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**Falcon Oil & Gas Australia Limited**

Financial Report  
Year Ended 31 December 2018

(Presented in U.S. Dollars)

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## Operating and Financial Review

### Beetaloo Sub-basin, Northern Territory, Australia

#### Overview

Falcon Oil & Gas Australia Limited (“**Falcon Australia**” or the “**Company**”) is one of the two registered holders of approximately 4.6 million gross acres (~ 18,619 km<sup>2</sup>), 1.4 million net acres, of three exploration permits in the Beetaloo Sub-basin, Northern Territory, Australia. The Beetaloo Sub-basin is located 600 kilometres south of Darwin, close to infrastructure including a highway, a pipeline and a railway, offering transport options to the Australian market and beyond via the existing and developing liquified natural gas capacity in Darwin.

The Beetaloo Sub-basin is a Proterozoic and Cambrian tight oil and gas basin. In its entirety, the Beetaloo Sub-basin covers approximately 8.7 million acres (~ 35,260 km<sup>2</sup>) and is a relatively underexplored onshore exploration basin. The area is also remote and sparsely populated. Considering all these factors, the Board believes the Beetaloo Sub-basin has shale oil and shale gas potential. Australia has a developed resources industry with a stable political, legal and regulatory system.

#### Exploration Permits

The following table summarises the principal oil and gas interests of Falcon Australia:

Assets	Interest (%)	Operator	Status	Gross Area (km <sup>2</sup> )
Exploration Permit EP-76 (Beetaloo Basin, Northern Territory, Australia)	30	Origin <sup>(i)</sup>	Exploration	1,891.3
Exploration Permit EP-98 (Beetaloo Basin, Northern Territory, Australia)	30	Origin <sup>(i)</sup>	Exploration	10,316.0
Exploration Permit EP-117 (Beetaloo Basin, Northern Territory, Australia)	30	Origin <sup>(i)</sup>	Exploration	6,412.0

(i) Falcon Australia completed its farm-out with Origin Energy Resources Limited, a subsidiary of Origin Energy Limited (“**Origin**”) and Sasol Petroleum Australia Limited, a subsidiary of Sasol Limited (“**Sasol**”), collectively referred to herein as (the “**Farminees**”) on 21 August 2014. On completion, Origin was appointed as Operator of the exploration permits. On 5 May 2017, it was announced that Origin had acquired Sasol's 35% interest, bringing its overall interest to 70% in the Beetaloo Exploration Permits.

In accordance with local law and regulations, all of Falcon Australia's acreage interests are subject to combined government and Northern Land Council royalties on production values of up to approximately 12% and 1% (subject to the exercise of Falcon Australia's call option - see “**Overriding Royalty Beetaloo Sub-basin exploration permits**” for details) to other parties. Falcon Australia is subject to Commonwealth Government corporation tax of 30%, however where the entity has aggregated annual turnover of less than A\$25 million for the financial year Falcon Australia would be considered a ‘base rate entity’ for Australian tax purposes and would be taxed at a lower rate of 27.5%. Falcon Australia is also subject to the Commonwealth Government's Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (“**PRRT**”) levied at the rate of 40% on taxable profits derived from the petroleum projects. The PRRT is calculated on the individual projects, and royalties are deductible for PRRT purposes. The PRRT tax system is separate from the company income tax system and is based on cash flow. Both royalties and PRRT are deductible for corporate income tax purposes.

#### Overriding Royalty - Beetaloo Sub-basin exploration permits

In 2013 Falcon Australia entered an agreement (“**CRIAG Agreement**”) with CR Innovations AG (“**CRIAG**”) to acquire its 4% overriding royalty interest (“**ORRI**”) relating to its exploration permits. In December 2013, Falcon Australia entered an agreement (“**TOG Agreement**”) with Malcolm John Gerrard, Territory Oil & Gas LLC and Tom Dugan Family Partnership LLC (“**TOG Group**”) to acquire 7% (seven eighths) of their 8% private ORRI over the Beetaloo Sub-basin exploration permits. Falcon Australia completed the two agreements to acquire 8% of the privately held ORRI at a total cost of \$7 million, of which \$1 million was paid in November 2013 and \$6 million on completion of the farm-out with Origin and Sasol in August 2014. Falcon Australia also secured an agreement to acquire a further 3% based on two five year call options granted to Falcon Australia at a future combined cost of \$20 million to Falcon Australia and Origin in proportion to their interest, leaving a 1% royalty in private hands.

CRIAG was adjudicated bankrupt on 21 March 2017, following which Falcon Australia and Origin approached the liquidator of CRIAG (the “**Liquidator**”) with a view to terminating the ORRI. On 3 October 2018 Falcon Australia announced that they and Origin had signed a termination agreement with the Liquidator and paid CHF150,000 (approximately US\$151,000) to the Liquidator and the 1% ORRI was terminated.

On **23 April 2019** it was announced that Falcon Australia had successfully negotiated a two-year extension of the call option up to and including 31 August 2021 (“the **Extension**”), to acquire its 30% portion of the 2% ORRI from the TOG Group. The Extension will be submitted to the Northern Territory government, Australia for review, approval and registration if required. Falcon Australia will pay US\$500,000 to the TOG Group for granting the Extension, with the cost of exercising Falcon Australia's portion of the call option increasing from US\$4.5 million to US\$7.5 million.

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### ***Transformational Farm Out of Beetaloo unconventional acreage***

On 21 August 2014, Falcon Australia completed its farm-out agreement and joint operating agreement (collectively the “**Agreements**”) with the Farminees, each farming into 35% of Falcon Australia’s exploration permits in the Beetaloo Sub-basin, Australia (the “**Permits**”).

The transaction details were:

- Falcon Australia received A\$20 million cash from the Farminees.
- Origin was appointed operator.
- Farminees to carry Falcon Australia in a nine well exploration and appraisal programme over 2014 to 2018 inclusive, detailed as follows:
  - 3 vertical exploration/stratigraphic wells and core studies;
  - 1 hydraulic fracture stimulated vertical exploration well and core study;
  - 1 hydraulic fracture stimulated horizontal exploration well, commercial study and 3C resource assessment; and
  - 4 hydraulic fracture stimulated horizontal exploration/appraisal wells, micro-seismic and 90 day production tests.
- Drilling/testing specifically planned to take the project towards commerciality. Falcon Australia retained a 30% interest in the Permits.
- Farminees to pay for the full cost of completing the first five wells estimated at A\$64 million, and to fund any cost overruns.
- Farminees to pay the full cost of the following two horizontally fracture stimulated wells, 90 day production tests and micro seismic data collection with a capped expenditure of A\$53 million, any cost overrun funded by each party in proportion to their working interest.
- Farminees to pay the full cost of the final two horizontally fracture stimulated wells and 90 day production tests capped at A\$48 million, any cost overrun funded by each party in proportion to their working interest.
- Farminees may reduce or surrender their interests back to Falcon Australia only after:
  - The drilling of the first five wells; or
  - The drilling and testing of the subsequent two horizontally fracture stimulated wells.

On **5 May 2017**, it was announced that Origin had acquired Sasol’s 35% interest in the Beetaloo joint venture. The transaction did not impact Falcon’s 2014 farm-out agreement detailed above, as Origin assumed 100% of the future costs of the farm-out. Sasol departed the Joint Venture to focus its capital investment on its African and North American footprint.

On **16 August 2018**, Falcon Australia announced it had signed an agreement to amend the farm-out agreement with Origin to deem Stage 1 of the exploration and appraisal drilling programme in the Beetaloo Sub-basin complete and to commence Stage 2, with an A\$15 million increase to the Stage 2 capped expenditure. Details of the announcement were as follows:

#### *Stage 1 Early Completion*

The joint venture (“**JV**”) agreed that, following the success of the fracture stimulated horizontal well in 2016, accelerating into the Stage 2 horizontal drilling programme was far more beneficial than fracture stimulating the final vertical well under Stage 1.

#### *Stage 2 - A\$15 million Cost Cap Increase*

With the removal of the fracture stimulation of the vertical well and accelerating the commencement of Stage 2, Origin agreed to increase the Stage 2 expenditure by A\$15 million, to approximately A\$65 million for the exploration and appraisal programme. Any portion of the A\$15 million increase not utilised during Stage 2 will transfer to the Stage 3 capped expenditure, which currently stands at A\$48 million.

#### *Stage 2 Exploration and Appraisal Drilling Program*

The JV has agreed to evaluate the potential of the liquid-rich gas fairways in both the Kyalla and Velkerri plays. Exploration and appraisal activities planned for 2019 include the drilling of one vertical well and the drilling and hydraulic fracture stimulation of two horizontal wells. This will allow for the assessment of three plays, including the Velkerri B dry gas play discovered in 2016, so that the most commercially prospective play can be targeted during Stage 3.

#### *Stage 3 Early Capital Commitments*

The Stage 2 exploration and appraisal drilling programme will determine the most commercially prospective play to be targeted during Stage 3. The JV has agreed to the early commitment of Stage 3 capital expenditure during 2019, allowing for an efficient transition from Stage 2 to Stage 3, where Origin and Falcon Australia agree to proceed to Stage 3.

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Falcon Australia had expected the work on the first five wells to be completed in 2016, the next two horizontally fracture stimulated wells to be undertaken in 2017 and the final two horizontally fracture stimulated wells to be undertaken in 2018. The moratorium on hydraulic fracturing has delayed the completion of the drilling and exploration programme. Work has however commenced at some well sites, including water bore drilling and water monitoring, with drilling targeted to commence in June 2019.

**Discoveries and Prospectivity**

Work was previously undertaken by a Rio Tinto Group subsidiary company, Sweetpea Petroleum Pty Ltd. (“Sweetpea”), Hess Australia (Beetaloo) Pty. Ltd (“Hess”) and Falcon Australia. Sweetpea drilled the Shenandoah-1 vertical well, which was deepened by Falcon Australia. Hess acquired 3,490 kilometres of 2D seismic data. The seismic database, along with existing well data, provided a solid platform to extrapolate a detailed structural and stratigraphic model for the Beetaloo Sub-basin, concluding the Beetaloo Sub-basin an active petroleum system.

2015 saw the commencement of the work programme with the drilling of three wells, Kalala S-1 to a total depth (“TD”) of 2,619 metres, Amungee NW-1 to a TD of 2,611 metres and the first horizontal well, Amungee NW-1H to a TD of 3,808 metres, including a 1,100 metre horizontal section. In 2016, the Beetaloo W-1 well was drilled to a TD of 3,173 metres and the horizontal Amungee NW-1H well was hydraulic stimulated.

On **12 October 2016**, Falcon Australia announced that Origin had submitted a Notification of Discovery to the DPIP on the Amungee NW-1H well in the Beetaloo Sub-basin and on **15 February 2017** it was announced that Origin had submitted the Results of Evaluation of the Discovery and Preliminary Estimate of Petroleum in Place for the Amungee NW-1H Velkerri B Shale Gas Pool (“**Discovery Evaluation Report**”) to the Northern Territory Government.

The submission followed the completion of extended production testing at the Amungee NW-1H exploration well of the “B Shale” member of the Middle Velkerri formation.

In addition, Origin undertook a resource study based on the Amungee NW-1H well results and other key wells in the Beetaloo Sub-basin including regional seismic data to determine a best estimate (“**2C**”) contingent gas resource estimate for the Middle Velkerri B Shale Pool within EP76, EP98 and EP117.

Key Details of the Discovery Evaluation Report

The Discovery Evaluation Report was submitted in compliance with Section 64 of the Northern Territory Petroleum Act (2016) and as per the Reporting a Petroleum Discovery Guideline. The Report provides the following volumetric estimates and recovery / utilisation factors for the B Shale member of the Middle Velkerri formation within permits EP76, EP98, and EP117.

<b>Middle Velkerri B Shale Volumetric Estimates as of 15 February 2017 (1)</b>		
	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Net Attributable (2)</b>
	<b>Best Estimate</b>	<b>Best Estimate</b>
Area km <sup>2</sup> (3)	16,145	4,751
Original Gas In Place (“OGIP”) (TCF)(4)	496	146
Combined Recovery / Utilisation Factor (5)	16%	16%
Technically Recoverable Resource (TCF)	85	25
OGIP Concentration (BCF/km <sup>2</sup> ) (6)	31	31
<sup>1</sup> The Report and estimates included in the table above were not prepared in accordance with the Canadian Oil and Gas Evaluation Handbook (“COGEH”)		
<sup>2</sup> Falcon’s working interest is 29.43%, net attributable numbers do not incorporate royalties over the permits		
<sup>3</sup> Area defined by a depth range at a maturity cut-off consistent with the dry gas window within the Beetaloo JV Permits (EP76, EP98, EP117)		
<sup>4</sup> Trillion cubic feet		
<sup>5</sup> The combined recovery/utilization factor range was applied stochastically to the OGIP range to calculate the range of technically recoverable resource within the Beetaloo JV permits.		
<sup>6</sup> Billion cubic feet per square kilometre		

Understanding the factors controlling deliverability and recovery as well as spatial variation within the gas play/shale pool are in their infancy. A quantitative assessment of the aggregated estimated recoverable resource of the gas play that can handle these complexities will require a statistically significant number of wells testing the gas play. As there is only a single production test within the gas play Origin decided upon a qualitative assessment approach instead to estimate the technically recoverable resource. There is no certainty that any portion of the resources will be discovered. If discovered, there is no certainty that it will be commercially viable to produce any portion of the resources.

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Factors considered in the qualitative assessment of technically recoverable hydrocarbon resource in the gas play were the stimulated rock volume recovery factor range, the subsurface utilization factor range and surface utilization factor range.

Origin's Contingent Gas Resource Estimates for the Middle Velkerri B Shale Pool within EP76, EP98 and EP117. Origin also prepared a contingent resource estimate using probabilistic methods and reservoir evaluation data, in addition to regional seismic data.

<b>Assessment of 2C Contingent Gas Resource Estimates for the Middle Velkerri B Shale Pool within EP76, EP98 and EP117 as of 15 February, 2017<sup>1</sup></b>		
<b>Measured and Estimated Parameters</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Best Estimate</b>
<b>Area<sup>2</sup></b>	km <sup>2</sup>	1,968
<b>OGIP<sup>3</sup></b>	TCF	61.0
<b>Gross Contingent Resource<sup>4</sup></b>	TCF	6.6
<b>Net Contingent Resource<sup>4,5</sup></b>	TCF	1.94

<sup>1</sup> Contingent resource estimates were prepared on a statistical aggregation basis and in accordance with the Society of Petroleum Engineers Petroleum Resources Management System ("SPE-PRMS"). SPE-PRMS was developed by an international group of reserves evaluation experts and endorsed by the World Petroleum Council, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, the Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers, and the Society of Exploration Geophysicists. Contingent resource estimates are those quantities of gas (produced gas minus carbon dioxide and inert gasses) that are potentially recoverable from known accumulations but which are not yet considered commercially recoverable due to the need for additional delineation drilling, further validation of deliverability and original gas in place, and confirmation of prices and development costs. If the estimates were to be prepared in accordance with COGEH, Falcon Australia is highly confident that there would be no change to the contingent resource estimates above.

<sup>2</sup> P50 area from the Contingent Resource area distribution

<sup>3</sup> OGIP presented is the product of the P50 Area by the P50 OGIP per km<sup>2</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Estimated gas contingent resource category of 2C. There is no certainty that it will be commercially viable to produce any portion of the resources

<sup>5</sup> Net to Falcon's 29.43% working interest in EP76, EP98, and EP117, the net contingent resource number does not incorporate royalties over the permits

As noted in Origin's press release the "The contingent resource estimates contained in [their] report are based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation that have been prepared by Alexander Côté who is a full-time Origin employee and a Qualified Reserves and Resource Evaluator. Mr Côté is a registered professional engineer with specialised unconventional gas resource characterisation and development experience. Mr Côté has consented to the form and context in which these statements appear". Mr Côté is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta.

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*Further information relating to the disclosure of the contingent gas resource estimates*

<b>Well Name</b>	Amungee NW-1H
<b>Permit / location</b>	EP98 (onshore Beetaloo Sub-basin Northern Territory, Australia)
<b>Working interest in well</b>	Falcon Australia 29.43%
<b>Product type</b>	Shale gas
<b>Geological rock type of formation drilled</b>	Organic rich shale (mudstone and siltstone)
<b>Depth of zones tested</b>	~2170-2190 metres below sea level
<b>Type of test</b>	Production test following hydraulic fracture stimulation
<b>Hydrocarbon phases recovered</b>	Gas (Approximate composition: methane ~92%, ethane+ ~3%, carbon dioxide and inerts ~5%)
<b>Flow rates and volumes</b>	Average rate (57 days): 1.1 MMscf/d, Final production rate: 1.07 MMscf/d, Cumulative production: 63 MMscf
<b>Number of fracture stimulation stages</b>	11 stages (average size ~ 100 ton per stage)
<b>Risks and level of uncertainty with recovery of resources</b>	<p>Risks and uncertainties include the lifting of the Northern Territory moratorium on hydraulic fracture stimulation, completing longer-duration production testing above the 57 days conducted on Amungee NW-1H, reducing well costs with scale of activity, establishing gas sales agreements and building infrastructure to connect the resource to market.</p> <p>Contingent on the moratorium being lifted, additional appraisal drilling is planned (as per the work program associated with the permits), along with hydraulic fracture stimulation and testing to assess deliverability and move the project towards commercialisation.</p>
<b>Significant positive and negative factors relevant to the estimate</b>	<p>Significant positive factors relevant to the estimate of the contingent resources include the successful well test at Amungee NW-1H which produced enough gas to surface to be of commercial interest; core and log data from Amungee NW-1H, Beetaloo W-1, Kalala S-1, Tanumbirini-1, McManus-1, Atree-2 and Walton-2 provide convincing evidence of a significant volume of moveable hydrocarbons; and the Marcellus Shale (Pa., USA) and Barnett Shale (Tx., USA) are analogous, commercially-productive fields that are similar to the Velkerri B Shale reservoir.</p> <p>Significant negative factors include the lifting of the Northern Territory moratorium on hydraulic fracture stimulation, the limited number of wells on the Company's acreage, lack of a developed service sector providing uncertainty regarding estimates of capital and operating costs, developing hydrocarbon regulations and environmental legislation and the requirement to obtain social acceptability for oil and gas operations.</p>
<b>Commerciality</b>	<p>Currently this project is based on a conceptual study. The economic status is undetermined at this time. The contingent resources will continue to be assessed as additional appraisal wells are drilled and tested in order to better evaluate the commercial potential of the play. After a sufficient number of wells have been drilled to demonstrate that the project is technically feasible and a development plan has been generated, economics can be run to determine commerciality of production.</p>

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## **Operating and Financial Review (continued)**

### ***Current Activity***

On **21 February 2018**, it was announced that Origin had presented a technical paper on the potential of the Kyalla formation in the Beetaloo Sub-basin at the Australia Exploration Geoscience Conference (AEGC) in Sydney. The key conclusions by Origin were the following:

- Reservoir and geomechanical analysis acquired at the Beetaloo W-1 well indicate the presence of two potential Source Rock Reservoir (“**SRR**”) intervals; the middle Kyalla SRR and the lower Kyalla SRR.
- Geomechanical properties of the lower Kyalla SRR suggest it has the greater potential and could be conducive to successful hydraulic fracture stimulation.
- Development of the lower Kyalla SRR, if viable, could have significant cost advantages over that of the middle Velkerri SRR due to expected lower drilling costs.
- Mudgas and core analysis indicate the reservoir is likely to be wet gas which could also improve the economics considerably.
- There is also the possibility that a successful lower Kyalla SRR test could lead to a ‘stacked’ play development with the middle Velkerri SRR. Infrastructure sharing synergies, with a greater portion of centralised infrastructure, could result in significant cost savings and an optimised surface footprint.
- Further appraisal work is required to determine the deliverability of the identified Kyalla SRRs.

On **15 May 2018** Origin presented a technical paper, headlined - “Australia’s premier shale basin: 5 plays 1,000,000,000 years in the making”, at the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (“APPEA”) Conference. The key findings are summarised as follows:

Origin identified four additional potential plays in the Beetaloo Sub-basin in addition to the existing and explored Velkerri shale dry gas play, namely;

- Velkerri shale liquids rich gas play,
- Kyalla shale and hybrid liquids rich gas plays, and
- Hayfield sandstone oil/condensate play.

The Velkerri shale dry gas remains the most materially and technically mature resource. Origin stated, “as such, the Beetaloo provides the JV with a diversified portfolio of material multi-TCF plays, each with the potential to redefine Australia’s energy market.”

#### Velkerri shale liquids rich gas play

- Located along the northern and south-eastern flanks of the Beetaloo Sub-basin.
- Indications that porosity and permeability are higher in these areas.
- Gas composition and maturity modelling indicate a possible condensate to gas ratio (“CGR”) in the region of 5-40 bbl/MMscf.
- A horizontal fracture stimulated well is required to assess technical viability.

#### Kyalla shale and hybrid lithology liquids rich gas play

- Two related liquid rich gas play types have been identified for further appraisal:
  - shale play targets, and
  - hybrid play targets.
- Prospective areas are interpreted to be confined to the JV’s permits.
- There is likely a cost advantage over the Velkerri shale dry gas play as it is shallower.
- Liquid yields could be in the range of 15-60 bbl/MMscf.
- Additional work is required to rank these plays for further appraisal.

#### Hayfield sandstone oil/condensate play

- Interpreted as a thin but regionally extensive sandstone confined to the north of the JV permits.
- Strong wet gas shows in the Amungee NW-1 and other regional wells suggest the presence of liquid hydrocarbons without significant formation water.
- The Hayfield Sandstone is a tight sandstone with a significant secondary porosity network (but low matrix permeability) and potentially the presence of open, uncemented, hydrocarbon filled natural fractures.
- Anticipated to have the highest liquid yields and lowest well costs that could contribute to improved economics of a stacked play development.
- Success will be dependent on the combination of system permeability and resource density.
- Would require a horizontal fracture stimulated well to assess the technical viability of the play.

## Operating and Financial Review (continued)

### Northern Territory Government Moratorium

In September 2016, the Northern Territory introduced a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing and a scientific inquiry into hydraulic fracturing was duly established. On **27 March 2018**, Falcon Australia noted the publication of the Final Report by the scientific inquiry into hydraulic fracturing.

Justice Rachel Pepper noted in Community Update #31 that the overall conclusion is that risk is inherent for the onshore shale gas industry, however if all of the recommendations are implemented, the identified risks associated with any onshore shale gas industry can be mitigated or reduced to an acceptable level, and in some cases, the risks can be eliminated.

### Summary of Final Report

The summary of the Final Report provided the following conclusion:

*“No industry is completely without risk, and the development of any onshore shale gas industry in the NT [Northern Territory] is no exception. But having considered the latest and best-available scientific data from a wide range of sources, and noting the recent and continuing technological improvements in the extraction of onshore shale gas, the conclusion of this Inquiry is that the challenges and risks associated with any onshore shale gas industry in the NT can be appropriately managed by, among other things:*

- *releasing land that is environmentally, socially and culturally appropriate for use for shale gas development;*
- *mandating world-leading engineering standards for the construction, maintenance and de-commissioning of all onshore shale gas wells and for the extraction of shale gas by hydraulic fracturing;*
- *implementing new technologies where relevant as soon as they become available;*
- *requiring the comprehensive monitoring and reporting of all aspects of onshore shale gas operations with real-time public scrutiny of the resulting data;*
- *implementing area (regional) based approval processes;*
- *the completion of a SREBA [strategic regional environmental and baseline assessment] before production to gather essential baseline data prior to any onshore shale gas industry being developed;*
- *insisting on a standalone comprehensive SIA [social impact assessment] for each onshore shale gas project;*
- *ensuring that traditional Aboriginal owners and Aboriginal communities are properly and comprehensively consulted about all aspects (positive and negative) of any onshore shale gas project on or affecting their country;*
- *ensuring that the regulator is truly independent and that laws protecting the environment are properly enforced with sufficiently stringent sanctions for non-compliance;*
- *ensuring greater access to justice;*
- *reforming the current regulatory framework governing onshore shale gas development in the NT to strengthen transparency and accountability of all decision-making;*
- *introducing full fee recovery to fund the necessary regulatory reforms and to ensure that strong oversight is maintained; and*
- *ensuring that all of the recommendations contained in this Report are implemented in full.*

*Of course, nothing is guaranteed. And with any new industry, it is not uncommon for problems to emerge. However, it is the Panel’s opinion that, provided that all of the recommendations made in this Report are adopted and implemented in their entirety, not only should the risks associated with an onshore shale gas industry be minimised to an acceptable level, in some instances, they can be avoided altogether.”*

On **17 April 2018** Falcon Australia welcomed the decision by the NT government to lift the moratorium on hydraulic fracturing. Resumption of field work with Origin to start as soon as practical, adopting recommendations of the scientific inquiry and obtaining necessary approvals to complete the remaining work programme.

On **16 August 2018**, it was announced it had signed an agreement to amend the farm-out agreement with Origin to deem Stage 1 of the exploration and appraisal drilling programme in the Beetaloo Sub-basin complete and to commence Stage 2 with a A\$15 million increase to the Stage 2 Cost Cap. Full details are on page 4.

On **3 October 2018**, it was announced that the JV had signed a termination agreement with the Liquidator of CRIAG and paid CHF150,000 (approximately US\$151,000) to the Liquidator and the 1% ORRI had been terminated.

**Operating and Financial Review (continued)**

On **21 January 2019**, it was announced that Origin had signed a rig contract with Ensign Australia Pty Ltd. for Rig 963 for the 2019 Stage 2 Beetaloo drilling programme, with an option to extend the contract into 2020.

On **23 April 2019** it was announced that Falcon Australia had successfully negotiated a two-year extension of the call option up to and including 31 August 2021 (“the Extension”), to acquire its 30% portion of the 2% ORRI from the TOG Group. The Extension will be submitted to the Northern Territory government, Australia for review, approval and registration if required. Falcon Australia will pay US\$500,000 to the TOG Group for granting the Extension, with the cost of exercising Falcon Australia’s portion of the call option increasing from US\$4.5 million to US\$7.5 million.



**Philip O'Quigley**  
**Chairman**

25 April 2019

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**Falcon Oil & Gas Australia Limited**  
**Directors' Report**  
**Year ended 31 December 2018**

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**Directors' Report**

The Directors have pleasure in submitting their report together with the Financial Report of the Company and the auditor's report thereon for the year ended 31 December 2018.

All amounts referred to in this report and the accompanying Financial Report are in US dollars, unless stated otherwise.

**Principal activities**

The principal activity of the Company in the course of the period was exploration for oil and gas in the Beetaloo Sub-basin, Northern Territory, Australia.

**Financial results**

The net loss after income tax attributable to members of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2018 was \$0.1 million (2017: loss of \$0.1 million).

**Dividends**

There were no dividends paid or declared by the Company during the year ended 31 December 2018 (2017: nil).

**State of affairs**

Following the submission of a Notification of Discovery in 2016, Falcon Australia announced on 15 February 2017 that Origin had submitted a Discovery Evaluation Report to the Northern Territory Government and that Origin had prepared a contingent resource estimate.

In March 2018, the scientific inquiry into hydraulic fracturing concluded its work with the publication of a Final Report and on 17 April 2018, the Northern Territory government announced they would be lifting the moratorium on hydraulic fracturing.

Falcon Australia had expected the work on the first five wells to be completed in 2016, the next two horizontally fracture stimulated wells to be undertaken in 2017 and the final two horizontally fracture stimulated wells to be undertaken in 2018. The moratorium on hydraulic fracturing has delayed the completion of the drilling and exploration programme. Work has however commenced at some well sites, including water bore drilling and water monitoring, with drilling targeted to commence in June 2019.

**Subsequent Event**

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There were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company that occurred during the year under review.

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**Directors' Report (continued)**

**Directors and company secretary**

The names of the persons who were Directors and Company Secretary at any time during the period ended 31 December 2018, the comparative year, and up to the date of the signing of this Financial Report are set out below. Unless indicated otherwise they served as directors for the entire period:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Date of appointment</b>
Philip O'Quigley	Chairman & Executive Director	Appointed 1 May 2012
Anne Flynn	Finance Director	Appointed 30 January 2017
John Carroll	Non - Executive Director	Appointed 31 July 2010
Stephen Peterson	Non - Executive Director and Company Secretary	Appointed 5 August 2008 as company secretary; Appointed 17 February 2014 as Non – Executive Director

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Details of Directors' and Company Secretary's Biographies are included in the Directors' and Company Secretary's Biographies section on page 14 of the financial report.

**Directors' meetings**

The number of directors' meetings held, including meetings held by telephone, and the number of those meetings attended by each of the directors of the Company, while a director during the year ended 31 December 2018 were as follows:

	<b>Board meetings</b>	
	<b>Number of meetings held</b>	<b>Number of meetings attended</b>
Philip O'Quigley	1	1
Anne Flynn	1	1
John Carroll	1	1
Stephen Peterson	1	1

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Written resolutions were provided by the Board members, for various significant matters, pertaining to the Company which occurred in 2018.

**Operating and financial review**

The operating and financial review of the Company during the year is detailed on pages 3 to 10 of this financial report.

**Environmental regulation**

The Company's operations are subject to Australian Commonwealth and Northern Territory environmental regulations and legislation. The Board believes the Company has adequate systems in place for the management of its environmental requirements and is not aware of any significant breach of those environmental requirements as they apply to the Company.

**Directors' Report (continued)**

**Events subsequent to reporting date**

There were no significant events after the reporting date.

**Likely developments**

Falcon Australia had expected the work on the first five wells to be completed in 2016, the next two horizontally fracture stimulated wells to be undertaken in 2017 and the final two horizontally fracture stimulated wells to be undertaken in 2018. The introduction of a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing has delayed the completion of the drilling and exploration programme. Work has commenced at some well sites, including water bore drilling and water monitoring, with drilling targeted to commence in June 2019.

**Indemnification of officers and auditors**

During or since the end of the financial year, the Company has not indemnified or made a relevant agreement to indemnify an officer or auditor of the Company against a liability incurred by such an officer or auditor.

The Company has entered into a Directors and Officers Liability insurance policy. The Directors have not included details of the nature of the liabilities covered or the amount of the premium paid in respect of the Directors' and Officers' Liability policy as such disclosures are prohibited under the terms of the policy.

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

The lead auditor's independence declaration is set out on page 16 and forms part of the directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2018.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

  
**Philip O'Quigley**  
Chairman

25 April 2019

### **Directors' and Company Secretary's Biographies**

The following are the Directors' and Company Secretary's Biographies for individuals who held office at any time during 2018, and until the date of this report.

#### **Philip O'Quigley – Chairman & Executive Director**

Mr. O'Quigley is President and CEO of Falcon Oil & Gas Ltd., the parent company of Falcon Oil & Gas Australia Ltd, and brings over 25 years' experience in senior management positions in the oil and gas industry. His career, which spans a number of London and Dublin listed exploration and production companies, includes experience working in countries such as Argentina, the United States, Algeria, the UK and Ireland. Before joining Falcon Oil & Gas Ltd., he served as Finance Director for Providence Resources, an Irish oil and gas exploration and production company and he remains on the board of Providence Resources as a non - executive director. Mr. O'Quigley is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland and qualified as a Chartered Accountant with Ernst & Young in Dublin.

#### **Anne Flynn - Finance Director**

Ms. Flynn was appointed as Finance Director of Falcon Oil & Gas Australia Ltd in January 2017. Ms. Flynn is also Chief Financial Officer of Falcon Oil & Gas Ltd., the parent company of Falcon Oil & Gas Australia Ltd. Anne joined the Falcon Group in September 2014 as Group Financial Controller with responsibility for the Group's Dublin, Hungarian, Australian and South African finance and commercial functions following over three years in a managerial role with Adobe Systems Inc. Prior to Adobe, she worked with PwC Dublin and PwC New York for six years. Anne is a member of Chartered Accountants Ireland.

#### **John Carroll – Non - Executive Director**

Mr Carroll is a private consultant specialising in government relations and major project facilitation and has more than 40 years' experience in a wide cross – section of public sector positions in Canberra, Queensland and the Northern Territory. Mr Carroll was Chief Executive Officer of the NT Department of Industries and Business from March 2000 until November 2001. Following that he was General Manager, Business and Trade Development, and Deputy Chief Executive and General Manager, Minerals and Energy, NT Department of Business Industries and Resource Development. In May 2005 he was appointed Chief Executive, NT Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines (now known as the Department of Primary Industry and Resources, "DPIR") and held this position until November 2008.

#### **Stephen Peterson - Non - Executive Director and Company Secretary**

Mr. Peterson who was appointed a director on 17 February 2014, has held the position of Company Secretary since the Company was established. His qualifications include a Bachelor of Economics with Honours from Sydney University and a Master of Commerce from the University of New South Wales. Mr. Peterson has over 30 years of experience in senior financial roles and as company secretary with listed public companies primarily in the Australian resources industry. Since 2005 he has operated a financial and administrative services business providing services on a long-term contract basis to a number of companies in the resources industry. From 1997 to 2005 Mr. Peterson was the Chief Financial Officer of Austral Coal Limited, an underground coking coal producer located south of Sydney. Mr. Peterson has experience in the oil and gas industry having held a senior planning role with Delhi Petroleum Limited which operated in the Cooper Basin of South Australia.

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**Falcon Oil & Gas Australia Limited**  
**Directors' Declaration**  
**Year ended 31 December 2018**

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**Directors' Declaration**

In the opinion of the directors of Falcon Oil & Gas Australia Limited:

- the Company is not a reporting entity;
- (b) the financial report and notes, set out on pages 19 to 33 are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:
  - (i) giving a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2017 and of its performance, as represented by the results of its operations and its cash flows, for the financial year ended on that date in accordance with the statement of compliance and basis of preparation described in Note 2; and
  - (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 2 and the Corporations Regulations 2001; 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.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:



**Philip O'Quigley**  
**Chairman**

25 April 2019



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**DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY JARRAD PRUE TO THE DIRECTORS OF FALCON OIL & GAS AUSTRALIA LIMITED**

As lead auditor of Falcon Oil & Gas Australia Limited for the year ended 31 December 2018, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

1. No contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
2. No contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Prue', written in a cursive style.

**Jarrad Prue**

Director

**BDO Audit (WA) Pty Ltd**

Perth, 25 April 2019



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of Falcon Oil & Gas Australia Limited

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Falcon Oil & Gas Australia Limited, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018, the statement of profit and loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial report, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In our opinion the accompanying financial report of Falcon Oil & Gas Australia Limited, is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (i) Giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2018 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (ii) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 2, and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of the Company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

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

#### Material uncertainty related to going concern

We draw attention to Note 2 to the financial statements, which indicates that the Group may require additional funding to be raised which is yet to be determined. As stated in Note 2, these events or conditions, along with other matters as set out in Note 2 indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

#### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2018, but does not include the financial report and the auditor's report thereon.



Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Responsibilities of the directors 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 and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 2 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at:

[http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\\_files/ar3.pdf](http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_files/ar3.pdf)

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**BDO Audit (WA) Pty Ltd**

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**Jarrad Prue**

**Director**

Perth, 25 April 2019

**Falcon Oil & Gas Australia Limited**  
**Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Year Ended 31 December 2018 \$'000</b>	<b>Year Ended 31 December 2017 \$'000</b>
<b>Revenue</b>			
Oil and natural gas revenue		-	-
<b>Expenses</b>			
General and administrative expenses	5	(92)	(104)
Foreign exchange		18	(17)
		(74)	(121)
<b>Results from operating activities</b>		<b>(74)</b>	<b>(121)</b>
Income tax expense		-	-
<b>Net loss and comprehensive loss for the year</b>		<b>(74)</b>	<b>(121)</b>

The notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Falcon Oil & Gas Australia Limited**  
**Statement of Financial Position**

	Notes	At 31 December 2018 \$'000	At 31 December 2017 \$'000
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Non - current assets</b>			
Exploration and evaluation assets	7	39,705	39,630
Trade and other receivables	8	21	23
		<b>39,726</b>	<b>39,653</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	5	10
Trade and other receivables	10	2	3
		<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>39,733</b>	<b>36,666</b>
<b>Equity and liabilities</b>			
<b>Equity</b>			
Share capital	11	45,642	45,642
Accumulated Losses		<b>(8,824)</b>	<b>(8,750)</b>
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>36,818</b>	<b>36,892</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	12	222	245
Related party loans	13	2,693	2,529
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>2,915</b>	<b>2,774</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<b>39,733</b>	<b>39,666</b>

The notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Falcon Oil & Gas Australia Limited**  
**Statement of Changes in Equity**

	Share capital \$'000	Accumulated Losses \$'000	Total Equity \$'000
At 1 January 2017	45,642	(8,629)	37,013
Net loss for the year	-	(121)	<b>(121)</b>
Net loss and total comprehensive loss for the year	-	(121)	(121)
<b>At 31 December 2017</b>	<b>45,642</b>	<b>(8,750)</b>	<b>36,892</b>
At 1 January 2018	45,642	(8,750)	36,892
Net loss for the year	-	(74)	<b>(74)</b>
Net loss and total comprehensive loss for the year	-	(74)	<b>(74)</b>
<b>At 31 December 2018</b>	<b>45,642</b>	<b>(8,824)</b>	<b>36,818</b>

The notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Falcon Oil & Gas Australia Limited**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**

	Year Ended 31 December	
	2018	2017
	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net loss for the period	(74)	(121)
Changes in working capital		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(22)	17
<b>Net cash (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>(96)</b>	<b>(104)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Exploration and evaluation assets	(75)	(12)
<b>Net cash (used in) investing activities</b>	<b>(75)</b>	<b>(12)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from related party loans	164	115
<b>Net cash from financing activities</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>115</b>
Change in cash and cash equivalents	(7)	(1)
Effect of exchange rates on cash on cash equivalents	2	(1)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	10	12
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>

The notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## **1. General Information**

Falcon Oil & Gas Australia Limited (the “**Company**” or “**Falcon Australia**”) is domiciled in Australia at 89 Fox Valley Road Wahroonga, NSW 2076, Australia. The Company was incorporated on 21 August 2008. The Company is a for - profit entity and primarily is involved in oil and gas exploration. The parent entity, owning 98.1% of Falcon Australia is Falcon Oil & Gas Limited (“**Falcon**”), a Canadian entity.

Falcon is incorporated in British Columbia, Canada and headquartered in Dublin, Ireland. Falcon’s Common Shares are traded on Toronto’s TSX Venture Exchange (“**TSX-V**”) (symbol: FO.V); AIM, a market operated by the London Stock Exchange (symbol: FOG) and ESM, a market regulated by the Irish Stock Exchange (symbol: FAC).

## **2. Accounting policies**

The significant accounting policies adopted by the Company are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented, unless otherwise stated.

### **Basis of preparation and going concern**

The Company’s ability to continue as a going concern in the foreseeable future is dependent upon the continued support of its 98.1% parent Falcon Oil & Gas Ltd. The 98.1% parent Falcon Oil & Gas Ltd., has committed to providing financial support to enable the Company to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future.

As at 31 December 2018, its ultimate parent, Falcon Oil & Gas Ltd, had \$6.9m of cash and cash deposits, which is sufficient to cover ongoing operating costs for the next 12 months from the date of signing the financial statements. Work has recommenced on Falcon Australia’s Beetaloo Sub-basin asset in the Northern Territory Australia. Falcon Australia entered Stage 2 of the work programme in August 2018, which has a Cost Cap of approximately A\$65 million. Costs above the Cost Cap would need to be financed in accordance with their 30% participating interest. Stage 2 of the work programme has only recently commenced, with drilling targeted for June 2019. As at the date of signing of these financial statements the estimation of the final costs for Stage 2, and therefore the amount, if any, that would need to be contributed remains uncertain.

The financial statements have been prepared on the basis that the entity is a going concern, which contemplates the continuity of normal business activity, realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities in the normal course of business. The Directors and Management of its ultimate parent, Falcon Oil & Gas Ltd., are confident that should funding be required it can be raised through either an equity raise or debt funding. As at the date of this report no such funding has been raised and there can be no certainty that sufficient funds can be raised if required. These conditions indicate a material uncertainty that may cast a significant doubt about the entity’s ability to continue as a going concern and, therefore, that it may be unable to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of business. Having given due consideration to the cash requirements of the Falcon Group, the Board of Directors (“the Board”) has a reasonable expectation that the Company will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the Board continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing these financial statements which assumes Falcon Australia will be able to meet its liabilities as they fall due for the foreseeable future.

Should the entity not be able to continue as a going concern, it may be required to realise its assets and discharge its liabilities other than in the ordinary course of business, and at amounts that differ from those stated in the financial statements and that the financial report does not include any adjustments relating to the recoverability and classification of recorded asset amounts or liabilities that might be necessary should the entity not continue as a going concern.

### **Statement of compliance**

The special purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and the recognition and measurement aspects of all applicable Australian Accounting Standards (“**AASBs**”) adopted by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (“**AASB**”). The directors have determined that the Company is not a reporting entity.

The financial report does not include the disclosure requirements of all AASBs except for the following minimum requirements.

- AASB 101 ‘Presentation of Financial Statements’;
- AASB 107 ‘Cash Flow Statements’;
- AASB 108 ‘Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors’;
- AASB 110 ‘Events after the End of the Reporting Period’;
- AASB 1048 ‘Interpretation and Application of Standards’; and
- AASB 1054 ‘Australian Additional Disclosures’.

## **2. Accounting policies (continued)**

A number of new standards, amendments to standards and interpretations, were effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019 and have not been applied in preparing this financial report. The Company has reviewed these standards and interpretations and determined none of these standards and interpretations materially impact the Company.

The financial report was authorised for issue by the directors on 25 April 2019.

### **Historical cost convention**

The financial report is prepared on the historical cost basis with the exception of trade and other receivables that are initially recognised at fair value, and subsequently measured at amortised cost less accumulated impairment losses.

### **Functional and presentation currency**

The financial report is presented in United States dollars (“\$”), which is the Company’s functional currency. All amounts are rounded to the nearest \$’000 unless otherwise stated. “A\$” where referenced in the financial report represents Australian dollars.

### **Overriding Royalty Interest**

A financial liability will arise in relation to the overriding royalty interests on the Company’s Exploration licence when it becomes likely that an obligation will exist, which would occur when production commences.

### **Call options**

A financial liability will be recognised in relation to call options to acquire overriding royalty interests on the Company’s exploration assets when these become contractual under the agreement.

### **Financial assets**

The Company classifies its financial assets in the following categories: at fair value through the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, loans and receivables and available - for - sale. The classification depends on the purposes for which the financial assets were acquired. Management determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition.

#### ***(i) Financial assets at fair value through the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income***

Financial assets at fair value through the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income are financial assets held for trading. A financial asset is classified in this category if acquired principally for the purposes of selling in the short term. Derivatives are also categorised as held for trading unless they are designated as hedges. Assets in this category are classified as current assets if expected to be settled within 12 months; otherwise, they are classified as non - current.

#### ***(ii) Loans and receivables***

Loans and receivables are non - derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. They arise when the Company provides money, goods or services directly to a debtor with no intention of trading the receivable. They are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently recorded at amortised cost. They are included in current assets, except for maturities greater than 12 months after the end of the reporting period. These are classified as non - current assets. The Company’s loans and receivables comprise “cash and cash equivalents” and “trade and other receivables” in the statement of financial position.

### **Trade payables**

Trade payables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

### **Derivative financial instruments**

Derivatives (including embedded derivatives) are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and subsequently re - measured at their fair value. 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 Company has not designated any derivatives as hedges as at 31 December 2018 or 31 December 2017.

## **2. Accounting policies (continued)**

Embedded derivatives are separated from the host contract and accounted for separately if the economic characteristics and risks of the host contract and the embedded derivative are not closely related. Changes in the fair value of separable embedded derivatives are recognised immediately in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

### **Share capital**

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of ordinary shares and share options are recognised as a deduction from equity, net of any tax effects.

### **Intangible exploration assets**

#### **(i) Recognition and measurement**

##### *- Exploration and evaluation (“E&E”) expenditures*

Pre - license costs are recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income as part of exploration and evaluation expenses as incurred.

E&E costs, including the costs of acquiring licenses and directly attributable general and administrative costs, initially are capitalised as either tangible or intangible exploration and evaluation assets according to the nature of the assets acquired. The costs are accumulated in cost centers by well, field or exploration area pending determination of technical feasibility and commercial viability i.e. area of interest.

E&E assets are assessed for impairment if (i) sufficient data exists to determine technical feasibility and commercial viability, or (ii) facts and circumstances suggest that the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount. For purposes of impairment testing, E&E assets are allocated to cash - generating units.

The technical feasibility and commercial viability of extracting a resource is considered to be determinable when proven reserves are determined to exist. A review of each exploration license or field is carried out, at least annually, to ascertain whether proven reserves have been discovered. Upon determination of proven reserves, intangible exploration and evaluation assets attributable to those reserves are first tested for impairment and then reclassified from E&E assets to a separate category within tangible assets referred to as oil and natural gas interests.

Proceeds from disposal or farm - out transactions of intangible exploration assets are used to reduce the carrying amount of the assets. When proceeds exceed the carrying amount, the difference is recognised as a gain. When the Company disposes of its' full interests, gains or losses are recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

##### *- Development and production costs*

Items of property, plant and equipment, which include oil and gas development and production assets, are measured at cost less accumulated depletion and depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Development and production assets are grouped into cash - generated units (“CGU’s”) for impairment testing. When significant parts of an item of property, plant and equipment, including oil and natural gas interests, have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components).

Gains and losses on disposal of an item of oil and natural gas interests, are determined by comparing the proceeds from disposal with the carrying amount and are recognised net within “other income” or “other expenses” in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

#### **(ii) Subsequent costs**

Costs incurred subsequent to the determination of technical feasibility and commercial viability and the costs of replacing parts of property, plant and equipment are recognised as oil and natural gas interests only when they increase the future economic benefits embodied in the specific asset to which they relate. All other expenditures are recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income as incurred.

Such capitalised oil and natural gas interests generally represent costs incurred in developing proved and / or probable reserves and bringing in or enhancing production from such reserves and are accumulated on a field or geotechnical area basis. The carrying amount of any replaced or sold component is derecognised. The costs of the day - to - day servicing of property, plant and equipment are recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income as incurred.

## **2. Accounting policies (continued)**

### **Leased assets**

Operating leases are not recognised on the Company's statement of financial position.

Payments made under operating leases are recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income on a straight - line basis over the term of the lease. Lease incentives received are recognised as an integral part of the total lease expense, over the term of the lease.

### **Impairment**

#### **(i) Financial assets**

A financial asset is assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any objective evidence that it is impaired. A financial asset would be impaired if objective evidence indicates that one or more events have had a negative effect on the estimated future cash flows of that asset.

An impairment loss in respect of a financial asset measured at amortised cost is calculated as the difference between its carrying amount and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the original effective interest rate.

Individually significant financial assets are tested for impairment on an individual basis. The remaining financial assets are assessed collectively in groups that share similar credit risk characteristics.

All impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income. An impairment loss is reversed if the reversal can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised. For financial assets measured at amortised cost the reversal is recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

#### **(ii) Non - financial assets**

The carrying amounts of the Company's non - financial assets, other than E&E assets 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. E&E assets are assessed for impairment when they are reclassified to property, plant and equipment, as oil and natural gas interests, and also if facts and circumstances suggest that the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

For impairment testing, assets are grouped together into the smallest group of assets that generates cash inflows from continuing use that are largely independent of the cash inflows of other assets or groups of assets, the cash - generating unit ("**CGU**"). The recoverable amount of an asset or a CGU 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 assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. Value in use is generally computed by reference to the present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from production of proven and probable reserves.

E&E assets are allocated to related CGU's when they are assessed for impairment, both at the time of any triggering facts and circumstances as well as upon their eventual reclassification to producing assets (oil and natural gas interests in property, plant and equipment).

An impairment loss is recognised if the carrying amount of an asset or its CGU exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income. Impairment losses recognised in respect of CGU's are allocated to reduce the carrying amounts of the other assets in the unit (group of units) on a pro rata basis.

Impairment losses recognised in prior years 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 depletion and depreciation or amortisation, if no impairment loss had been recognised.

### **Provisions**

A provision is recognised if, as a result of a past event, the Company 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

## **2. Accounting policies (continued)**

that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

### **(i) Decommissioning provisions**

The Company's activities give rise to dismantling, decommissioning and site disturbance re - mediation activities. Provision is made for the estimated cost of site restoration and capitalised in the relevant asset category.

Decommissioning provisions are measured at the present value of management's best estimate of expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the statement of financial position date. Subsequent to initial measurement, the obligation is adjusted at the end of each period to reflect the passage of time and changes in the estimated future cash flows underlying the obligation. The increase in the provision due to the passage of time is recognised as finance costs whereas increases / decreases due to changes in the estimated future cash flows are recorded against the related asset. Actual costs incurred upon settlement of the decommissioning provisions are charged against the provision to the extent the provision was established.

### **Finance income and expenses**

Financing costs comprise interest payable on borrowings calculated using the effective interest method, and interest earned.

Interest income is recognised as it accrues in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, using the effective interest method.

Interest bearing borrowings are recognised initially at fair value less attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, interest bearing borrowings are stated at amortised cost with any difference between cost and redemption value being recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income over the period of the borrowings on an effective interest basis.

Foreign currency gains and losses, reported under finance income and expenses, are those related to financing items.

### **Income tax**

Income tax expense comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax expense is recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other 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.

Deferred tax is recognised using the statement of financial position 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 on the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination. In addition, deferred tax is not recognised for taxable temporary differences arising on the initial recognition of goodwill. Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to temporary differences when they reverse, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to offset, and they relate to income taxes levied by the same tax authority on the same taxable entity, or on different tax entities, but they intend to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis or their tax assets and liabilities will be realised simultaneously.

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 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.

### **Goods and services tax**

Revenue, 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 Australian Tax office ("**ATO**") is included as a current asset or liability in the statement of financial position.

## **2. Accounting policies (continued)**

Cash flows are included in the statement of cash flows on a gross basis unless otherwise indicated.

## **3. Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

Preparation of the financial report requires a significant number of judgemental assumptions and estimates to be made. This impacts the income and expenses recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income together with the valuation of the assets and liabilities in the statement of financial position. Such estimates and judgements are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectation of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances and are subject to continual re - evaluation. It should be noted that the impact of valuation in some assumptions and estimates can have a material impact on the reported results.

The following are key sources of estimation uncertainty and critical accounting judgements in applying the Company's accounting policies:

### ***Critical judgments***

#### ***(i) Exploration and evaluation assets***

The carrying value of exploration and evaluation assets was \$39.7 million at 31 December 2018 (2017: \$39.6 million). The Company has determined that there are no indicators of impairment present in accordance with AASB 6 "Exploration for and evaluation of mineral interests" and thus impairment evaluations were not performed on the asset.

Management's conclusion that no facts or circumstances exist that suggested the exploration and evaluation assets may be impaired required judgment based on experience and the expected progress of current exploration and evaluation activities.

Results from the 2016 drilling programme were very encouraging which resulted in a Notification of Discovery to the DPIR in October 2016 and the submission of the Discovery Evaluation Report in February 2017. It has also resulted in the announcement of a contingent resource estimate by Origin.

Falcon Australia had expected the work on the first five wells to be completed in 2016, the next two horizontally fracture stimulated wells to be undertaken in 2017 and the final two horizontally fracture stimulated wells to be undertaken in 2018. The introduction of a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing has delayed the completion of the well programme. Work has however commenced at some well sites, including water bore drilling and water monitoring, with drilling targeted to commence in June 2019.

Falcon Australia does not believe that the delay brought about by the moratorium on hydraulic fracturing has impacted the carrying value of the asset. Work has commenced at some well sites, including water bore drilling and water monitoring, with drilling targeted to commence in June 2019. The work programme and the announcements during 2018 and 2019 provide sufficient evidence to support the carrying value of the asset.

### ***Critical estimates***

#### ***(ii) Going concern***

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. In considering the financial position of the Company, the Company has considered the forecasted operating and capital expenditures for the foreseeable future and cash flows relating to its financing. Forecasting those cash flows requires significant judgment when estimating expected operating expenditure, capital expenditure and the continued support of the parent company, whose loan to the Company will be extended for another three years to December 2021. For further details on going concern please refer to note 2 on page 23.

## **4. Standards, Interpretations and amendments to published standards that are not yet effective**

New standards, amendments to standards and interpretations are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 January 2019 and have not been applied in preparing these financial statements. The Company does not plan to adopt these standards, early and the extent of the impact has not been assessed yet.

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**5. General and administrative expenses**

General and administrative expenses costs of:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018 \$'000	2017 \$'000
Accounting and audit fees	20	18
Consulting fees	26	36
Office and Administrative costs	11	12
Directors' fees	29	31
Travel and promotion	6	7
	<b>92</b>	<b>104</b>

**6. Auditors' Remuneration**

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018 \$'000	2017 \$'000
Audit of financial report – BDO	11	10
Tax fees – BDO	3	3
	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>

The Company has considered the non – audit tax services provided during the year by the auditor. The Company 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 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 auditor's own work, acting in a management or decision-making capacity for the Group, acting as an advocate for the Group or jointly sharing risks and rewards.

**7. Exploration & Evaluation assets**

	Year ended 31 December	
	2018 \$'000	2017 \$'000
Opening balance at 1 January	39,630	39,618
Additions	75	12
Balances as at 31 December	<b>39,705</b>	<b>39,630</b>

E&E assets consist of the Company's exploration projects which are pending the determination of proven or probable reserves. Additions represent the Company's costs incurred on E&E assets during the period.

The impairment of intangible exploration assets, and any eventual reversal thereof, is recognised as additional depletion, depreciation and amortisation expense in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income as impairment of non - current assets. As at 31 December 2018 and 31 December 2017, there were no indicators of impairment as defined by AASB 6, and as such no impairment testing was performed.

On 21 August 2014, Falcon Australia completed the Agreements with Origin and Sasol, each farming into 35% of Falcon Australia's Exploration Permits in the Beetaloo Sub-basin, Australia.

The transaction details were:

- Falcon Australia received A\$20 million cash from the farminees.
- Origin was appointed as Operator.
- Farminees to carry Falcon Australia in a nine well exploration and appraisal program, detailed as follows:
  - 3 vertical exploration/stratigraphic wells and core studies;

**7. Exploration & Evaluation assets (continued)**

- 1 hydraulic fracture stimulated vertical exploration well and core study;
  - 1 hydraulic fracture stimulated horizontal exploration well, commercial study and 3C resource assessment; and
  - 4 hydraulic fracture stimulated horizontal exploration/appraisal wells, micro-seismic and 90 day production tests.
- Drilling/testing specifically planned to take the project towards commerciality. Falcon Australia retains a 30% interest in the Permits.
  - Farminees to pay for the full cost of completing the first five wells estimated at A\$64 million, and to fund any cost overruns.
  - Farminees to pay the full cost of the following two horizontally fracture stimulated wells, 90 day production tests and micro seismic with a capped expenditure of A\$53 million, any cost overrun funded by each party in proportion to their working interest.
  - Farminees to pay the full cost of the final two horizontally fracture stimulated wells and 90 day production tests capped at A\$48 million, any cost overrun funded by each party in proportion to their working interest.
  - Farminees may reduce or surrender their interests back to Falcon Australia only after:
    - the drilling of the first five wells or
    - the drilling and testing of the next two horizontally fracture stimulated wells.

On 5 May 2017 it was announced that Origin had acquired Sasol's 35% interest in in the Beetaloo Joint Venture, bringing its interest to 70%. Sasol departed the Joint Venture to focus its capital investment on its African and North American footprint. The transaction does not impact Falcon Australia's 2014 farm-out agreement as Origin assumed 100% of the future costs of the farm-out.

On 16 August 2018 it was announced the Company had signed an agreement to amend the Farm Out Agreement with Origin, to deem Stage 1 of the exploration and appraisal drilling programme complete, thereby removing the requirement to fracture stimulate a vertical well and accelerate the programme into Stage 2 with a A\$15 million increase to the Stage 2 Cost Cap.

Originally the Group indicated that it expected the work on the first five wells to be completed in 2016, the next two horizontally fracture stimulated wells to be undertaken in 2017 and the final two horizontally fracture stimulated wells to be undertaken in 2018. The introduction of a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing has delayed the completion of the drilling and exploration programme. Work has however commenced at some well sites, including water bore drilling and water monitoring, with drilling targeted to commence in June 2019.

For an update on 2017/2018/2019 operations please refer to the Operating and Financial Review.

**8. Trade and other receivables (non - current assets)**

	<b>2018</b>	As at 31 December 2017
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
Bonds for permits	<b>21</b>	23
	<b>21</b>	23

**9. Cash and cash equivalents**

	<b>2018</b>	As at 31 December 2017
	<b>\$'000</b>	\$'000
Cash and cash equivalents	<b>5</b>	10
	<b>5</b>	10

Cash and cash equivalents can include cash on hand, deposits held on call with banks, other short term highly liquid investments with initial maturities of three months or less at inception and bank overdrafts where a legal right of offset exists. Bank overdrafts where no legal right of offset exists are shown within borrowings in current liabilities in the statement of financial position

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**10. Trade and other receivables (current assets)**

	2018 \$'000	As at 31 December 2017 \$'000
Prepayments	1	2
Other receivables	1	1
	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

**11. Share Capital**

The following is a reconciliation of the issued and outstanding shares in issue:

	Number of share	Share Capital \$'000
At 31 December 2017	206,393,237	45,642
<b>At 31 December 2018</b>	<b>206,393,237</b>	<b>45,642</b>

Holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at shareholders' meetings. The Company does not have authorised capital or par value in respect of its issued shares

In the event of winding up of the Company, ordinary shareholders rank after creditors and are fully entitled to any proceeds of liquidation.

The Company's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern to realise its investment in the Beetaloo exploration permits. The company manages the components of shareholders' equity and its cash as capital and adjusts components in response to the Company's business objectives and the economic climate. To maintain or adjust its capital structure, the Company may issue new common shares or debt instruments or borrow money or acquire or convey interests in other assets. The Company does not anticipate the payment of dividends in the foreseeable future. The Company is dependent upon its 98.1 % Parent Company for continued funding.

**12. Accounts payable and accrued expenses**

	2018 \$'000	As at 31 December 2017 \$'000
Trade payables	8	9
Accruals	214	236
	<b>222</b>	<b>245</b>

**13. Related party loans**

	2018 \$'000	As at 31 December 2017 \$'000
Related party loans - Falcon Oil & Gas Ltd	2,693	2,529
	<b>2,693</b>	<b>2,529</b>

The Company's acquisition and exploration expenditure has been primarily funded by way of loan from its parent entity, Falcon Oil & Gas Ltd. The interest free loan facility exists until 31 December 2021 so long as the Company remains a 98.1% subsidiary of Falcon Oil & Gas Ltd. The loan is repayable on demand.

#### **14. Overriding Royalty, Beetaloo Sub-basin, Australia**

On 1 November 2013, Falcon Australia announced it had entered into an agreement (“**the CRIAG Agreement**”) with CR Innovations AG (“**CRIAG**”) to acquire its 4% Overriding Royalty Interest (“**ORRI**”) relating to its exploration permits in the Beetaloo Sub-basin. The transaction details were:

- Falcon Australia made an initial payment to CRIAG of \$999,000 on signing the CRIAG Agreement;
- Falcon Australia to make a second payment to CRIAG of \$999,000 to acquire the first 3% of the ORRI upon completion of a farm - out deal in Australia;
- CRIAG granted Falcon Australia a 5 year call option to acquire the remaining 1% for \$5 million; and
- All ORRI’s acquired under the CRIAG Agreement will be immediately cancelled by Falcon Australia.

CRIAG was adjudicated bankrupt on 21 March 2017 following which the Company and Origin approached the liquidator of CRIAG (the “Liquidator”) with a view to terminating the ORRI. In October 2018, the Company announced that it along with Origin had signed a termination agreement with the Liquidator and paid CHF150,000 (approximately US\$151,000) to the Liquidator and the 1% ORRI was terminated.

On 17 December 2013, Falcon Australia announced it had entered into an agreement with Malcolm John Gerrard, Territory Oil & Gas LLC and Tom Dugan Family Partnership LLC (“**TOG Group**”) to acquire up to 7% (seven eighths) of their 8% private ORRI over Falcon Australia’s Exploration Permits in the Beetaloo Sub-basin for the following consideration:

- Falcon Australia to make a payment to TOG Group of \$5 million to acquire 5% (five eighths) of their ORRI only on completion of a Beetaloo farm - out transaction;
- TOG Group to grant Falcon Australia a five year call option to acquire a further 2% (two eighths) of their ORRI for a payment of \$15 million;
- All ORRIs acquired under the Agreement will be immediately cancelled by Falcon Australia; and
- TOG Group will retain a 1% ORRI.

On completion of Falcon’s Beetaloo farm-out as announced on the 21 August 2014, Falcon Australia made the second payment to CRAIG in the amount of \$999,000 and to the TOG Group in the amount of \$5 million. The overriding royalty is now at 3%. As detailed in the respective CRAIG agreement and the TOG agreement, Falcon Australia and the Farminees have the option to reduce this royalty further to 1% by the exercise of two call options. The call options will be funded by Falcon Australia and each of the Farminees in proportion to their interest in the permits.

#### **15. Commitments and contingencies**

The Company planned a 9 well drilling programme which commenced in 2015 with its farm-out partners. The details were as follows:

- Farminees to pay for the full cost of completing the first five wells estimated at A\$64 million and will fund any cost overruns.
- Farminees to pay the full cost of the following two horizontally fracture stimulated wells, 90 day production tests and micro seismic with a capped expenditure of A\$53 million, any cost overrun funded by each party in proportion to their working interest.
- Farminees to pay the full cost of the final two horizontally fracture stimulated wells and 90 day production tests capped at A\$48 million, any cost overrun funded by each party in proportion to their working interest.

In August 2018 the Company agreed to amend the original farm-out agreement to deem Stage 1 of the exploration and appraisal drilling programme complete, thereby removing the requirement to fracture stimulate a vertical well and accelerate the programme into Stage 2 with a A\$15 million increase to the Stage 2 Cost Cap.

Originally the Company expected the work on the first five wells to be completed in 2016, the next two horizontally fracture stimulated wells to be undertaken in 2017 and the final two horizontally fracture stimulated wells to be undertaken in 2018. The introduction of a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing has delayed the completion of the drilling and exploration programme. In March 2018, the inquiry concluded its work with the publication of a Final Report and on 17 April 2018, the Northern Territory government announced they would be lifting the moratorium on hydraulic fracturing. Work has already commenced at some well sites, including water bore drilling and water monitoring, with drilling targeted to commence in June 2019.

The Company has no other material commitments or contingencies.

#### **16. Subsequent events**

On 21 January 2019 it was announced that Origin had signed a rig contract with Ensign Australia Pty Ltd. for Rig 963 for the 2019 Stage 2 Beetaloo drilling programme, with an option to extend the contract into 2020.

On 23 April 2019 it was announced that Falcon Australia had successfully negotiated a two-year extension of the call option up to and including 31 August 2021, to acquire its 30% portion of the 2% ORRI from the TOG Group. The Extension will be submitted to the Northern Territory government, Australia for review, approval and registration if required.

Falcon Australia will pay US\$500,000 to the TOG Group for granting the Extension, with the cost of exercising Falcon Australia's portion of the call option increasing from US\$4.5 million to US\$7.5 million.

There were no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the Company that occurred during the year under review.

#### **17. Comparatives**

Comparative figures have been adjusted where necessary, to conform with changes in presentation or where additional analysis has been provided in the current period.

#### **18. Approval of Financial Statements**

This Financial Report was approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 25 April 2019.

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