the potential to increase the size and scope of the Company and its operations, and that could be expected to lead to a growth in shareholder value.

In Yemen, the consolidated entity anticipates Yemen government approval for the assignment of the AWE and Mitsui E&P Middle East participating interests to Petsec Energy and for the long-term testing of the Al Meashar oil discovery on Block 7. The Company has budgeted US\$3 million for exploration and testing in Block 7 in 2015.

### 13. Directors' interests

The relevant interest of each director in the shares or options over such instruments issued by the Company, as notified by the directors to the Australian Securities Exchange in accordance with S205G (1) of the Corporations Act 2001, at the date of this report is as follows:

Director	Ordinary Shares	Options over Ordinary Shares
T N Fern	30,826,876	Nil
D A Mortimer	9,326,550	Nil
A P Baden	Nil	Nil
M S Lober	Nil	Nil

### 14. Share options

#### Options granted to directors and officers of the Company

During or since the end of the financial year, no grants of options were made to directors or key management personnel of the Company as part of their remuneration.

As at 31 December 2014, there were 30,000 options over ordinary shares in Petsec Energy Ltd on issue, all of which are employee options exercisable on the Australian Securities Exchange at A\$0.20 per share. The options expire on 1 January 2016 and exercise is dependent on completion of certain vesting periods, with no share price hurdles to be achieved. During the year, no options were granted or exercised, and 305,000 options were forfeited.

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### 14. Share options (continued)

#### Shares issued on exercise of options

During or since the end of the financial year, no ordinary shares have been issued by the Company as result of the exercise of options.

### 15. Indemnification and insurance of officers

During the year ended 31 December 2014, the Company maintained policies of insurance in respect of directors and officers liability. The policies insure persons who are directors or officers of the Company and its controlled entities against certain costs and expenses which may be incurred by them in defending proceedings and against other liabilities which may arise from their positions. The insured directors and officers are the directors, executive officers and secretaries of the Company and the directors, executive officers and secretaries of controlled entities.

The insurance contracts prohibit the disclosure of particulars of the premiums and the nature of the liabilities insured.

The Company has entered into Deeds of Indemnity and Access with directors on the terms approved by shareholders. The agreements stipulate that the Company will meet the full amount of any liabilities to another person that might arise from their position (except where the liability arises out of conduct involving a lack of good faith).

The Company has made during or since the end of the financial year no payments in relation to indemnification. The Company provides the normal indemnities to directors and officers in relation to the work carried out on behalf of or at the request of the Company.

### 16. Non-audit services

During the year KPMG, the Company's auditor, has performed certain other services in addition to their statutory duties.

The Board has considered the non-audit services provided during the year by the auditor and in accordance with advice provided by resolution of the audit committee, is satisfied that the provision of those non-audit services during the year by the auditor is compatible with, and did not compromise, the auditor independence requirements of the Corporation Act 2001 for the following reasons:

- All non-audit services were subject to the corporate governance procedures adopted by the Company and have been reviewed by the audit committee to ensure they do not impact the integrity and objectivity of the auditor; and
- The non-audit services provided do not undermine the general principles relating to auditor independence as set out in APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants*, as they did not involve reviewing or auditing the auditor's own work, acting in a management or decision-making capacity for the Company, acting as an advocate for the Company or jointly sharing risks and rewards.

Details of the amounts paid to the auditor of the Company, KPMG, and its related practices for audit and non-audit services provided during the year are set out in Note 9 of the accompanying Financial Statements.

### 17. Lead auditor's independence declaration

The Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration is set out on page 26 and forms part of the Directors' Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2014.

### 18. Rounding off

The Company is of a kind referred to in ASIC Class Order 98/100 dated 10 July 1998 and in accordance with that Class Order, amounts in the Financial Report and Directors' Report have been rounded off to the nearest one thousand dollars, unless otherwise stated.

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### 19. Events subsequent to balance date

On 7 January 2015, Petsec Energy participated in the drilling of the Ruth R. Bravanec #1, et al #1 well on the West Crab Lake Prospect in Cameron Parish, onshore Louisiana, with the well reaching its planned true vertical depth of 12,500 feet (12,911 feet measured depth) in late January 2015.

The directional well was drilled to test multiple Lower Miocene age Marg (A) and Discorbis (B) sand reservoirs in a fault closure syncline separated from production in the Marg (A) and Discorbis (B) interval at the Crab Lake Field. The well intersected the target reservoirs as anticipated, but only a few thin zones were hydrocarbon bearing. These zones were too small to warrant completion and development, consequently the well was plugged and abandoned at an estimated cost to the Company of approximately US\$0.7 million.

Other than any matter disclosed, there has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial year and the date of this report any item, transaction or event of a material and unusual nature likely, in the opinion of the directors of the Company, to affect significantly the operations of the consolidated entity, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the consolidated entity, in future years.

This report is made with a resolution of the directors:



T N Fern  
Director

Sydney, 24 February 2015

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### 20. Remuneration Report – Audited

#### 20.1 Introduction

This Remuneration Report forms part of the Directors' Report. It outlines the overall remuneration strategy, framework and practices adopted by the Company and the consolidated entity ("Petsec Energy Group") for the year ended 31 December 2014 and has been prepared in accordance with Section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001* and its regulations.

In accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, remuneration details are disclosed for the Petsec Energy Group's Key Management Personnel.

Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Petsec Energy Group. Key management personnel comprise the directors of the Company and senior executives of the Petsec Energy Group, whose names appear in the tables in section 20.5 of this report.

#### 20.2 Executive summary

The Board's remuneration policy is to provide fair and market competitive levels of remuneration for all employees, including directors and key management personnel in order for the Company and the Petsec Energy Group to benefit by attracting and retaining a high quality team.

The Company has a Nomination and Remuneration Committee to assist the Board in the implementation and administration of the remuneration policy – refer to *section 20.3*, below.

The key developments during the year in the implementation and administration of the remuneration policy included:

- 20.2.1 The annual review of key management personnel performance.
- 20.2.2 Annual review of the Nomination & Remuneration Committee Charter.
- 20.2.3 The awarding of discretionary bonuses to key management personnel in part as recognition of their personal efforts, and in part to encourage exemplary performance.

#### 20.3 Nomination and Remuneration Committee

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee oversees the appointment and induction process for directors and committee members, and the selection, appointment and succession planning process of the Company's Chief Executive Officer. The Committee makes recommendations to the Board on the appropriate skill mix, personal qualities, expertise and diversity of each position. When a vacancy exists or there is a need for particular skills, the Committee in consultation with the Board determines the selection criteria based on the skills deemed necessary.

The Committee reviews and makes recommendations to the Board on compensation packages and policies applicable to the executive officers and directors of the Petsec Energy Group. It is also responsible for oversight of diversity, employee share and option schemes, incentive performance packages, superannuation entitlements, retirement and termination entitlements, fringe benefits policies, deeds of access and indemnity, and professional indemnity and liability insurance policies.

Executive compensation and other terms of employment are reviewed annually by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee having regard to performance against goals set at the start of the year, relevant corporate information and where appropriate independent expert advice.

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee comprised the following members during the year:

- D A Mortimer (Chairman) – Independent Non-executive Director
- A P Baden – Independent Non-executive Director
- M S Lober – Independent Non-executive Director

The Board policy is that the Nomination and Remuneration Committee will comprise a majority of non-executive directors and a non-executive chairman.



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### 20. Remuneration Report – Audited (continued)

#### 20.3 Nomination and Remuneration Committee (continued)

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee meets at least twice a year and as required. The Committee met three times during the year and the Committee members' attendance record is disclosed in the table of directors' meetings.

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee's Charter is available on the Company's website [www.petsec.com.au](http://www.petsec.com.au).

#### 20.4 Principles of compensation

Compensation levels for key management personnel are competitively set to attract and retain appropriately qualified and experienced directors and senior executives. The Nomination and Remuneration Committee obtains peer comparisons and/or independent advice on the appropriateness of compensation packages of the Petsec Energy Group, given trends in comparative companies both locally and internationally and the objectives of the Company's compensation strategy.

The compensation structures explained below are designed to attract suitably qualified candidates, reward the achievement of the Company's objectives, and achieve the broader outcome of creation of value for shareholders.

The compensation structures take into account:

- the capability and experience of the key management personnel; and
- the ability of key management personnel to control the relevant performance of their segment of operation.

Compensation packages include a mix of fixed compensation and performance-based incentives, including equity-based incentives as set out below.

In addition to their salaries, the Petsec Energy Group also provides non-cash benefits to its key management personnel as set out below, and contributes to several post-employment defined contribution superannuation plans in Australia and also matches contributions made by U.S.-based key management personnel to a voluntary savings plan under Section 401(k) of the U.S. tax code.

#### Fixed compensation

Fixed compensation consists of base compensation (which is calculated on a total cost basis and includes any FBT charges related to employee benefits), as well as employer contributions to superannuation funds in Australia and employer matching contributions to voluntary savings plans under Section 401(k) of the U.S. tax code. Non-cash benefits comprise employer payments towards U.S. health, dental and vision plans, as well as life and salary continuance insurance benefits.

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee reviews compensation levels and other terms of employment annually through a process that considers individual, segment and overall performance of the Company against goals set at the start of the year. In addition, where necessary, external consultants provide analysis and advice to ensure the directors' and senior executives' compensation is competitive in the market place.

#### Performance-linked compensation

Performance-linked compensation includes both short-term and long-term incentives and is designed to reward key management personnel for meeting or exceeding the Company's financial objectives and agreed individual objectives. The short-term incentive (STI) is an "at risk" bonus provided in the form of cash, while the long-term incentive (LTI) is provided as either shares or options over ordinary shares of the Company under the rules of the Employee Share and Option Plans approved by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting held on 22 May 2013 (see note 19(b) to financial statements). The maximum number of securities in aggregate that may be issued under the Employee Share and Option Plans is 15,033,435.

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### 20. Remuneration Report – Audited (continued)

#### 20.4 Principles of compensation (continued)

##### Short-term incentive

Short-term incentives are provided to employees through bonuses and the Company's Nomination and Remuneration Committee has the right to grant discretionary bonuses. Factors considered by the Committee when granting discretionary bonuses include personal performance, the achievement of strategic objectives, and the retention and motivation of employees.

During the year, the Company awarded discretionary bonuses to certain key management personnel in part as recognition of their personal efforts, and in part to encourage exemplary performance.

##### Long-term incentive

Eligible employees are also provided with long-term incentives through participation in the Company's Employee Share and Option Plans, subject to the approval of the Committee. Employees are typically offered options on an annual basis with the exercise price of the shares or options based on the weighted average market price of the Company's ordinary shares for the five trading days preceding the date of issue, subject to a minimum exercise price of 20 cents.

No long-term incentives were awarded during the year.

##### Consequences of performance on shareholder wealth

In considering the Group's performance and benefits for shareholder wealth, the remuneration committee have regard to the following indices in respect of the current financial year and the previous four financial years.

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Profit/(loss) attributable to owners of the company	(\$1,048,000)	(\$15,210,000)	(\$5,858,000)	\$14,034,000	(\$35,237,000)
Dividend paid	-	-	-	-	-
Change in share price	\$0.025	(\$0.09)	\$0.06	(\$0.04)	(\$0.055)

Net profit/(loss) amounts for 2010 to 2014 have been calculated in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (AASBs).

##### Service and employment agreements

Remuneration and other terms of engagement of executive employees are formalised in service agreements that are unlimited in term but capable of termination by varying periods of notice or by payment of an amount in lieu of notice. The service agreements generally outline the components of compensation paid, but do not prescribe how compensation levels are modified from year-to-year. Compensation levels are reviewed each year in light of cost-of-living changes, performance of and changes in the scope of the role performed by the executive and changes required to meet the principles of the compensation policy.

The Managing Director, Mr Fern, is engaged via a company of which Mr Fern is a director. The Company may terminate this agreement without cause by giving not less than twelve months' notice or pay an amount equal to the fees for twelve months in lieu of notice. Mr Fern may terminate the agreement with not less than six months' notice. In the event of a breach of the agreement by the Company, Mr Fern may terminate the agreement by giving one month's notice and would be entitled to a payment equal to fees for a twelve-month period.

The Chief Executive Officer of Petsec Energy Inc., Mr Smith, President of Petsec Energy Inc., Mr Keogh and Executive Vice President of Exploration of Petsec Energy Inc., Mr Krenzke ("the senior executives") all have employment agreements that are capable of termination without cause by the company by a lump sum payment equal to one times their annual Base Salary. The senior executives may terminate the agreement without cause by giving the company at least 120 days' notice in writing. In the event of a breach of the agreement by the Company, the senior executives may terminate their agreement by giving 30 days' notice and would be entitled to receive a lump sum payment equal to one times their annual base salary at that time.

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### 20. Remuneration Report – Audited (continued)

#### 20.4 Principles of compensation (continued)

Other executives have service agreements which are capable of termination by the Company without cause by the payment of between one and three months' notice, or are "at-will" employment contracts entered into in the USA where either party may terminate the employment relationship at any time and for any reason without any further liability, except as required by law.

#### Non-executive directors

Directors' fees are set having regard to periodic advice from external remuneration consultants, market surveys and the level of fees paid relative to those of other comparable companies. Directors' fees for the 2014 year were unchanged from the 2013 year and comprise base fees, plus statutory superannuation for Australian directors. Directors are also entitled to reasonable travel, accommodation and other expenses incurred in attending meetings or while engaged on Company business.

Non-executive directors do not receive performance-related compensation. Directors' fees cover all main Board activities and membership of committees and are subject to the aggregate limit of A\$300,000 approved by shareholders at the 1996 Annual General Meeting.

Non-executive directors appointed prior to 2003 are entitled to receive a retirement benefit equivalent to the remuneration received in the three years prior to retirement. Incoming non-executive directors are not entitled to retirement benefits.

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### 20. Remuneration Report – Audited (continued)

#### 20.5 Directors' and Executive Officers' Remuneration Report

Details of the nature and amount of remuneration for the key management personnel consisting of each director and executive officer of the Company and the consolidated entity are:

			Short-term benefits				Post-employment benefits		Share-based payment	Total US\$	Proportion of remuneration related %	Accounting fair value as proportion of remuneration %
			Salary & fees US\$	Short-term incentive/retention cash bonus US\$	Other benefits US\$	Service agreements US\$	Super-annuation benefits US\$	Termination benefits US\$	Accounting fair value US\$			
<b>Directors<sup>1</sup></b>												
<b>Executive</b>												
T N Fern <sup>1</sup> (Note 1)	Chairman, Managing Director	2014	-	-	49,329	646,632	-	-	48	696,009	-	-
		2013	-	-	26,638	694,008	-	-	19,008	739,654	-	2.6
<b>Non-executive</b>												
D A Mortimer <sup>1</sup>	Director	2014	58,377	-	-	-	5,473	-	-	63,850	-	-
		2013	62,654	-	-	-	5,717	-	-	68,371	-	-
A P Baden	Director	2014	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	-	-
		2013	29,167	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,167	-	-
M S Lober	Director	2014	50,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000	-	-
		2013	29,167	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,167	-	-
<b>Former</b>												
M L Harvey	Director (resigned 29 May 2013)	2014	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		2013	20,604	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,604	-	-
<b>Total directors remuneration</b>		2014	158,377	-	49,329	646,632	5,473	-	48	859,859	-	-
		2013	141,592	-	26,638	694,008	5,717	-	19,008	886,963	-	2.1

1 Australian-based directors' remuneration amounts are actually paid in Australian dollars and presented in US dollars at the following average FX rates i) 2014 – 0.8981 ii) 2013 – 0.9639.

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### 20. Remuneration Report – Audited (continued)

#### 20.5 Directors' and Executive Officers' Remuneration Report (continued)

Details of the nature and amount of remuneration for the key management personnel consisting of each director of the Company and executive officer of the Company and the consolidated entity are:

			Short-term benefits				Post-employment benefits		Share-based payment	Total US\$	Proportion of remuneration related %	Accounting fair value as proportion of remuneration %
			Salary & fees US\$ <i>Note 4</i>	Short-term incentive/retention cash bonus US\$ <i>Note 5</i>	Other benefits US\$ <i>Note 6</i>	Service agreements US\$	Superannuation/401K benefits US\$	Termination benefits US\$	Accounting fair value US\$ <i>Note 7</i>			
<b>Executives</b>												
R J Smith	Chief Executive Officer of Petsec Energy Inc. (PEI) (appointed 3 March 2014)	2014	241,677	70,000	23,047	-	7,250	-	-	341,974	20.5	-
		2013	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
R A Keogh <i>(Note 2)</i>	President, PEI and Group Chief Financial Officer	2014	280,000	70,000	29,195	-	13,000	-	-	392,195	17.8	-
		2013	280,000	70,000	34,044	-	12,750	-	-	396,794	17.6	-
R Krenzke	Executive Vice President Exploration, PEI	2014	280,000	70,000	33,997	-	13,000	-	-	396,997	17.6	-
		2013	280,000	70,000	34,044	-	12,750	-	-	396,794	17.6	-
P Gahdmar <sup>1</sup>	Company Secretary, Group Financial Controller	2014	151,320	25,596	8,419	-	14,194	-	6,352	205,881	-	3.1
		2013	175,277	9,639	3,347	-	16,002	-	15,273	219,538	4.4	7.0
<b>Former</b>												
P Webb <i>(Note 3)</i>	Vice President Business Development and Land, PEI (resigned 8 May 2013)	2014	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		2013	96,635	-	8,200	-	-	56,250	60,888	221,973	-	27.4
<b>Total executive remuneration</b>		2014	952,997	235,596	94,658	-	47,444	-	6,352	1,337,047	17.6	0.5
		2013	831,912	149,639	79,635	-	41,502	56,250	76,161	1,235,099	12.1	6.2
<b>Total directors and executive officer remuneration</b>		2014	1,111,374	235,596	143,987	646,632	52,917	-	6,400	2,196,906	10.7	0.3
		2013	973,504	149,639	106,273	694,008	47,219	56,250	95,169	2,122,062	7.1	4.5

1 Australian-based executive officers' remuneration amounts are actually paid in Australian dollars and presented in US dollars at the following average FX rates i) 2014 – 0.8981 ii) 2013 – 0.9639.

2 2014 short-term incentive/retention cash bonus amounts have been accrued in respect of the 2014 financial year and will be paid in 2015. Bonuses accrued in respect of the 2013 year were paid in 2014.

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### 20. Remuneration Report – Audited (continued)

#### 20.5 Directors' and Executive Officers' Remuneration Report (continued)

##### Notes

- 1) Included in service agreements above is an amount of US\$646,632 (2013: US\$694,008) which was paid or is payable to, a company of which Mr Fern is a director.

During the year, a company of which Mr Fern is a director provided management services to the Company and its controlled entities. The dealings were in the ordinary course of business and on normal terms and conditions.

- 2) Mr Smith was appointed to the role of Chief Executive Officer of the Company's U.S. subsidiary, Petsec Energy Inc., effective 3 March 2014.
- 3) Mr Webb resigned from his position of Vice President Development and Land of Petsec Energy Inc. on 8 May 2013.
- 4) Salary and fees for certain specified executives includes the movement during the reporting period of accruals for annual leave and long service leave.
- 5) Short-term incentive/retention cash bonuses represent discretionary bonus amounts granted based on a number of factors including personal performance, the achievement of strategic objectives, retention and motivation of employees.
- 6) Other benefits represent amounts paid on behalf of the Managing Director and Executive Officers in respect of insurance, car parking and fringe benefits.
- 7) The fair value of options is calculated at the date of the grant using the Black-Scholes model and allocated to each reporting period over the period from grant date to vesting date.

No termination benefits or other long-term benefits were paid to key management personnel for the year ended 31 December 2014 (2013: US\$56,250).

The following table sets out the factors and assumptions used in determining the fair value of the options issued to the above individuals.

Grant date	Expiry date	Average fair value per option	Exercise price	Price of shares on grant date	Estimated volatility	Risk-free interest rate	Dividend yield
29/1/10	31/12/14	A\$0.087	A\$0.23	A\$0.22	62.8%	4.66%	-
16/2/12	31/1/17	A\$0.107	A\$0.20	A\$0.165	117.7%	3.64%	-

#### 20.6 Analysis of short-term incentive/retention cash bonuses included in remuneration

Amounts included in remuneration for the financial year, within the table included in note 20.5 of this Directors' Report, represent the amount that vested in the financial year based on a number of factors including achievement of personal goals, satisfaction of specified performance criteria, retention and motivation of employees.

No amounts vest in future financial years in respect of the bonus schemes for the 2014 year.

No amounts were forfeited due to the performance or service criteria not being met in relation to the current financial year.

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### 20. Remuneration Report – Audited (continued)

#### 20.7 Equity instruments

##### Options over equity instruments granted as compensation

All options refer to options over ordinary shares of Petsec Energy Ltd, which are exercisable on a one-for-one basis under the Employee Option Plan.

During 2014, no options over ordinary shares in Petsec Energy Ltd were granted as compensation to key management personnel (2013: nil) and no options vested.

The movement during the reporting period in the number of options over ordinary shares in Petsec Energy Ltd held, directly, indirectly or beneficially, by each key management person, including their related parties, is as follows:

	Held at 1 January 2014	Granted as compensation	Exercised	Other changes <sup>1</sup>	Held at 31 December 2014	Vested during the year	Vested and exercisable at 31 December 2014
<b>Directors</b>							
T Fern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Executives</b>							
R Smith <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
R Keogh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
R Krenzke	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P Gahdmar	200,000	-	-	(200,000)	-	-	-

	Held at 1 January 2013	Granted as compensation	Exercised	Other changes <sup>1</sup>	Held at 31 December 2013	Vested during the year	Vested and exercisable at 31 December 2013
<b>Directors</b>							
T Fern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Executives</b>							
R Keogh	150,000	-	-	(150,000)	-	-	-
R Krenzke	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P Webb <sup>3</sup>	1,000,000	-	-	(1,000,000)	-	-	-
P Gahdmar	225,000	-	-	(25,000)	200,000	66,667	-

<sup>1</sup> Other changes represent options that expired or were forfeited during the year.

<sup>2</sup> Mr. Smith was appointed as Chief Executive Officer of the Company's U.S. subsidiary, Petsec Energy Inc., effective 3 March 2014.

<sup>3</sup> Mr. Webb resigned from the Company on 8 May 2013.

Key management personnel related parties held no options.

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### 20. Remuneration Report – Audited (continued)

#### 20.7 Equity instruments (continued)

##### Movements in shares

The movement during the reporting period in the number of ordinary shares in Petsec Energy Ltd held, directly, indirectly or beneficially, by each key management person, including their related parties, is as follows:

	Held at 1 January 2014	Granted as compensation	Purchases	Received on exercise of options	Sales/ Disposal of relevant interest	Held at 31 December 2014
<b>Directors</b>						
T Fern	30,826,876	-	-	-	-	30,826,876
D Mortimer	9,326,550	-	-	-	-	9,326,550
A Baden <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
M Lober <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Executives</b>						
R Smith	-	-	-	-	-	-
R Keogh	3,612,500	-	-	-	-	3,612,500
R Krenzke	2,250,000	-	-	-	-	2,250,000
P Gahdmar	550,000	-	200,000	-	-	750,000

	Held at 1 January 2013	Granted as compensation	Purchases	Received on exercise of options	Sales/ Disposal of relevant interest	Held at 31 December 2013
<b>Directors</b>						
T Fern	30,826,876	-	-	-	-	30,826,876
D Mortimer	9,326,550	-	-	-	-	9,326,550
A Baden						
M Lober						
<b>Executives</b>						
R Keogh	3,612,500	-	-	-	-	3,612,500
R Krenzke	2,250,000	-	-	-	-	2,250,000
P Gahdmar	520,000	-	30,000	-	-	550,000

No options have been granted or exercised since the end of the financial year through the date of this report.

##### Modification of terms of equity-settled share-based payment transactions

No terms of equity-settled share-based payment transactions (including options granted as compensation to key management personnel) have been altered or modified by the issuing entity during the reporting period or the prior period.



## Directors' Report

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### 20. Remuneration Report – Audited (continued)

#### 20.7 Equity instruments (continued)

##### Exercise of options granted as compensation

No shares were issued, during the reporting period, on the exercise of options previously granted as compensation to key management personnel (previous corresponding period: Nil).

##### Analysis of Movement in Options

During the reporting period, 305,000 options were cancelled and no options were granted or exercised.

The movement during the reporting period, by value, of options over ordinary shares in the Company held by each director and each of the named Company executives is detailed below.

2014	Value of Options			Options exercisable during the year A\$	Date exercisable
	Granted in year <sup>1</sup> \$	Exercised in year <sup>2</sup> \$	Total option value in year A\$		
<i>Executives</i>					
P Gahdmar	-	-	-	-	n/a

Details of the movement, by value, of options over ordinary shares in the Company held by each director and each of the named Company executives in the previous corresponding period is detailed below.

2013	Value of Options			Options exercisable during the year A\$	Date exercisable
	Granted in year <sup>1</sup> \$	Exercised in year <sup>2</sup> \$	Total option value in year A\$		
<i>Executives</i>					
R Keogh	-	-	-	-	n/a
P Gahdmar	-	-	-	-	n/a

- 1 The value of options granted in the year is the fair value of the options calculated at grant date using the Black-Scholes model. This amount is allocated to remuneration over the vesting period.
- 2 The value of options exercised during the year is calculated as the market price of shares of the Company on the ASX as at the close of trading on the date the options were exercised after deducting the price paid to exercise the option.



***Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration under Section 307C of the Corporations Act 2001***

To: the directors of Petsec Energy Ltd

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit for the financial year ended 31 December 2014 there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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Anthony Jones  
*Partner*

Sydney

24 February 2015

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## Consolidated statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income

For the year ended 31 December 2014

	Note	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
Revenues from sale of oil & gas		8,692	17,656
Royalties paid		(501)	(1,238)
<b>Net revenues after royalties</b>		<b>8,191</b>	<b>16,418</b>
Other income/(expenses)	5	2,021	(21)
Lease operating expenses		(2,459)	(3,676)
Geological, geophysical and administrative expenses		(4,364)	(5,075)
Depreciation, depletion, and amortisation		(1,817)	(7,026)
Exploration and work-over expense		(54)	171
Dry hole and impairment expense	7	(2,965)	(14,563)
Derivative gains/(losses)	8	(34)	(1,287)
Financial income	10	58	75
Financial expenses	10	(224)	(226)
<b>Profit/(loss) before income tax</b>		<b>(1,647)</b>	<b>(15,210)</b>
Income tax benefit/(expense)	11	599	-
<b>Profit/(loss) from continuing operations</b>		<b>(1,048)</b>	<b>(15,210)</b>
<b>Profit/(loss) for the period</b>		<b>(1,048)</b>	<b>(15,210)</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income/(loss)</b>			
<i>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</i>			
Foreign exchange translation differences		(130)	(827)
Cash flow hedges, net of tax		(2)	2
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period</b>		<b>(1,180)</b>	<b>(16,035)</b>
		<b>US Cents</b>	
	Note	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>Earnings/(loss) per share</b>			
Basic and diluted earnings/(loss) per share	12	(0.5)	(6.4)

The statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the consolidated financial statements set out on pages 31 to 67.

## Consolidated statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 31 December 2014

*In thousands of USD*

	Share capital US\$'000	Translation Reserve US\$'000	Cashflow hedge Reserve US\$'000	Share-based compensation US\$'000	Accumulated losses US\$'000	Total Equity US\$'000
Balance at 1 January 2013	186,375	2,743	-	111	(137,301)	51,928
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>						
Profit/(loss) for the period	-	-	-	-	(15,210)	(15,210)
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>						
Foreign exchange translation difference	-	(827)	-	-	-	(827)
Cash flow hedges, net of tax	-	-	2	-	-	2
Total other comprehensive income/(loss)	-	(827)	2	-	-	(825)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	-	(827)	2	-	(15,210)	(16,035)
<b>Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity</b>						
<b>Contributions by and distributions to owners</b>						
Shares bought back	(577)	-	-	-	-	(577)
Vesting of share options	157	-	-	(157)	-	-
Share-based payments expense	-	-	-	103	-	103
Total transactions with owners	(420)	-	-	(54)	-	(474)
Balance at 31 December 2013	185,955	1,916	2	57	(152,511)	35,419
<b>Balance at 1 January 2014</b>	<b>185,955</b>	<b>1,916</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>(152,511)</b>	<b>35,419</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period</b>						
Profit/(loss) for the period	-	-	-	-	(1,048)	(1,048)
<b>Other comprehensive income/(loss)</b>						
Foreign exchange translation differences	-	(130)	-	-	-	(130)
Cash flow hedges, net of tax	-	-	(2)	-	-	(2)
Total other comprehensive income/(loss)	-	(130)	(2)	-	-	(132)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	-	(130)	(2)	-	(1,048)	(1,180)
<b>Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity</b>						
<b>Contributions by and distributions to owners</b>						
Vesting of share options	46	-	-	(46)	-	-
Share-based payments expense	-	-	-	6	-	6
Total transactions with owners	46	-	-	(40)	-	6
<b>Balance at 31 December 2014</b>	<b>186,001</b>	<b>1,786</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>(153,559)</b>	<b>34,245</b>

The statement of changes in equity is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the consolidated financial statements set out on pages 31 to 67.

## Consolidated statement of financial position

As at 31 December

	Note	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents		27,290	20,123
Trade and other receivables	13	2,206	3,430
Fair value of derivative financial instruments		-	22
Prepayments		286	392
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>29,782</b>	<b>23,967</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Restricted cash deposits <sup>1</sup>		5,301	5,300
Receivables	13	1,093	1,176
Other financial assets	14	-	668
Property, plant and equipment		144	99
Exploration, evaluation and development expenditure – Tangible	15(a)	1,674	11,806
Exploration and evaluation expenditure – Intangible	15(b)	2,064	1,569
Intangible assets – Software		5	12
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>10,281</b>	<b>20,630</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>40,063</b>	<b>44,597</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	17	2,638	2,572
Fair value of derivative instruments		-	20
Rehabilitation provisions	19	618	3,721
Employee benefits provisions		142	145
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>3,398</b>	<b>6,458</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Rehabilitation provisions	19	2,219	2,503
Employee benefits provisions		201	217
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>2,420</b>	<b>2,720</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>5,818</b>	<b>9,178</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>34,245</b>	<b>35,419</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Issued capital		186,001	185,955
Reserves		1,803	1,975
Accumulated losses		(153,559)	(152,511)
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>34,245</b>	<b>35,419</b>

1 Relates to cash used to guarantee certain future rehabilitation obligations (see note 24 –Contingencies and Legal Matters for further details).

The statement of financial position is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the consolidated financial statements set out on pages 31 to 67.

## Consolidated statement of cashflow

For the year ended 31 December

	2014	2013
Note	US\$'000	US\$'000
<b>Cashflows from operating activities</b>		
Cash receipts from customers	11,191	16,800
Cash payments for royalties	(537)	(1,303)
Cash payments to suppliers and employees	(10,168)	(7,561)
Interest received	48	58
Interest paid	-	-
Withholding tax refund	608	
Restricted deposits <sup>1</sup>	-	125
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>1,142</b>	<b>8,119</b>
<b>Cashflows from investing activities</b>		
Payments for property, plant and equipment	(93)	(40)
Payments for exploration, evaluation and development expenditure	(5,948)	(9,745)
Payments for investments	(130)	(404)
Proceeds from sale of assets	11,975	-
Proceeds from sale of investments	293	61
<b>Net cash from investing activities</b>	<b>6,097</b>	<b>(10,128)</b>
<b>Cashflows from financing activities</b>		
Payments for shares purchased under buy-backs	-	(577)
<b>Net cash from financing activities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(577)</b>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	7,239	(2,586)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	20,123	23,019
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash held	(72)	(310)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December</b>	<b>27,290</b>	<b>20,123</b>

<sup>1</sup> Relates to cash used to guarantee certain future rehabilitation obligations (see note 24 – Contingencies and Legal Matters for further details).

The statement of cashflows is to be read in conjunction with the notes to the consolidated financial statements set out on pages 31 to 67.

## Notes to the consolidated financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2014

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### 1. Reporting entity

Petsec Energy Ltd (the "Company") is a company domiciled in Australia. The registered office of the Company is Level 13, 1 Alfred Street Sydney NSW 2000. The consolidated financial statements of the Company as at and for the year ended 31 December 2014 comprise the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the "consolidated entity").

The financial report is presented in United States dollars, which is the consolidated entity's choice of presentation currency.

The Group is a for-profit entity and is primarily involved in oil and gas exploration and production with operations in the shallow waters of the Gulf of Mexico and onshore Texas and Louisiana, USA, and in the Republic of Yemen.

### 2. Basis of preparation

#### (a) Statement of compliance

The financial report is a general purpose financial report which has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards ("AASBs") (including Australian Interpretations) adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ("AASB") and the *Corporations Act 2001*. The consolidated financial report of the consolidated entity and the financial report of the Company comply with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") and interpretations adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

The Board of Directors approved the financial statements on 24 February 2015.

#### (b) Basis of measurement

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for the following:

- Derivative financial instruments are measured at fair value;

The methods used to measure fair values are discussed further in note 4.

The consolidated entity is of a kind referred to in ASIC Class Order 98/100 dated 10 July 1998 (updated by CO 05/641 effective 28 July 2005 and CO 06/51 effective 31 January 2006) and in accordance with that Class Order, all financial information presented in US dollars has been rounded to the nearest thousand unless otherwise stated.

#### (c) Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised and in any future periods affected.

In particular, information about significant areas of estimation uncertainty and critical judgements in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amount recognised in the financial statements are described in Note 3 (d) – Exploration, evaluation and development expenditure – Intangible and tangible, Note 3(m) Rehabilitation provision and Note 3 (r) – Income tax.

The estimated recoverable amount of oil and gas assets is based on discounted cash flow projections which are based on estimates and assumptions that are subject to change. Key assumptions include the ultimate prices realised on the sale of oil and gas and the reserves ultimately recovered. A sustained deterioration in prices or reduction in reserves may result in further future asset impairments.

#### (d) Going concern basis of preparation

The financial statements of the consolidated entity have been prepared on the basis of a going concern. The going concern basis of preparation assumes that an entity will realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business.

## Notes to the consolidated financial statements

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### 3. Significant accounting policies

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these consolidated financial statements, and have been applied consistently by the Company and consolidated entity.

#### (a) Basis of consolidation

##### (i) Subsidiaries

Subsidiaries are entities controlled by the Company. The Company controls an entity when it is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. The financial statements of subsidiaries are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases. The accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed when necessary to align them with the policies adopted by the consolidated entity.

In the Company's financial statements, investments in subsidiaries are carried at the lower of cost and recoverable amount.

##### (ii) Joint operating arrangements

Joint operating arrangements are those entities over whose activities the consolidated entity has joint control, whereby the Company has rights to the assets and obligations for the liabilities relating to the arrangement. The interest of the consolidated entity in unincorporated joint operating arrangements and jointly operated assets are brought to account by recognising in its financial statements the Company's share of the arrangements underlying assets and liabilities, and the expenses it incurs and its share of income that it earns from the sale of goods or services by the joint arrangements.

##### (iii) Transactions eliminated on consolidation

Intra-group balances and any unrealised gains and losses or income and expenses arising from intra-group transactions, are eliminated in preparing the consolidated financial statements. Unrealised losses are eliminated in the same way as unrealised gains, but only to the extent that there is no evidence of impairment.

##### (iv) Loss of control

Upon the loss of control, the consolidated entity derecognises the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary, any non-controlling interests and the other components of equity related to the subsidiary. Any surplus or deficit arising on the loss of control is recognised in profit or loss. If the consolidated entity retains any interest in the previous subsidiary, then such interest is measured at fair value at the date that control is lost. Subsequently it is accounted for as an equity-accounted investee or as an available-for-sale financial asset depending on the level of influence retained.

#### (b) Foreign currency

##### (i) Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements of each of the consolidated entity's subsidiaries are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the subsidiary operates ("the functional currency"). The functional currency of the Company and its Australian subsidiaries is Australian dollars (A\$) and the functional currency of the Company's overseas subsidiaries is United States dollars (US\$).

The financial statements are presented in United States dollars. The consolidated entity believes the US dollar is the best measure of performance for Petsec Energy Ltd because oil and gas, the consolidated entity's dominant sources of revenue, are priced in US dollars and the consolidated entity's main operations are based in the USA with most of the costs incurred in US dollars.

Prior to consolidation, the results and financial position of each entity within the group are translated from the functional currency into the group's presentation currency as follows:

- Assets and liabilities are translated at the closing rate at the date of that balance sheet;
- Income and expenses are translated at average exchange rates (unless this is not a reasonable approximation of the cumulative effect of the rates prevailing on the transaction dates, in which case income and expenses are translated at the dates of the transactions);
- Components of equity are translated at the historical rates; and
- All resulting exchange differences are recognised as a separate component of equity.



## Notes to the consolidated financial statements

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### 3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (b) Foreign currency (continued)

##### ii) Foreign currency transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency at the exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are translated to the respective functional currency at the foreign exchange rate ruling at that date. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction.

Foreign exchange gains and losses arising from a monetary item receivable from or payable to a foreign operation, the settlement of which is neither planned nor likely in the foreseeable future, are considered to form part of a net investment in a foreign operation and are recognised directly in equity in the foreign currency translation reserve (FCTR).

#### (c) Derivative financial instruments and hedging activities

The consolidated entity's revenues are exposed to changes in commodity prices. From time to time, the consolidated entity enters into derivative financial instruments to manage a portion of its oil and gas sales price risks.

The consolidated entity does not hold derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Derivative financial instruments are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently remeasured to their fair value each reporting date. The method of recognising the resulting gain or loss depends on whether the derivative is designated as a hedging instrument, and if so, the nature of the item being hedged. The consolidated entity designates certain derivatives as hedges of highly probable forecast transactions (cash flow hedges).

The consolidated entity documents at the inception of the transaction the relationship between hedging instruments and hedged items, as well as its risk management objective and strategy for undertaking various hedge transactions. The consolidated entity also documents its assessment, both at hedge inception and on an ongoing basis, of whether the derivatives that are used in hedging transactions have been and will continue to be highly effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of hedged items.

##### (i) Cash flow hedge

Changes in the fair value of the derivative-hedging instrument designated as a cash flow hedge are recognised directly in equity to the extent that the hedge is effective. To the extent that the hedge is ineffective, changes in fair value are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

If the hedging instrument no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, expires or is sold, terminated or exercised, then hedge accounting is discontinued prospectively. The cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in equity remains there until the forecast transaction occurs. When the hedged item is a non-financial asset, the amount recognised in equity is transferred to the carrying amount of the asset when it is recognised. In other cases the amount recognised in equity is transferred to the income statement in the same period that the hedged item affects profit or loss.

##### (ii) Derivative financial instruments that do not qualify for hedge accounting

Certain derivative financial instruments do not qualify for hedge accounting. Changes in the fair value of any derivative financial instrument that does not qualify for hedge accounting are recognised immediately in the statement of comprehensive income.

##### (iii) Other derivative financial instruments

Other derivative financial instruments are recognised initially at fair value; attributable transaction costs are recognised in profit or loss as incurred. Subsequent to initial recognition, derivatives are measured at fair value and changes therein are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

## Notes to the consolidated financial statements

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### 3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (d) Exploration, evaluation and development expenditure – Intangible and tangible

Exploration, evaluation and development costs are accumulated in respect of each separate area of interest. The consolidated entity's capitalisation policy for its natural gas and crude oil exploration and development activities is to capitalise costs of productive exploratory wells, development drilling and productive wells, and costs to acquire mineral interests. Exploration costs, including personnel costs, certain geological and geophysical expenses including seismic costs where exploration rights have not been obtained for oil and natural gas leases, are charged to expense as incurred. Exploratory drilling costs are initially capitalised, but charged to expense if and when the well is determined not to have found reserves in commercial quantities.

Exploration and evaluation expenditures relating to an area of interest are capitalised as intangible deferred costs where exploration rights have been obtained. These intangible deferred costs are carried forward only to the extent that they are expected to be recouped through successful development and exploitation, or sale of the area, or where exploration and evaluation activities have not yet reached a stage which permits a reasonable assessment of the existence of economically recoverable reserves, and active and significant exploration operations are continuing. These intangible deferred costs are not subject to amortisation. Once management has determined the existence of economically recoverable reserves for an area of interest, deferred costs are reclassified from intangible to tangible assets on the balance sheet. Tangible deferred costs are amortised using a units-of-production method, as further discussed in note 3(e).

Development expenditures relating to an area of interest are capitalised as tangible deferred costs, and are carried forward to the extent that they are expected to be recouped either through the sale or successful exploitation of the area of interest.

Exploration, evaluation and development assets are assessed for impairment when facts and circumstances suggest that the carrying amount of the asset may exceed its recoverable amount. In the event that indicators of impairment are present, an impairment loss is recorded based on the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use (see note 3(h)). When an area of interest is abandoned or the directors decide that it is not commercial, any accumulated costs in respect of that area are written off in the financial period the decision is made.

#### (e) Amortisation of exploration, evaluation and development expenditure

Exploration, evaluation and development expenditure in the production phase is amortised on a units-of-production method based on the ratio of actual production to remaining proved and probable reserves (2P). Remaining 2P reserves are measured at the lower of 2P reserves estimated by external independent petroleum engineers and internal estimates.

Amortisation is not charged on costs carried forward in respect of areas of interest in the development phase until commercial production commences.

#### (f) Intangible assets - Software

Software acquired by the consolidated entity, which have finite useful lives, is measured at cost less accumulated amortisation.

#### (g) Property, plant and equipment

##### (i) Recognition and measurement

Items of property, plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Cost includes expenditures that are directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. The cost of self-constructed assets includes the cost of materials and direct labour, any other costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to a working condition for its intended use, and the costs of dismantling and removing the items and restoring the site on which they are located. Purchased software that is integral to the functionality of the related equipment is capitalised as part of the equipment.

When parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property, plant and equipment.

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### 3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (g) Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Gains and losses on disposal of an item of property, plant and equipment are determined by comparing the proceeds from disposal with the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment and are recognised net within “other income” in profit and loss.

#### (ii) Leased assets

Leases in terms of which the consolidated entity assumes substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases. Lease payments are accounted for as described in accounting policy 3(o).

#### (iii) Subsequent costs

The cost of replacing part of an item of property, plant and equipment is recognised in the carrying amount of the item if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the part will flow to the consolidated entity and its costs can be measured reliably. The costs of the day-to-day servicing of property, plant and equipment are recognised in the income statement as incurred.

#### (iv) Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation of property, plant and equipment is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of each part of an item. Leased assets are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Assets are depreciated or amortised from the date of acquisition or, in respect of internally constructed assets, from the time an asset is completed and held ready for use.

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values are reassessed at the reporting date. When changes are made, adjustments are reflected prospectively in current and future periods only.

The estimated useful lives or the amortisation method used for each class of asset in the current and comparative periods are as follows:

	2014	2013
<i>Property, plant and equipment</i>		
Furniture and fittings	5 – 8 years	5 – 8 years
Office equipment	3 – 4 years	3 – 4 years
Leasehold improvements	5 – 7 years	5 – 7 years

#### (h) Impairment - Non-financial assets

The carrying amounts of the consolidated entity’s and the Company’s non-financial assets, other than deferred tax assets (see note 3(r)), are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists then the asset’s recoverable amount is estimated. For intangible assets that have indefinite lives or that are not yet available for use, recoverable amount is estimated at each reporting date.

An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset or its cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount. A cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable asset group that generates cash flows that largely are independent from other assets or groups. Impairment losses are recognised in the income statement. Impairment losses recognised in respect of cash-generating units are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the units and then to reduce the carrying amount of the other assets in the unit (group of units) on a *pro rata* basis.

The recoverable amount of an asset or cash-generating unit is the greater of its value in use and its fair value less costs to sell. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessment of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

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### 3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (h) Impairment - Non-financial assets (continued)

The measurement of recoverable amount for the consolidated entity's exploration, evaluation and development expenditure requires significant estimation and judgement. Note 15 provides further details of the key assumptions adopted by the consolidated entity in measuring the recoverable amount of exploration, evaluation and development expenditure.

Impairment losses recognised in prior periods are assessed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

#### (i) Trade and other receivables

Trade receivables, which generally have 30-60 day terms, are recognised and carried at original invoice amount less an allowance for any uncollectible amounts.

An estimate for doubtful debts is made when collection of the full amount is no longer probable. Bad debts are written off when identified.

#### (j) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents in the balance sheet comprise cash at bank and on hand and short-term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less.

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and cash equivalents as defined above, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

#### (k) Interest-bearing loans and borrowings

All loans and borrowings are initially recognised at cost, being the fair value of the consideration received net of debt issue costs associated with the borrowing.

After initial recognition, interest-bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any issue costs, and any discount or premium on settlement.

#### (l) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs comprise interest payable on borrowings calculated using the effective interest rate method, lease finance charges and amortisation of discounts or premiums relating to borrowings.

#### (m) Provisions

A provision is recognised if, as a result of a past event, the consolidated entity has a present legal or constructive obligation that can be estimated reliably, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability.

Where discounting is used, the increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as a finance cost.

#### Rehabilitation

The consolidated entity recognises a provision for the legal obligation associated with the retirement of long-lived assets that results from the acquisition, construction, development, and (or) the normal operation of oil and natural gas properties. The initial recognition of a liability for rehabilitation, which is discounted using a credit-adjusted risk-free interest rate, increases the carrying amount of the related long-lived asset by the same amount as the liability. In periods subsequent to initial measurement, period-to-period changes in the liability are recognised for the passage of time (unwinding of discount) as financial expense. Additionally, the capitalised asset retirement cost is subsequently allocated to expense on a units-of-production basis over its estimated useful life.

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### 3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (m) Provisions (continued)

Changes in the estimate of the liability arising from revised timing or estimated cost-to-complete the rehabilitation are recognised with a corresponding adjustment to the relevant long-lived asset.

The rehabilitation provision requires significant estimation and judgement. These estimates include:

- Expected method of remediation;
- Forecast costs-to-complete the future remediation; and
- Anticipated timing of the remediation work.

The consolidated entity monitors the estimates and judgements involved in measuring this provision. Changes in estimated rehabilitation provisions are accounted for on a prospective basis and affect provisions.

#### (n) Employee benefits and director benefits

##### (i) Short-term employee benefits

Liabilities for employee benefits for wages, salaries, annual leave and sick leave represent present obligations resulting from employees' services provided to reporting date which are expected to be wholly settled by the Company within the next financial year. Such liabilities are calculated at undiscounted amounts based on remuneration wage and salary rates that the consolidated entity expects to pay as at reporting date including related on-costs, such as workers' compensation insurance and payroll tax.

##### (ii) Long-term employee benefits

The provision for employee benefits for long service leave represents the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made resulting from employees' services provided to reporting date.

The provision is calculated using expected future increases in wage and salary rates including related on-costs and expected settlement dates based on turnover history and is discounted using the rates attaching to national government bonds at reporting date which most closely match the terms of maturity of the related liabilities.

##### (iii) Defined contribution pension plans

The Company and other controlled entities contribute to several defined contribution pension plans. Obligations for contributions to defined contribution pension plans are recognised as an expense in the statement of comprehensive income when they are due.

##### (iv) Employee incentive plans

Under the employee incentive plan, a liability may be recognised for bonuses for eligible employees based on the consolidated entity's performance for the year based on a number of pre-determined performance criteria.

##### (v) Share-based compensation transactions

Share-based compensation benefits are provided to employees of the consolidated entity, including directors, via the Company's Employee Option Plan and Employee Share Plan.

The grant date fair value of options granted to employees is recognised as an employee expense, with a corresponding increase in equity, over the period in which the employees become unconditionally entitled to the options.

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### 3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (o) Leases

Leases in terms of which the consolidated entity assumes substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases. Upon initial recognition the leased asset is measured at an amount equal to the lower of its fair value and the present value of the minimum lease payments. Subsequent to initial recognition, the asset is accounted for in accordance with the accounting policy applicable to that asset.

Lease payments are apportioned between the finance charges and reduction of the lease liability so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance charges are charged directly against income.

Leases where the lessor retains substantially all the risks and benefits of ownership of the asset are classified as operating leases. Operating lease payments are recognised as an expense in the statement of comprehensive income on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Lease incentives received are recognised as an integral part of the total lease expense, over the term of the lease.

#### (p) Revenue and other income recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the consolidated entity and the revenue can be reliably measured. The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

##### **Sale of oil and gas**

Revenues are recognised when the product is in the form in which it is to be delivered and an actual physical quantity has been provided or allocated to a purchaser pursuant to a contract. Revenue from oil and gas sales is measured at the fair value of the consideration receivable.

Revenue from oil and gas royalties is recognised on an accrual basis in accordance with the terms of underlying royalty agreements. Revenue from oil and gas royalties is measured at the fair value of the consideration receivable.

##### **Sale of non-current assets**

Gains or losses on sale of non-current assets are recognised as other income at the date control of the asset passes to the buyer, usually when an unconditional contract of sale is signed.

##### **Interest income**

Interest income is recognised as the interest accrues (using the effective interest method, which is the rate that discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument).

#### (q) Earnings per share

The consolidated entity presents basic and diluted earnings per share (EPS) data for its ordinary shares. Basic EPS is calculated by dividing the profit or loss attributable to ordinary shareholders of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS is determined by adjusting the profit or loss attributable to ordinary shareholders and the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding for the effects of all dilutive potential ordinary shares, which comprise share options granted to employees.

#### (r) Income tax

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax expense is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity, in which case it is recognised in equity.

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

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### 3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (r) Income tax (continued)

Deferred tax is recognised using the balance sheet method, providing for temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax is not recognised for the following temporary differences: the initial recognition of assets or liabilities that affect neither accounting nor taxable profit nor differences relating to investments in subsidiaries to the extent that they will probably not reverse in the foreseeable future. Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to the temporary differences when they reverse, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

A deferred tax asset is recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the temporary difference or tax losses can be utilised. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised.

#### **Tax consolidation**

The Company and its wholly owned Australian resident entities have formed a tax-consolidated group with effect from 1 July 2002 and are therefore taxed as a single entity from that date. The head entity within the tax-consolidated group is Petsec Energy Ltd.

Current tax expense/income, deferred tax liabilities and deferred tax assets arising from temporary differences of the members of the tax-consolidated group are recognised in the separate financial statements of the members of the tax-consolidated group using the 'separate taxpayer within group' approach by reference to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the separate financial statements of each entity and the tax values applying under tax consolidation.

Any current tax liabilities (or assets) and deferred tax assets arising from unused Australian tax losses of the subsidiaries are assumed by the head entity in the tax-consolidated group and are recognised by the Company as amounts payable (receivable) to/(from) other entities in the tax-consolidated group in conjunction with any tax funding arrangement amounts (refer below). Any difference between these amounts is recognised by the Company as an equity contribution or distribution.

The Company recognises deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses of the tax-consolidated group to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits of the tax-consolidated group will be available against which the asset can be utilised.

Any subsequent period adjustments to deferred tax assets arising from unused tax losses as a result of revised assessments of the probability of recoverability are recognised by the head entity only.

#### **Nature of tax funding arrangements and tax sharing arrangements**

The head entity, in conjunction with other members of the Australian tax-consolidated group, has entered into a tax funding arrangement, which sets out the funding obligations of members of the tax-consolidated group in respect of tax amounts. The tax funding arrangements require payments to/from the head entity equal to the current tax liability/(asset) assumed by the head entity and any tax-loss deferred tax asset assumed by the head entity, resulting in the head entity recognising an inter-entity receivable/(payable) equal in amount to the tax liability/(asset) assumed. The inter-entity receivable/(payable) is at call.

The head entity in conjunction with other members of the Australian tax-consolidated group has also entered into a tax sharing agreement. The tax sharing agreement provides for the determination of the allocation of income tax liabilities between the entities should the head entity default on its tax payment obligations. No amounts have been recognised in the financial statements in respect of this agreement, as payment of any amounts under the tax sharing agreement is considered remote.

#### (s) Goods and services tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST), except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the taxation authority. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated with the amount of GST included. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as a current asset or liability in the balance sheet.

Cash flows are included in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing and financing activities, which are recoverable from or payable to the taxation authority, are classified as operating cash flows.

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### 3. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (t) Segment reporting

An operating segment is a distinguishable component of the consolidated entity whose information is reviewed regularly by the CEO, the consolidated entity's chief decision making officer who is engaged in providing related products or services which are subject to risk and rewards that are different to other segments.

#### (u) Changes in accounting policies

The consolidated entity has consistently applied the accounting policies set out in Note 3(a) through (t) to all periods presented in these consolidated financial statements.

#### (v) New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 January 2015, and have not been applied in preparing these consolidated financial statements. Those which may be relevant to the consolidated entity are set out below. The consolidated entity does not plan to adopt these standards early.

##### (i) AASB 9 Financial Instruments

AASB 9, published in July 2014, replaces the existing guidance in AASB 139 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*. AASB 9 includes revised guidance on the classification and measurement of financial instruments, including a new expected credit loss model for calculating impairment on financial assets, and the new general hedge accounting requirements. It also carries forward the guidance on recognition and derecognition of financial instruments from AASB 139.

AASB 9 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018, with early adoption permitted.

The consolidated entity is assessing the potential impact on its consolidated financial statements resulting from the application of AASB 9.

##### (ii) AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers

AASB 15 establishes a comprehensive framework for determining whether, how much and when revenue is recognised. It replaces existing revenue recognition guidance, including AASB 18 *Revenue* and AASB 111 *Construction Contracts*.

AASB 15 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017, with early adoption permitted.

The consolidated entity is assessing the potential impact on its consolidated financial statements resulting from the application of AASB 15.

### 4. Determination of fair values

A number of the consolidated entity's accounting policies and disclosures require the determination of fair value, for both financial and non-financial assets and liabilities. Fair values have been determined for measurement and/or disclosure purposes based on the following methods. The Company has applied fair value methodologies which approximate the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

Where applicable, further information about the assumptions made in determining fair values is disclosed in the notes specific to that asset or liability.

#### Commodity derivatives

The fair values of commodity derivative hedging instruments (level 3 category instruments) are determined relative to the relationship between the agreed contracted fixed and floor prices and estimated future natural gas prices quoted in an active market at period end, taking into account the effect of the Company's own credit risk (when in an asset position) and counterparty credit risk (when in a liability position). The estimated future natural gas prices have been determined using mathematical approximations of market values as of a given date derived from proprietary models and methodologies based on certain assumptions regarding past, present and future market conditions or other factors, or from other sources of pricing information.



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### 4. Determination of fair values (continued)

#### Equity securities

The fair value of equity securities (level 3 category instruments) is determined using an option pricing model – the Black-Scholes-Merton formula – in arriving at an expected present value for options held by the consolidated entity at period end. Measurement inputs include observable inputs, such as the share price on the measurement date, the exercise price of the instrument, and the risk-free interest rate (based on government bonds), as well as unobservable inputs, such as expected volatility, expected term of the instruments, and expected dividends which represent management's best estimates at period end.

### 5. Other income and expenses

#### Other income and expenses

Production and project overhead income  
 Net foreign exchange gains / (losses)  
 Net gain on disposal of assets <sup>1</sup>  
 Net gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment  
 Net loss on disposal of investments  
 Change in fair value of investments

	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
Production and project overhead income	57	57
Net foreign exchange gains / (losses)	3	135
Net gain on disposal of assets <sup>1</sup>	2,232	-
Net gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	75	149
Net loss on disposal of investments	5	3
Change in fair value of investments	(351)	(365)
	<b>2,021</b>	<b>(21)</b>

#### <sup>1</sup> Assets sold during the period

In July 2014, the consolidated entity sold its working interests in the Marathon and Main Pass 270 fields, together with certain associated exploration interests within the USA segment.

The consolidated statement of profit or loss and cash flows generated from these assets prior to disposal in July 2014 are detailed below:

Revenue  
 Expenses

#### Results from operating activities

#### Net cash from operating activities

	2014 US\$'000
Revenue	6,794
Expenses	(2,830)
Results from operating activities	<b>3,964</b>
Net cash from operating activities	<b>4,928</b>

The profit from the assets sold of \$2,232,000 is attributable entirely to the owners of the Company.

### 6. Personnel expenses

Wages and salaries  
 Service agreements for executives  
 Contract labour  
 Superannuation & 401(k) plans  
 Share-based payment compensation  
 Other employee-related expenses

	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
Wages and salaries	1,414	1,442
Service agreements for executives	647	694
Contract labour	312	300
Superannuation & 401(k) plans	63	67
Share-based payment compensation	6	111
Other employee-related expenses	1	1
	<b>2,443</b>	<b>2,615</b>

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### 7. Profit/(loss) for the period

Profit/(loss) for the period includes the following items that are significant because of their nature, size or incidence:

#### Expenses

Dry hole and impairment expense

2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
(2,965)	(14,563)

#### Impairment and abandonment expense

The estimated recoverable amount of all oil and gas assets is based on discounted cash flow projections that are based on a range of estimates and assumptions that are subject to change. Key assumptions include the ultimate prices realised on the sale of oil and gas and the reserves ultimately recovered. A sustained deterioration in prices or reduction in reserves may result in further future asset impairments.

During the current period, the consolidated entity incurred total dry hole and impairment expense of US\$2,965,000, mainly comprised dry hole costs pertaining to the unsuccessful Main Pass 18 G-6 well recompletion (US\$1.2 million), the Herbert #1 well drilled on the Southwest Holmwood prospect (US\$1.6 million), and pre-drill costs of US\$0.2 million associated with the West Crab Lake prospect drilled in January 2015.

In the previous corresponding period, the consolidated entity recognised a net impairment charge of US\$14,563,000. This amount comprised an impairment of US\$7.9 million against the Company's total share of costs incurred to-date in respect of its shale oil projects in Canada and Texas, US\$6.2 million impairment against the Main Pass 270 field due to reserve revisions, additional abandonment provisioning of US\$0.3 million and US\$0.2 million impairment against certain lease costs.

### 8. Derivative gains/(losses)

The following table presents details of the change in fair value recognised in the current and comparative period:

Change in fair value of securities held in unrelated entities  
Net derivative gain on liquidation of swap hedge contracts

2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
(174)	(1,287)
140	-
(34)	(1,287)

The consolidated entity holds share options in an unrelated entity. The carrying amount of the share options is measured at fair value using the Black-Scholes-Merton formula. Measurement inputs include the share price on the measurement date, the exercise price of the instrument, expected volatility, expected term of the instruments, expected dividends and the risk free interest rate (based on Australian government bonds). Changes therein are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

The share options are categorised as a level 2 financial instrument as the measurement inputs used in the calculation of the fair value of these instruments requires the use of inputs other than quoted prices that are observable in the market, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices). Refer to Note 21 for further details.

During the year, the consolidated entity held natural gas swap derivative contracts to hedge the price risk associated with selling a portion of its 2014 gas production. Following the divestiture of its interests in the Marathon and Main Pass 270 producing fields, the Company liquidated its July through December 2014 natural gas futures contracts, realising a net derivative gain of US\$140,000.

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### 9. Auditor's remuneration

**Audit services:**

**Auditors of the Company**

KPMG Australia

Audit and review of financial reports

Overseas KPMG Firms

Audit and review of financial reports

**Other services:**

**Auditors of the Company**

KPMG Australia

Corporate, tax and compliance services

	2014 US\$	2013 US\$
	98,578	83,578
	-	27,510
	-	-
	98,578	111,088

### 10. Finance income and expense

Interest income – Other parties

Financial income

Interest expense

Unwinding of discount

Financial expense

Net financial income

	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
	58	75
	58	75
	-	-
	(224)	(226)
	(224)	(226)
	(166)	(151)

### 11. Income tax expense

**Recognised in the statement of comprehensive income**

**Deferred tax expense**

Origination and reversal of temporary differences

Total income tax benefit/(expense) in the statement of comprehensive income

	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
	-	-
	-	-

**Numerical reconciliation between tax expense and pre-tax net profit/(loss)**

Profit/(loss) before tax

Income tax expense/(benefit) using the Australian corporation tax rate of 30% (2013: 30%)

Increase/(decrease) in income tax expense due to:

Non-deductible expenses

U.S. income taxes assessed at different rate

Canadian income taxes assessed at different rate

Deferred tax movements not brought to account in current year

U.S. withholding tax refund

Under/(over) provided in prior years

Income tax expense/(benefit) on pre-tax net profit/(loss)

	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
	(1,048)	(15,210)
	(314)	(4,563)
	438	899
	(19)	(289)
	1	344
	(106)	3,609
	(599)	-
	-	-
	(599)	-

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### 12. Earnings per share

The Company has only one type of security, being ordinary shares, included in the basic earnings per share calculation.

In addition to the ordinary shares, the Company has 30,000 (2013: 335,000) options outstanding under the Employee Option Plan. In determining potential ordinary shares, 30,000 (2013: 335,000) are not dilutive.

During the year, no options were granted and 305,000 were forfeited. No options were exercised and converted to ordinary shares.

#### Basic earnings/ (loss) per share

The calculation of basic earnings/ (loss) per share at 31 December 2014 was based on the loss attributable to ordinary shareholders of US\$1,048,000 (2013: Loss of US\$15,210,000) and a weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year ended 31 December 2014 of 231,161,630 (2013: 237,276,614), calculated as follows:

#### Profit/ (loss) attributable to ordinary shareholders

Profit/(loss) for the period

2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
(1,048)	(15,210)

#### Weighted average number of shares (basic)

*In thousands of shares*

Issued ordinary shares at 1 January

Effect of shares issued in 2014 and 2013, respectively

Weighted average number of ordinary shares at 31 December

2014	2013
231,162	237,684
-	(407)
231,162	237,277

#### Earnings/(loss) per share

In USD cents

Basic and diluted earnings/(loss) per share

2014	2013
(0.5)	(6.4)

### 13. Trade and other receivables

#### Current

Trade receivables

Other receivables

#### Non-current

Loan receivable from related parties

2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
2,194	3,419
12	11
2,206	3,430
1,093	1,176
1,093	1,176

### 14. Other financial assets

Investments in unrelated entities

2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
-	668
-	668

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### 15. Exploration, evaluation and development expenditure

#### (a) Tangible

##### Costs carried forward in respect of areas of interest in the following phases:

##### *Production phase – at WDV*

	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
Balance at 1 January	11,806	22,061
Additions	3,328	3,146
Disposals	(10,522)	-
Dry hole and impairment expense	(1,251)	(6,416)
Current year amortisation expense	(1,687)	(6,985)
Balance at 31 December	1,674	11,806

##### *Exploration and/or evaluation phase – at cost*

Balance at 1 January	-	3,448
Additions	1,558	765
Dry hole and impairment expense	(1,558)	(4,213)
Balance at 31 December	-	-
<b>Total costs carried forward</b>	<b>1,674</b>	<b>11,806</b>

#### (b) Intangible

##### Costs carried forward in respect of areas of interest in the following phase:

##### *Exploration and/or evaluation phase – at cost*

Balance at 1 January	1,569	3,580
Additions	735	1,658
Disposals	(84)	-
Impairment expense	(156)	(3,669)
Balance at 31 December	2,064	1,569

#### Recoverable amount

The ultimate recoupment of costs carried forward for exploration and evaluation phases is dependent on the successful development and commercial exploitation or sale of the respective areas.

The estimated recoverable amount of all cash generating units in the development and production phases is determined by discounting the estimated future cash flows to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the assets. The consolidated entity utilises discounted future cash flows as estimated by independent petroleum engineers for this assessment. The key assumptions used include:

- Estimated proved and probable reserves (2P reserves);
- For wells now in production – initial production rates based on current producing rates for those wells;
- For wells not currently in production – initial production rates based on test data and other related information;
- Estimated rates of production decline based on current trends;
- Hydrocarbon prices that the consolidated entity estimates to be reasonable taking into account historical prices, current prices, and prices used in making its exploration and development decisions;
- Operating costs directly applicable to the leases or wells;
- Development costs based on authorisations for expenditure for the proposed work or actual costs for similar projects;
- Pre-tax discount rate of 10%.

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### 15. Exploration, evaluation and development expenditure (continued)

#### Risk of future impairments

The determination of the estimated recoverable amount of Petsec's producing oil and gas properties is highly sensitive to a change in estimated recoverable reserves and oil and gas prices.

As a result of historical impairments, certain properties are carried at recoverable amounts. Consequently any reduction in recoverable reserves or a reduction in the oil or gas price may trigger the need for further impairment on these specific properties.

### 16. Deferred tax assets

#### Recognised deferred tax assets and liabilities

	Assets		Liabilities		Net	
	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
Exploration, evaluation and development expenditure	3,656	5,125	-	-	3,656	5,125
Other items	484	104	-	-	484	104
Deferred tax balances not brought to account	(4,140)	(5,229)	-	-	(4,140)	(5,229)
Deferred tax assets/(liabilities)	-	-	-	-	-	-

#### Unrecognised deferred tax assets

Deferred tax assets have not been recognised in respect of the following items:

	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
Deductible temporary differences in USA (net)	4,140	5,229
Tax operating loss carry-forwards in USA (net)	31,492	31,554
Deductible temporary differences in Canada (net)	1,717	1,747
Tax operating loss carry-forwards in Canada (net)	223	192
Deductible temporary differences in Australia (net)	103	75
Tax operating loss carry-forwards in Australia (net)	3,004	2,314
	<b>40,679</b>	<b>41,111</b>

Under Australian Accounting Standards, the consolidated entity is required to assess at each reporting period, the extent to which deferred tax assets in respect of the carry-forward of unused tax losses and temporary differences qualify for recognition on the balance sheet based on current facts and circumstances, including projected future taxable profits.

Historically, no deferred tax assets have been recognised in relation to the Australian operations as they do not qualify for recognition of deferred tax assets until such time that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which unused tax losses and temporary differences in the relevant tax jurisdictions can be utilised.

The deductible temporary differences and tax losses in Australia do not expire under current tax legislation though these losses are subject to testing under loss recoupment rules, in order for them to be utilised. USA and Canada loss carry forwards expire in 2021 and later.

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### 16. Deferred tax assets (continued)

#### Movement in temporary differences during the year

	Balance 1 Jan 13 US\$'000	Recognised in income US\$'000	Recognised in equity US\$000	Reclassified to other balance sheet account US\$000	Balance 31 Dec 13 US\$'000
Exploration, evaluation and development expenditure	2,436	2,689	-	-	5,125
Other items	302	(198)	-	-	104
Deferred tax balances in USA not brought to account	(2,738)	(2,491)	-	-	(5,229)
	-	-	-	-	-
	Balance 1 Jan 14 US\$'000	Recognised in income US\$'000	Recognised in equity US\$000	Reclassified to other balance sheet account US\$000	Balance 31 Dec 14 US\$'000
Exploration, evaluation and development expenditure	5,125	(1,469)	-	-	3,656
Other items	104	380	-	-	484
Deferred tax balances in USA not brought to account	(5,229)	1,089	-	-	(4,140)
	-	-	-	-	-

### 17. Trade and other payables

#### Current

#### Trade and other payables, stated at cost

	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
Trade payables	844	668
Exploration and development accruals	150	429
Operational and administration accruals	1,599	1,453
Related party payables	45	22
	<b>2,638</b>	<b>2,572</b>

### 18. Employee benefits

#### (a) Superannuation/pension plans

The consolidated entity contributes to several defined contribution employee superannuation plans in Australia. Employer contributions are based on various percentages of their gross salaries. The consolidated entity is under no legal obligation to make contributions in excess of those specified in Superannuation Industry (Supervision) legislation. The amount recognised, as expense was, US\$23,000 for the year ended 31 December 2014 (2013: US\$29,000).

U.S. based employees are eligible to participate in a voluntary retirement savings plan under Section 401(k) of the US tax code ("401(k) plan"). Employer matching contributions under the 401(k) plan recognised as an expense was US\$40,000 for the year ended 31 December 2014 (2013: US\$38,000).

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### 18. Employee benefits (continued)

#### (b) Share-based payments

The Employee Share and Employee Option Plans, established by shareholder resolutions on 29 November 1994, provide for employees, executives and directors to be granted ordinary shares or options over ordinary shares at the discretion of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee.

##### Employee Share Plan

The following sets forth the share-based compensation transactions under the Company's Employee Share Plan.

The number and weighted average share price, is as follows:

<i>In thousands of shares</i>	Weighted average share price 2014	Number of shares 2014	Weighted average share price 2013	Number of shares 2013
Outstanding at the beginning of the period	A\$0.20	2,400	A\$0.20	2,400
Granted during the period	-	-	-	-
Forfeited during the period	-	-	-	-
Outstanding at the end of the period	A\$0.20	2,400	A\$0.20	2,400

No new shares were granted under the Company's Employee Share Plan ("ESP") to key management personnel as long term incentive compensation during the current year (2013: Nil).

##### Employee Option Plan

The following sets forth the share-based compensation transactions under the Company's Employee Option Plan.

The number and weighted average exercise prices of share options, is as follows:

<i>In thousands of options</i>	Weighted average exercise price 2014	Number of options 2014	Weighted average exercise price 2013	Number of options 2013
Outstanding at the beginning of the period	A\$0.23	335	A\$0.24	2,007
Granted during the period	-	-	-	-
Exercised during the period	-	-	-	-
Forfeited during the period	A\$0.23	305	A\$0.25	1,672
Outstanding at the end of the period	A\$0.20	30	A\$0.23	335
Exercisable at the end of the period	A\$0.20	20	A\$0.23	315

The options outstanding at 31 December 2014 have an exercise price of A\$0.20 and a weighted average contractual life of 1.0 years. During the year, no share options were exercised (2013: Nil).



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### 18. Employee benefits (continued)

#### (b) Share-based payments (continued)

Each option is convertible to one ordinary share. The exercise prices of the options, determined in accordance with the Rules of the plan, are based on the ruling market prices when the options are issued.

All options expire on the earlier of their expiry date or when the holder's employment ceases unless otherwise approved by the Remuneration Committee. Options may not be exercised until they are vested and thereafter exercise is conditional on satisfaction of share price hurdles and the terms of issue. The vesting periods range from six months to four years after granting. The plan does not represent remuneration for past services.

The terms and conditions of the option grants are as follows, whereby all options are settled by physical delivery of shares:

Grant date/employees entitled	Number of instruments	Contractual life of options
Option grant to other personnel at 31 July 2012	30,000	2.92 years
<b>Total share option schemes with all or a portion of options outstanding at 31 December 2014</b>	<b>30,000</b>	

The fair value of services received in return for share options granted are measured by reference to the fair value of share options granted. The estimate of the fair value of the services received is measured using an option pricing model – the Black-Scholes-Merton formula. The contractual life of the option is used as an input into this model.

#### Share and option grants to key management personnel

No share or option grants were made to key management personnel during the year ended 31 December 2014 (2013: Nil).

The following table summarises the fair value assumptions of shares and options granted to key management personnel during the years ended 31 December 2014 and 2013.

	Key management personnel 2014	Key management personnel 2013
Weighted average fair value at measurement date	-	-
Weighted average share price	-	-
Weighted average exercise price	-	-
Expected volatility (expressed as weighted average used in the modelling under Black-Scholes model)	-	-
Expected option life (expressed as weighted average used in the modelling under Black-Scholes model)	-	-
Expected dividends	-	-
Risk-free interest rate (based on national government bonds)	-	-

The expected volatility is based on historic volatility (calculated based on the weighted average remaining life of the shares and options), adjusted for any expected changes to future volatility due to publicly available information.

Shares and options are granted under a service condition and minimum share price hurdles. Such conditions are not taken into account in the grant date fair value measurement of the services received, however, are considered in assumptions about the number of shares and options that are expected to become exercisable.

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### 19. Rehabilitation provisions

#### Current

Balance at 1 January	
Provisions made during the year	
Provisions reclassified from non-current classification	
Provisions used during the year	
Balance at 31 December	

#### Non-current

Balance at 1 January	
Provisions made during the year	
Sale of interests	
Provisions reclassified to current classification	
Unwind of discount	
Balance at 31 December	

	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
Balance at 1 January	3,721	147
Provisions made during the year	62	250
Provisions reclassified from non-current classification	24	3,525
Provisions used during the year	(3,189)	(201)
Balance at 31 December	618	3,721
Balance at 1 January	2,503	5,756
Provisions made during the year	17	46
Sale of interests	(501)	-
Provisions reclassified to current classification	(24)	(3,525)
Unwind of discount	224	226
Balance at 31 December	2,219	2,503
	2,837	6,224

### 20. Capital and reserves

#### Share capital

*in thousands of shares*

On issue at 1 January	
Shares bought back	
On issue at 31 December – fully paid	

	Ordinary Shares	
	2014	2013
On issue at 1 January	231,162	237,684
Shares bought back	-	(6,522)
On issue at 31 December – fully paid	231,162	231,162

The Company does not have authorised capital or par value in respect of its issued shares.

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the Company.

#### Translation reserve

The translation reserve comprises all foreign currency differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of operations where their functional currency is different to the presentation currency of the reporting entity.

#### Cash flow hedge reserve

The hedging reserve comprises the effective portion of the cumulative net change in the fair value of cash flow hedging instruments related to hedged transactions that had not yet transpired.

#### Share-based compensation

The share-based compensation represents the value of unvested options issued under the Company's Employee Option Plan.

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### 20. Capital and reserves (continued)

#### Capital management

The Board's policy is to maintain an appropriate capital base to sustain future development of the consolidated entity. This capital base may comprise equity and borrowings.

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries are subject to externally imposed capital requirements.

### 21. Financing arrangements and additional financial instruments disclosures

#### Financing arrangements

At 31 December 2014, the consolidated entity had no debt outstanding (2013: Nil).

#### Additional financial instruments disclosures

##### Overview

The consolidated entity has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments:

- Credit risk
- Liquidity risk
- Market risk

This note presents information about the consolidated entity's exposure to each of the above risks, their objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk, and the management of capital. Further quantitative disclosures are included throughout this financial report.

##### Risk Management Framework

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the risk management framework. There is no separate risk management committee.

Risk management policies are established to identify and analyse the risks faced by the consolidated entity, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adherence to limits. Risk management policies and systems are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions and the consolidated entity's activities. The consolidated entity, through their training and management standards and procedures, aim to develop a disciplined and constructive control environment in which all employees understand their roles and obligations.

The forecast financial position of the consolidated entity is continually monitored and derivative financial instruments can be used to hedge exposure to fluctuations in commodity prices (refer to *Commodity Price Risk* below for further details).

The Board oversees how management monitors compliance with the consolidated entity's risk management policies and procedures and reviews the adequacy of the risk management framework in relation to the risks faced by the consolidated entity.

##### Credit risk

Credit risk represents the loss that would be recognised if counterparties failed to perform as contracted. The credit risk on financial assets of the consolidated entity that have been recognised is the carrying amount, net of any provision for doubtful debts. The consolidated entity has assessed that the counterparties credit ratings determined by a recognised ratings agency remains acceptable.

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### 21. Financing arrangements and additional financial instruments disclosures (continued)

#### Credit risk (continued)

##### Exposure to credit risk

The carrying amount of the consolidated entity's financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure. The consolidated entity's maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date was:

	Consolidated	
	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
Cash and restricted cash deposits	32,591	25,423
Trade and other receivables	2,206	3,430
	<b>34,797</b>	<b>28,853</b>

As at 31 December 2014, there was no material exposure to credit risk in relation to cash held by banks as \$11.5 million was held with Australian financial institutions rated AA with the remaining balances held in the USA with institutions rated A or higher.

Where possible, the consolidated entity manages its credit risk on trade receivables by dealing with only large reputable customers for its oil and gas sales. Following the consolidated entity's divestment of its two main producing fields during the year, approximately 47% of trade and other receivables were due from two such customers at balance date. The remainder of the receivables were due mainly from a number of joint owners of the jointly owned properties. The consolidated entity does not consider there to be any impairment indicators associated with these debtors. The consolidated entity's credit risk is limited to the carrying value of its financial assets. None of the consolidated entity's receivables are materially past due (2013: is consistent with 2014).

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the consolidated entity and companies within the consolidated entity will not be able to meet their financial obligations as they fall due. The consolidated entity's approach to managing liquidity is to ensure, as far as possible, that it will always have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the consolidated entity's reputation.

Ultimate responsibility for liquidity risk management rests with the Board of Directors. The consolidated entity manages liquidity risk by monitoring of future rolling cash flow forecasts. These reflect management's expectations of the settlement of financial assets and liabilities.

The following are the contractual maturities of financial liabilities, including estimated interest payments.

#### 31 December 2014

	Contractual cashflows					
	Carrying amount US\$000	6 mths or less US\$000	6 – 12 mths US\$000	1 – 2 years US\$000	2 – 5 years US\$000	5 years or more US\$000
Trade and other payables	2,638	2,638			-	-
Total	2,638	2,638			-	-

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### 21. Financing arrangements and additional financial instruments disclosures (continued)

#### Liquidity risk (continued)

31 December 2013

	Contractual cashflows					
	Carrying amount US\$000	6 mths or less US\$000	6 – 12 mths US\$000	1 – 2 years US\$000	2 – 5 years US\$000	5 years or more US\$000
Fair value of derivative instruments	20	11	9	-	-	-
Trade and other payables	2,572	2,572	-	-	-	-
Total	2,592	2,583	9	-	-	-

#### Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, commodity prices, interest rates will affect the consolidated entity's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return.

#### Foreign exchange risk

During 2013 and 2014, operating costs were incurred in Australian, Canadian and US dollars.

Throughout 2013 and 2014, the consolidated entity held the majority of its liquid funds in US dollars.

Fluctuations in the Australian dollar/US dollar exchange rate have impacted the underlying performance of the consolidated entity. The consolidated entity's policy is not to hedge the Australian dollar/US dollar exchange rate risk as income (cash inflows) and expenses (cash outflows), are predominantly denominated in US dollars, with the exception of Australian dollar denominated equity funding, consequently surplus funds are primarily held in US dollars.

#### Commodity price risk

The revenue and income of the consolidated entity are affected by changes in natural gas and crude oil prices, and from time to time various financial transactions (swap contracts and collar contracts involving NYMEX commodity prices for natural gas and crude oil) may be undertaken to reduce the effect of these changes. The consolidated entity ensures that it has sufficient proved reserves of these commodities to cover all these transactions and it only enters into such derivatives to match its anticipated underlying physical production and reserves. The consolidated entity also limits the term of the transactions and the percentage of the Company's expected aggregate oil and natural gas production that may be hedged at any time.

#### Swaps

In a natural gas swap agreement the consolidated entity receives from the counterparty the difference between the agreed contracted fixed price and the quoted or published reference settlement price if the latter is lower than the fixed price. If the reference settlement price is higher than the agreed fixed price, the consolidated entity will pay the difference to the counterparty.

#### Collars

In a collar agreement, a floor price and a ceiling price are established. If there is no cash outlay upon entering a collar arrangement, it is called a "costless" or "cashless" collar. If quoted reference prices at the specified date (expiration date) are lower than the floor price, then the counterparty pays the price difference multiplied by the notional quantity to the consolidated entity. If the quoted reference prices at the specified date are higher than the ceiling price, then the consolidated entity pays the price difference multiplied by the notional quantity to the counterparty.

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### 21. Financing arrangements and additional financial instruments disclosures (continued)

#### Commodity price risk (continued)

At 31 December 2014, the consolidated entity had no outstanding oil or natural gas hedges in place. In the previous corresponding period, the consolidated entity had the following outstanding natural gas hedges in place:

Production period	Hedge types	Total MMBtu volume	Weighted average US\$ Price/MMBtu
2014	Swaps	912,500	4.17

#### Interest rate risk

The consolidated entity's exposure to market interest rates primarily relates to the consolidated entity's cash holdings (2010: cash holdings and secured bank loan).

The financial instruments exposed to interest rate risk are as follows:

	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Cash and restricted cash deposits	32,591	25,423
	<b>32,591</b>	<b>25,423</b>

#### Sensitivity analysis

In managing commodity price and interest rate risks the consolidated entity aims to reduce the impact of short-term fluctuations on the consolidated entity's earnings. However, credit considerations limit the amount of hedging with derivative instruments that the consolidated entity can enter into. The consolidated entity and the Company do not use derivative instruments to manage foreign exchange rate risk. Over the longer-term, permanent changes in commodity prices, interest rates and exchange rates will have an impact on profit.

The estimated impact of a 10 per cent change in the average commodity price for the year ended 31 December 2014 would have increased or decreased the consolidated entity's profit or loss by US\$630,000 (2013: US\$984,000) excluding potential impact of impairments. The estimated impact of a change of 100 basis points in interest rates would have increased or decreased the consolidated entity's profit or loss by US\$6,000 (2013: US\$8,000). The estimated impact of a 10 per cent change in the USD/AUD and USD/CAD exchange rates would have increased or decreased the consolidated entity's profit or loss by a total of US\$75,000 (2013: US\$870,000).

#### Fair values of financial assets and liabilities

The fair values of financial assets and liabilities, together with the carrying amounts shown in the balance sheet, are as follows:

	2014		2013	
	Carrying amount US\$'000	Fair value US\$'000	Carrying amount US\$'000	Fair value US\$'000
Trade and other receivables	2,206	2,206	3,430	3,430
Cash and restricted cash deposits	32,591	32,591	25,423	25,423
Financial derivative instruments – assets	-	-	22	22
Financial derivative instruments – liabilities	-	-	(20)	(20)
Trade and other payables	(2,638)	(2,638)	(2,572)	(2,572)
	<b>32,159</b>	<b>32,159</b>	<b>26,283</b>	<b>26,283</b>

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### 21. Financing arrangements and additional financial instruments disclosures (continued)

The carrying values of all other financial assets and liabilities are estimated to approximate fair value because of their short maturity.

The carrying amounts shown in the balance sheet of the Company are equal to fair value.

The following tables detail the consolidated entity's fair values of financial instruments categorised by the following levels:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices)

Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs)

2014	Level 1 US\$000	Level 2 US\$000	Level 3 US\$000	Total US\$000
<b>Assets</b>				
Fair value of derivative financial instruments (net)	-	-	-	-
Other financial assets	-	-	-	-
Total assets	-	-	-	-

2013	Level 1 US\$000	Level 2 US\$000	Level 3 US\$000	Total US\$000
<b>Assets</b>				
Fair value of derivative financial instruments (net)	-	-	2	2
Other financial assets	495	173	-	668
Total assets	495	173	2	670

Unless otherwise stated, the carrying amounts of financial instruments reflect their fair value.

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### 22. Operating leases

#### Leases as lessee

Non-cancellable operating lease rentals are payable as follows:

	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
Less than one year	366	261
Between one and five years	361	246
	<b>727</b>	<b>507</b>

The consolidated entity leases office space in Australia and the USA under operating leases. The leases typically run for a period of 3 years. None of the leases includes contingent rentals.

During the year ended 31 December 2014, US\$540,000 was recognised as an expense in the statement of comprehensive income in respect of operating leases including month-to-month leases (2013: US\$842,000).

### 23. Capital and other commitments

#### Capital expenditure commitments

##### Exploration, evaluation and development expenditure

*Contracted but not provided for and payable:*

Within one year  
One year or later and no later than five years

	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
	3,680	330
	-	-
	<b>3,680</b>	<b>330</b>

### 24. Contingencies and legal matters

The consolidated entity is a defendant from time to time in legal proceedings. Where appropriate the consolidated entity takes legal advice. The consolidated entity does not consider that the outcome of any current proceedings is likely to have a material effect on its operations or financial position.

The production, handling, storage, transportation and disposal of oil and natural gas, by-products thereof and other substances and materials produced or used in connection with oil and natural gas operations were subject to regulation under U.S. federal, state and local laws and regulations primarily relating to protection of human health and environment. To date, expenditure related to complying with these laws and for remediation of existing environmental contamination has not been significant in relation to the results of operations of the Company.

The Company's U.S. subsidiary, Petsec Energy Inc. ("PEI") is required to provide bonding or security for the benefit of U.S. regulatory authorities and certain lease operators in relation to its obligations to pay lease rentals and royalties, the plugging and abandonment of oil and natural gas wells, and the removal of related facilities. As of 31 December 2014, the consolidated entity was contingently liable for US\$5,301,000 of surety and supplemental bonds (2013: US\$5,300,000) issued through a surety company to secure those obligations. At balance date US\$5,301,000 of these bonds were collateralised by cash (2013: US\$5,300,000).



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### 25. Deed of cross guarantee

Pursuant to an ASIC Class Order 98/1418 dated 13 August 1998, relief is granted to certain wholly owned Australian subsidiaries of the Company from the Corporations Act requirements for preparation, audit, and publication of Financial Reports and Directors' Reports.

It is a condition of the Class Order that the Company and each of its subsidiaries enter into a Deed of Cross Guarantee Indemnity. The effect of the deed is that the Company guarantees to each creditor payment in full of any debt in the event of winding up of any of the subsidiaries under certain provisions of the Corporations Act. If a winding-up occurs under other provisions of the Act, the Company will only be liable in the event that after six months any creditor has not been paid in full. The subsidiaries have also given similar guarantees in the event that the Company is wound up.

The subsidiaries subject to the Deed are:

- Petsec Investments Pty. Limited
- Petroleum Securities Pty. Limited
- Najedo Pty. Ltd
- Petroleum Securities Share Plan Pty Limited
- Laurel Bay Petroleum Limited
- Ginida Pty. Limited
- Western Medical Products Pty. Limited

A consolidated statement of comprehensive income and consolidated balance sheet, comprising the Company and subsidiaries which are a party to the Deed, after eliminating all transactions between parties to the Deed of Cross Guarantee, as at 31 December 2014 and 2013, is set out as follows:

#### Summarised consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income and retained earnings/(accumulated losses)

	2014 US\$000	2013 US\$000
Other income and expenses	8,008	9,496
Operating expenses	(1,680)	(1,846)
Finance income	58	76
Net movement in provisions against loans and investments in controlled entities	(18,210)	(12,271)
<b>Profit/(loss) before tax</b>	<b>(11,824)</b>	<b>(4,545)</b>
Income tax benefit/(expense)	599	-
<b>Profit/(loss) after tax</b>	<b>(11,225)</b>	<b>(4,545)</b>
Other comprehensive income	-	-
<b>Total comprehensive income for the period</b>	<b>(11,225)</b>	<b>(4,545)</b>
Retained earnings/(accumulated losses) at beginning of year	(164,758)	(160,213)
<b>Retained earnings/(accumulated losses) at end of year</b>	<b>(175,983)</b>	<b>(164,758)</b>

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### 25. Deed of cross guarantee (continued)

#### Balance sheet

	2014 US\$000	2013 US\$000
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	11,450	12,376
Other receivables	740	885
Prepayments	71	77
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>12,261</b>	13,338
Loans receivable from controlled entities	16	-
Loans receivable from related parties	1,093	1,176
Other financial assets	23,042	18,619
Other investments	1,018	18,856
Property, plant and equipment	36	49
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>25,205</b>	38,700
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>37,466</b>	52,038
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Trade and other payables	202	205
Employee benefits provision	25	30
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>227</b>	235
Loans payable to controlled entities	485	543
Employee benefits provision	201	217
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>686</b>	760
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>913</b>	995
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>36,553</b>	51,043
<b>Equity</b>		
Issued capital	186,001	185,955
Reserves	26,535	29,846
Retained earnings/(accumulated losses)	(175,983)	(164,758)
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>36,553</b>	51,043

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### 26. Consolidated entities

#### Parent entity

Petsec Energy Ltd

#### Significant subsidiaries

Petsec Investments Pty. Limited

Petroleum Securities Pty. Limited

Najedo Pty. Limited

Petroleum Securities Share Plan Pty. Limited

Petsec America Pty. Limited

Petsec (U.S.A.) Inc.

Petsec Energy Inc.

Petsec Exploration and Production LLC

Petsec Energy Resources Inc.

Petsec Energy Canada Ltd

Laurel Bay Petroleum Limited

Ginida Pty. Limited

Western Medical Products Pty. Limited

Petsec Energy Yemen Ltd <sup>1</sup>

Country of Incorporation	Ownership interest	
	2014 %	2013 %
Australia	100	100
Australia	100	100
Australia	100	100
Australia	100	100
Australia	100	100
USA	100	100
USA	100	100
USA	100	100
USA	100	100
Canada	100	100
Australia	100	100
Australia	100	100
Australia	100	100
British Virgin Islands	100	-

<sup>1</sup> Petsec Energy Yemen Ltd was incorporated on 17 March 2014 and holds the consolidated entity's interests in Block 7, Al Barqa Permit in the Republic of Yemen.

With the exception of Petsec Energy Yemen Ltd, all entities carry on business in the country where they were incorporated.

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### 27. Segment reporting

The consolidated entity operates in the oil and gas industry.

Segment information is presented in the consolidated financial statements in respect of the consolidated entity's geographic segments, which reflects the presentation of information to the chief operating decision maker and may differ from the information required to be disclosed in accordance with the Accounting Standards.

Segment results include items directly attributable to a segment as well as those that can be allocated on a reasonable basis. Segment acquisition of property, plant and equipment, intangibles and exploration, evaluation and development assets is the total cost incurred during the period to acquire segment assets that are expected to be utilised for more than one period.

In presenting information on the basis of geographical segments, segment assets and liabilities, segment revenue and net profit/(loss) after tax are based on the geographical location of operations.

	Australia		USA		Canada		Yemen		Consolidated	
	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
Oil and gas sales and royalties	-	-	8,692	17,656	-	-	-	-	8,692	17,656
Royalties paid	-	-	(501)	(1,238)	-	-	-	-	(501)	(1,238)
<b>Net revenues after royalties *</b>	-	-	<b>8,191</b>	<b>16,418</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>8,191</b>	<b>16,418</b>
Segment net profit/(loss) before tax	<b>(2,022)</b>	(2,412)	<b>404</b>	(5,921)	<b>(20)</b>	(6,877)	<b>(9)</b>	-	<b>(1,647)</b>	(15,210)
Income tax expense	<b>599</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<b>599</b>	-
<b>Profit/(loss) after tax</b>	<b>(1,423)</b>	(2,412)	<b>404</b>	(5,921)	<b>(20)</b>	(6,877)	<b>(9)</b>	-	<b>(1,048)</b>	(15,210)
Depreciation, depletion, amortisation & reclamation	<b>13</b>	13	<b>1,739</b>	6,985	<b>65</b>	28	-	-	<b>1,817</b>	7,026
Dry hole, impairment and abandonment expense	-	-	<b>3,057</b>	7,786	<b>(92)</b>	6,777	-	-	<b>2,965</b>	14,563
Exploration and work-over expense	-	-	<b>(54)</b>	171	-	-	-	-	<b>(54)</b>	171
Segment assets	<b>12,663</b>	14,356	<b>27,392</b>	30,222	-	19	<b>8</b>	-	<b>40,063</b>	44,597
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment and exploration, evaluation and development assets	<b>4</b>	40	<b>6,029</b>	6,563	-	3,182	<b>8</b>	-	<b>6,041</b>	9,785

\* There are no inter-segment sales

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### 27. Segment reporting (continued)

	Australia		USA		Canada		Yemen		Consolidated	
	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
Segment liabilities	429	569	5,319	8,520	70	89	-	-	5,818	9,178
Cash flows from operating activities	(961)	(1,933)	2,067	10,113	45	(61)	(9)	-	1,142	8,119
Cash flows from investing activities	167	(383)	5,938	(6,563)	-	(3,182)	(8)	-	6,097	(10,128)
Cash flows from financing activities	-	(578)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(578)

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### 28. Interests in unincorporated joint operating arrangements

included in the assets of the consolidated entity are the following items which represent the consolidated entity's interest in the assets and liabilities in joint operating arrangements:

	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Exploration, evaluation and development expenditure – Tangible:</b>		
<i>Leases now in production</i>		
Producing leases – at cost	38,831	94,823
Less: accumulated amortisation and impairment	(37,157)	(83,298)
	1,674	11,525
Represented by the following lease carrying values:		
- Main Pass 270 <sup>1</sup>	-	4,127
- Main Pass 19	-	16
- Atchafalaya Bay <sup>1</sup>	-	7,382
- Jeanerette Field	1,674	-
Total exploration, evaluation and development expenditure – Tangible	1,674	11,525
<b>Exploration and evaluation expenditure – Intangible:</b>		
<i>Not in production</i>		
- Block 7, Yemen	8	-
- Onshore Louisiana	572	-
- Other Gulf of Mexico leases	1,484	1,569
Total exploration, evaluation and development expenditure – Intangible	2,064	1,569
<b>Liabilities</b>	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
<b>Rehabilitation provision:</b>		
- Main Pass 19	2,017	1,831
- Main Pass 270	-	422
- Other Gulf of Mexico leases	250	250
- Onshore Louisiana	167	147
- Atchafalaya Bay	-	52
- Onshore Canada	69	27
	2,503	2,729
<b>The contribution of the consolidated entity's joint operating arrangements to EBIT (including exploration write-offs and impairments; and excluding the effects of hedging and any gain on sale of interests):</b>	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
- Main Pass 19	20	(183)
- Main Pass 270 <sup>1</sup>	169	(5,935)
- Atchafalaya Bay <sup>1</sup>	3,662	5,463
- Jeanerette Field	370	-
- Onshore Louisiana	(1,817)	-
- Other Gulf of Mexico leases	(69)	(497)
- Onshore Canada	92	(6,877)
	2,427	(8,029)

1. The consolidated entity sold its working interests in the Main Pass 270 and Atchafalaya Bay fields together with certain associated exploration interests in July 2014.

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### 28. Interests in unincorporated joint operating arrangements (continued)

The principal activity of all the joint operating arrangements is oil & gas exploration. Listed below is the name of each of the joint operating arrangements and the percentage working interest held in the joint operating arrangement by the consolidated entity as at and during the year ended 31 December:

	Interest held 2014	Interest held 2013
- Main Pass 19	55.00%	55.00%
- Main Pass 270 <sup>1</sup>	-	22.50%
- Atchafalaya Bay <sup>1</sup>	-	8.00%
- Onshore Louisiana	12.50% to 45.00%	-
- Onshore Canada	24.50%	24.50%
- Other Gulf of Mexico leases <sup>1</sup>	12.50% to 75.00%	37.50% to 75.00%
- Block 7, Republic of Yemen <sup>2</sup>	29.75%	-

<sup>1</sup> The consolidated entity sold its working interests in the Main Pass 270 and Atchafalaya Bay fields together with certain associated exploration interests in July 2014.

<sup>2</sup> The interests acquired in Block 7, Al Barqa Permit, in the Republic of Yemen are subject to customary approvals from the Joint Venture Partners, the Yemen government and the state owned Yemen Oil and Gas Company.

In respect of the joint operating arrangements listed above, the voting powers of the consolidated entity align with its ownership percentages listed in all cases. Management has determined that the consolidated entity has joint control of these arrangements by virtue of the agreements it has with its other partners. The consolidated entity accounts for its share of the individual assets and liabilities of the joint operating arrangements in light of the fact that all of these arrangements lack legal form as separate vehicles.

### 29. Wholly owned areas of interest

Included in the assets and liabilities of the consolidated entity are the following items which represent the consolidated entity's wholly owned areas of interest:

	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Exploration, evaluation and development expenditure – Tangible:</b>		
<i>Leases now in production</i>		
Producing leases – at cost	49,600	48,429
Less: accumulated amortisation and impairments	(49,600)	(48,148)
	-	281
Represented by the following lease carrying values:		
- Main Pass 18	-	281
- Chandeaur 31/32 <sup>1</sup>	-	-
Total exploration and evaluation expenditure - Intangible	-	281

<sup>1</sup> The Chandeaur 31/32 Area field reached the end of its productive life in August 2013 and was decommissioned in August 2014.

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### 29. Wholly owned areas of interest (continued)

#### Liabilities

##### Rehabilitation provision:

- Main Pass 18
- Chandeleur 31/32

2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
182	172
152	3,323
<b>334</b>	<b>3,495</b>

##### The contribution of the consolidated entity's areas of interest to EBIT (including exploration write-offs and impairments; and excluding the effects of hedging):

- Chandeleur 31/32
- Main Pass 18

2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
(54)	(152)
(1,230)	433
<b>(1,284)</b>	<b>281</b>

### 30. Reconciliation of cash flows from operating activities

#### Cash flows from operating activities

Profit/(loss) for the period

##### Adjustments for:

Depreciation, depletion and amortisation

Dry-hole, impairment and abandonment expense

Work-over expense

Net movement in fair value of investments

Net foreign exchange losses/(gains)

Net loss/(gain) on assets

Net loss/(gain) on property, plant and equipment

Net loss/(gain) on investments

Share-based payment expenses

#### Operating profit before changes in working capital and provisions

Decrease/(increase) in restricted cash deposits

Decrease/(Increase) in receivables and prepayments

(Decrease)/Increase in payables and provisions

#### Net cash from operating activities

2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
(1,048)	(15,210)
1,817	7,026
2,965	14,563
54	(268)
524	1,652
(3)	(135)
(2,232)	-
(75)	(149)
(5)	(3)
6	111
<b>2,003</b>	<b>7,587</b>
-	125
1,330	(712)
(2,191)	1,119
<b>1,142</b>	<b>8,119</b>



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### 31. Related parties

The following were key management personnel of the consolidated entity at any time during the reporting period and unless otherwise indicated were key management personnel for the entire period:

#### Non-executive director

D A Mortimer  
A P Baden  
M S Lober

#### Executive director

T N Fern (Chairman and Managing Director)

#### Executives

R J Smith (Chief Executive Officer, Petsec Energy Inc.)  
R A Keogh (President, Petsec Energy Inc.)  
R A Krenzke (Executive Vice President Exploration, Petsec Energy Inc.)  
P Gahdmar (Company Secretary and Group Financial Controller, Petsec Energy Ltd)

### Key management personnel compensation

The key management personnel compensation included in personnel expenses (see note 6) is as follows:

	2014 US\$	2013 US\$
Wages and salaries	1,111,374	973,504
Service agreements	646,632	694,008
Superannuation & 401(k) plans	52,917	47,219
Bonuses	235,596	149,639
Termination benefits	-	56,250
Share-based payment compensation	6,400	95,169
Other benefits	143,987	106,273
	<b>2,196,906</b>	<b>2,122,062</b>

### Individual directors and executives compensation disclosures

Information regarding individual directors' and executives' compensation and some equity instruments disclosures as permitted by Corporations Regulations 2M.3.03 and 2M.6.04 are provided in the Remuneration Report section of the Directors' Report on pages 16 to 25.

Apart from the details disclosed in this note, no director has entered into a material contract with the Company or consolidated entity since the end of the previous financial year and there were no material contracts involving directors' interests existing at year-end.

Non-executive directors appointed prior to 2003 are entitled to receive a retirement benefit that is equivalent to the remuneration received in the three years prior to retirement. Incoming non-executive directors appointed thereafter are not entitled to receive retirement benefits in accordance with the recommendations made by the ASX Corporate Governance Council. Directors' retirement obligations are presently US\$160,000 in total (2013: US\$174,000).

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### 31. Related parties (continued)

#### Transactions with key management personnel

Key management personnel of the Company and their immediate relatives control approximately 20.2 percent of the voting shares of the Company.

No shares were issued by the Company under its shareholder approved Employee Share Plan ("ESP") to key management personnel as long term incentive compensation during the year (2013: nil).

The aggregate amounts recognised during the year relating to key management personnel and their personally related entities, were a total expense of US\$647,000 (2013: US\$694,000). Refer to Remuneration Report for further details.

#### Assets and liabilities arising from the above related party transactions

##### Non-current assets

Related party receivables

##### Current liabilities

Related party payables

	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
Related party receivables	1,093	1,176
Related party payables	45	22

#### Other related party disclosures

Information relating to subsidiaries is set out in note 26.

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### 32. Parent entity disclosures

As at, and throughout, the financial year ending 31 December 2014 the parent entity of the consolidated group was Petsec Energy Ltd.

	2014 US\$'000	2013 US\$'000
<b>Result of parent entity</b>		
Profit/(loss) for the period	(10,733)	(4,182)
Other comprehensive income	(3,306)	(8,753)
Total comprehensive income/(loss) for the period	(14,039)	(12,935)
<b>Financial position of parent entity at year end</b>		
Current assets	12,261	13,338
Total assets	44,172	58,731
Current liabilities	228	234
Total liabilities	7,634	8,194
<b>Total equity of the parent entity comprising of:</b>		
Share capital	186,001	185,955
Share-based payment compensation reserve	17	57
Foreign currency translation reserve	26,597	29,870
Accumulated losses	(176,077)	(165,344)
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>36,538</b>	<b>50,538</b>

#### Parent entity guarantees in respect of the debts of its subsidiaries

The parent entity has entered into a Deed of Cross Guarantee with the effect that the Company guarantees debts in respect of its subsidiaries. Further details of the Deed of Cross Guarantee and the subsidiaries subject to the deed are disclosed in note 25.

#### Parent entity contingencies and capital commitments

The parent entity had no contingent liabilities and capital commitments outstanding at 31 December 2014.

### 33. Events subsequent to balance date

On 7 January 2015, Petsec Energy participated in the drilling of the Ruth R. Bravanec #1, et al #1 well on the West Crab Lake Prospect in Cameron Parish, onshore Louisiana, with the well reaching its planned true vertical depth of 12,500 feet (12,911 feet measured depth) in late January 2015.

The directional well was drilled to test multiple Lower Miocene age Marg (A) and Discorbis (B) sand reservoirs in a fault closure syncline separated from production in the Marg (A) and Discorbis (B) interval at the Crab Lake Field. The well intersected the target reservoirs as anticipated, but only a few thin zones were hydrocarbon bearing. These zones were too small to warrant completion and development, consequently the well was plugged and abandoned at an estimated cost to the Company of approximately US\$0.7 million.

## Directors' Declaration

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- 1 In the opinion of the directors of Petsec Energy Ltd ("the Company"):
- (a) the financial statements and notes and the Remuneration report in the Directors' Report, set out on pages 16 to 67, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 including:
    - (i) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company and the consolidated entity as at 31 December 2014 and of their performance, as represented by the results of their operations and their cash flows, for the year ended on that date; and
    - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulation 2001; and
  - (b) the financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in note 2; and
  - (c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.
- 2 There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company and the controlled entities identified in Note 26 will be able to meet any obligations or liabilities to which they are or may become subject to by virtue of the Deed of Cross Guarantee between the Company and those controlled entities pursuant to ASIC Class Order 98/1418.
- 3 The directors have been given the declarations required by Section 295A of the Corporations Act 2001 from the chief executive officer and chief financial officer for the financial year ended 31 December 2014.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors:



Terrence N. Fern  
Director

Sydney, 24 February 2015



## **Independent auditor's report to the members of Petsec Energy Ltd**

### **Report on the financial report**

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Petsec Energy Ltd (the company), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2014, and consolidated statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, notes 1 to 33 comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and the directors' declaration of the Group comprising the company and the entities it controlled at the year's end or from time to time during the financial year.

#### *Directors' responsibility for the financial report*

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the *Corporations Act 2001* and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error. In note 2(a), the directors also state, in accordance with Australian Accounting Standard AASB 101 *Presentation of Financial Statements*, that the financial statements of the Group comply with International Financial Reporting Standards.

#### *Auditor's responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We performed the procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* and Australian Accounting Standards, a true and fair view which is consistent with our understanding of the Group's financial position and of its performance.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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*Independence*

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

*Auditor's opinion*

In our opinion:

- (a) the financial report of the Group is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:
- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Group's financial position as at 31 December 2014 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
  - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- (b) the financial report also complies with International Financial Reporting Standards as disclosed in note 2(a).

**Report on the remuneration report**

We have audited the Remuneration Report included in pages 16 to 25 of the directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2014. The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the remuneration report in accordance with Section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the remuneration report, based on our audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards.

*Auditor's opinion*

In our opinion, the remuneration report of Petsec Energy Ltd for the year ended 31 December 2014, complies with Section 300A of the *Corporations Act 2001*.

KPMG

Anthony Jones  
*Partner*

Sydney

24 February 2015

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