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## RE : Quarterly Report for Period Ended 30 September 2007

Attached please find Cue Energy Resources Limited's release with respect to the above mentioned.

Yours faithfully

Andrew M Knox Public Officer

# QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING 30 September 2007

#### **QUARTER SUMMARY**

• Cash at the end of the quarter was A\$8.2 million.

#### Papua New Guinea

- Quarterly revenue from SE Gobe field was A\$1.6 million.
- During the quarter, six new 2D seismic lines were acquired over the Kimu gas field.
- During the quarter, the PPL 190 licence was renewed for a further five years over the western half of the licence.
- During the quarter, construction of the drilling pad for the Cobra 1 exploration well began.

#### Indonesia.

• Oil production began from the Oyong field in late September 2007.

#### New Zealand

• During the quarter, considerable progress was achieved on the development of the Maari oil field.

#### Australia

- During the quarter, a farmout to Beach Petroleum Limited was agreed in T/38P. Beach will drill the Spikey Beach -1 well in return for an 80% interest in an agreed area of the permit.
- Subsequent to the end of the quarter, farmouts were agreed with MEO Australia Limited whereby MEO will earn a 60% interest in each permit by meeting the year 3 commitment seismic in each permit and electing to fund 90% of the cost of drilling the first exploration well in each permit, MEO could earn up to a 70% interest, depending on the percentage the current permittees elect to contribute to the well cost.

#### 1. **PRODUCTION**

## PDL 3 - SE Gobe Field, PNG (5.568892% interest) Operator: Santos SE Gobe Unit, PNG (3.285646 % interest) Operator: Oil Search

At the end of the quarter, the SE Gobe field production rate for the year to date averaged approximately 6,400 barrels of oil per day (Cue's share approximately 210 barrels of oil per day). Cue's oil production revenue received during the quarter from the SE Gobe field was A\$1.6 million and equated to 17,836 barrels. Cue did not have any hedging arrangements in place during the quarter.

Oil production from the SEG11 and SEG 12 wells benefited from the SEG 13 ST1 water injection which began early in 2007.

An upgrade of gas injection capacity is expected to be commissioned in late 2007.

#### 2. DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

#### • INDONESIA

# Sampang PSC – Oyong Field - Madura Strait, East Java, Indonesia (15% Interest) Operator: Santos

#### Oyong Background

The Oyong field was discovered in mid 2001.

The oil and gas discovery is in 45 metres of water approximately 8 kilometres south of Madura Island.

On July 19, 2003 a Gas Sales Agreement was signed with PT Indonesia Power for the entire gas reserves of the Oyong field.

The sale is denominated in US dollars.

Oyong is being developed in two phases, an oil phase followed by a gas development phase.

The oil production facilities consist of a well head platform connected to a floating production barge with oil being stored in a nearby moored tanker.

#### **Development Progress**

First oil production began in late September 2007 and commissioning of the production facilities continued during October.

The stabilised oil production rate is expected to be in the range 8,000 - 10,000 barrels of oil per day

Front end engineering and development (FEED) studies and contract tendering continued for the Oyong gas development phase during the quarter.

First gas production is expected in the first half of 2009.

An interim analysis by Santos, the operator for the Oyong field, suggests that recoverable oil volumes for the field are likely to be in the range 3-6-10 million barrels in low, mid and highside cases and that recoverable gas volumes are likely to be in the range 80-97-103 billion cubic feet in low, mid and highside cases.

#### • NEW ZEALAND

PMP 38160 (Granted from December 2005, for 22 years) PEP 38413 (Five year extension approved to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011) Taranaki Basin - New Zealand (5% interest) Operator: OMV New Zealand Maari Oil Field

#### **Development Progress**

Substantial progress has been made on the Maari field development.

Erection of the tower segments of the platform began during the quarter, and most processing modules were aboard the FPSO and conversion of the vessel was 83% complete at the end of the quarter.

First oil is anticipated in the third quarter of 2008 with full production in early 2009.

#### 3. EXPLORATION AND APPRAISAL ACTIVITIES

## • PAPUA NEW GUINEA

#### PDL 3 - Papuan Basin, PNG (5.568892% Interest) Operator: Santos

No exploration activity took place during the quarter.

#### PPL 190 - Papuan Basin, PNG (10.947% Interest) Operator: Oil Search

During the quarter, the PNG authorities renewed the licence for a further five year period over the western half of the original licence area.

Construction of the Cobra - 1 drilling location continued during the quarter with drilling expected to begin in early 2008.

#### PRL -8 - Papuan Basin, PNG (10.72% Interest) Operator: Oil Search

During the quarter, six new infill 2D seismic lines were acquired over the Kimu field.

Oil Search currently estimates that Kimu contains approximately 900 billion cubic feet of recoverable gas that contains no sulphur or carbon dioxide. Cue's net share is approximately 100 billion cubic feet of recoverable gas.

#### PRL -9 - Papuan Basin, PNG (14.894% Interest) Operator: Santos

The Greater Barikewa Field Survey over the Barikewa gas field was completed in the first quarter 2007.

The survey consists of seven geological traverses totalling 40Km. The geological information obtained from the survey was designed to provide a better structural picture of the field.

Barikewa has been assessed, in the past, to have the potential to contain around 800 billion cubic feet of recoverable gas, with Cue's share being approximately 120 billion cubic feet in a most likely case. The results from the geological survey indicate that recoverable gas volumes are likely to be of this order of magnitude at least.

Preparations are being made to drill Barikewa-3 in second quarter 2008. Should sufficient gas reserves be proven by Barikewa-3 and subsequent appraisal wells, the field could potentially be tied into a larger gas project. An export LNG project with a pipeline right-of-way located within 10 kilometres of Barikewa is a potential candidate to allow economic development of the field.

#### • INDONESIA

# Sampang PSC – Madura Strait, East Java, Indonesia (15% Interest), (Jeruk interest 8.181818%)

**Operator: Santos** 

#### Wortel

Wortel -1 located approximately 7km west of the Oyong oil and gas field, encountered a 141 metre gas column overlying a gas water contact.

Wortel -2, which is located 1km east-south east of Wortel -1 failed to encounter significant hydrocarbons or reservoir.

Due to drilling rig timing, it is now expected that a Wortel -3 well will be drilled in the first half of 2008, immediately to the east of Wortel -1, to establish the full potential of the Wortel accumulation.

Subsequent to the end of the quarter, a 360km infill 2D seismic survey was undertaken over Wortel and three nearby leads. The data will be used to assist in locating the Wortel -3 well and to determine the prospectivity of the leads.

The close proximity of Wortel to Oyong allows the possibility of developing Wortel gas through Oyong facilities, with Wortel gas potentially coming on stream at the same time as Oyong gas.

#### Jeruk

Opportunities to commercialize Jeruk continue to be examined and possible development scenarios reviewed. Development of the field will require resolution of commercial, and various technical issues.

#### • AUSTRALIA

#### AC/RL-7 – Timor Sea (Cue interest 20%) Operator: Coogee Resources

The Retention Lease contains the Cash–Maple field which has proven gas at Jurassic and Triassic Levels. The Jurassic reservoir is assessed to contain between 0.7 and 3.1 trillion cubic feet of recoverable gas depending on trap fill. Associated condensate yields are estimated at between 11.9 and 54.7MMstb. The Triassic reservoir contains up to 0.56TCF of recoverable gas and 9.5MMstb condensate.

Cash Maple is a candidate to supply long term gas feedstock to a potential floating methanol facility being considered by companies associated with the operator.

There was no exploration activity during the quarter.

#### **Carnarvon Basin**

#### **EP 363 Carnarvon Basin - Western Australia (10% participation option) Operator: Apache Energy**

No exploration activity took place during the quarter.

#### WA-359-P Carnarvon Basin - Western Australia (50% interest) Operator: Cue Energy Resources

The WA-359-P permit lies to the west of the Mutineer and Exeter oilfields. Interpretation of the existing seismic data has been completed and regional time and depth maps have been constructed and integrated with well information. Prospect mapping is complete and prospect packages have been prepared. A scoping economic study for potential hydrocarbon accumulations in the various permits has also been completed. Subsequent to the end of the quarter, a farmout was agreed with MEO Australia Limited whereby MEO will earn a 60% interest in the permit by acquiring the year 3 commitment seismic in the permit and electing to fund 90% of the cost of drilling the first exploration well in the permit, MEO could earn up to a 70% interest, depending on the percentage the current permittees elect to contribute to the well cost.

MEO will become operator of the permit.

#### WA-360-P Carnarvon Basin - Western Australia (50% interest) Operator: Cue Energy Resources

The WA-360-P permit is adjacent to the giant Rankin gas fields and on trend with the Pluto and Wheatstone gas discoveries.

Interpretation of the existing seismic data has been completed and regional time and depth maps have been constructed and integrated with well information. Prospect mapping is complete and prospect packages have been prepared. A scoping economic study for potential hydrocarbon accumulations in the various permits has also been completed.

Subsequent to the end of the quarter, a farmout was agreed with MEO Australia Limited whereby MEO will earn a 60% interest in the permit by meeting the year 3 commitment seismic in the permit and electing to fund 90% of the cost of drilling the first exploration well in the permit, MEO could earn up to a 70% interest, depending on the percentage the current permittees elect to contribute to the well cost.

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Interpretation of the existing seismic data has been completed and regional time and depth maps have been constructed and integrated with well information. Prospect mapping is complete and prospect packages have been prepared. A scoping economic study for potential hydrocarbon accumulations in the various permits has also been completed.

Subsequent to the end of the quarter, a farmout was agreed with MEO Australia Limited whereby MEO will earn a 60% interest in the permit by meeting the year 3 commitment seismic in the permit and electing to fund 90% of the cost of drilling the first exploration well in the permit, MEO could earn up to a 70% interest, depending on the percentage the current permittees elect to contribute to the well cost.

MEO will become operator of the permit.

#### WA-389-P Carnarvon Basin - Western Australia (100% interest) Operator: Cue Energy Resources Ltd

Re-evaluation of existing technical data is ongoing.

#### Bass Basin T37/P Bass Basin - Tasmania (50% interest) Operator: Cue Energy Resources

The T37/P permit is immediately adjacent to the Yolla gas condensate field which has recently begun production. Yolla also contains oil.

Interpretation of the existing seismic data has been completed and both time and depth maps have been constructed and integrated with existing well information. Prospect and leads have been identified and have been analysed.

Preparations are underway for seismic acquisition in the permit.

Cue has joined a group of companies that will jointly mobilize a seismic vessel to the Gippsland, Bass and Otway areas.

#### T38/P Bass Basin - Tasmania (50% interest) Operator: Cue Energy Resources

The T38/P permit is immediately south of the producing Yolla gas condensate field. Yolla also contains oil. The permit contains the Pelican gas condensate discovery.

Interpretation of the existing seismic data has been completed and both time and depth maps have been constructed and integrated with existing well information. Prospect and leads have been identified and have been analysed.

During the quarter, Beach Petroleum Limited agreed to farmin to T/38P. Beach will earn an 80% interest in a defined portion of the permit by paying for the drilling of the Spikey Beach -1 exploration well which will be operated by Beach and is expected to be drilled in the second half of 2008.

Preparations are underway to conduct a site survey over the Spikey Beach -1 drilling location.

By Order of the Board

Andrew Knox Public Officer

Various statements in this report constitute statements relating to intentions, future acts and events. Such statements are generally classified as forward looking statements and involve known risks, expectations, uncertainties and other important factors that could cause those future acts, events and circumstances to differ from the way or manner in which they are expressly or impliedly portrayed herein.

Some of the more important of these risks, expectations and uncertainties are pricing and production levels from the properties in which the Company has interests, and the extent of the recoverable reserves at those properties. In addition, the Company has a large number of exploration permits. Exploration for oil and gas is expensive, speculative and subject to a wide range of risks. Individual investors should consider these matters in light of their personal circumstances (including financial and taxation affairs) and seek professional advice from their accountant, lawyer or other professional adviser as to the suitability for them of an investment in the Company.

# **Appendix 5B**

Rule 5.3

# Mining exploration entity quarterly report

Introduced 1/7/96. Origin: Appendix 8. Amended 1/7/97, 1/7/98, 30/9/2001.

Name of entity

Cue Energy Resources Limited

ABN

45 066 383 971

Quarter ended ("current quarter") 30 September 2007

Year to date

3 months

Current quarter

#### Consolidated statement of cash flows

#### Cash flows related to operating activities

Cash flows related to operating activities		<b>*</b> + • • • • •	3 months
	-	\$A'000	\$A'000
1.1	Receipts from product sales and related debtors	1,594	1,594
1.2	Payments for (a) exploration and evaluation (refer 2.2)	(1,053)	(1,053)
	(b) development	(2,828)	(2,828)
	(c) production	(2,828) (275)	(2,828) (275)
	(d) administration	(602)	(602)
1.3	Dividends received	(002)	(002)
1.5	Interest and other items of a similar nature	-	-
1.4	received	125	125
1.5	Interest and other costs of finance paid	125	125
1.6	Income taxes paid	(618)	(618)
1.0	Other (loan drawdown, refer 3.1 (i))	2,963	(010)
1.7		2,705	
	Net Operating Cash Flows	(694)	(694)
	Cash flows related to investing activities		
1.8	Payment for purchases of:		
1.0	(a) prospects	_	
	(b) equity investments	_	
	(c) other fixed assets	(14)	(14)
1.9	Proceeds from sale of:	(14)	(17)
1.9	(a) prospects	_	_
	(b) equity investments	_	_
	(c) other fixed assets	-	-
1.10	Loans to other entities	-	-
1.11	Loans repaid by other entities	-	-
1.12	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
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	Net investing cash flows	(14)	(14)
1.13	Total operating and investing cash flows	(11)	(11)
1.15	(carried forward)	(708)	(708)
	(	(100)	(100)

1.13	Total operating and investing cash flows (brought forward)	(708)	(708)
	(brought forward)	(700)	(700)
	Cash flows related to financing activities		
1.14	Proceeds from issues of shares, options, etc.	-	-
1.15	Proceeds from sale of forfeited shares	-	-
1.16	Proceeds from borrowings	-	-
1.17	Repayment of borrowings	-	-
1.18	Dividends paid	-	-
1.19	Share Issue Costs	-	-
	Net financing cash flows	-	-
	Net increase (decrease) in cash held	(708)	(708)
1.20	Cash at beginning of quarter/year to date	9,104	9,104
1.21	Exchange rate adjustments to item 1.20	(166)	(166)
1.22	Cash at end of quarter	8,230	8,230

# Payments to directors of the entity and associates of the directors Payments to related entities of the entity and associates of the related entities

		Current quarter \$A'000
1.23	Aggregate amount of payments to the parties included in item 1.2	28
1.24	Aggregate amount of loans to the parties included in item 1.10	-

1.25 Explanation necessary for an understanding of the transactions

Directors fees

#### Non-cash financing and investing activities

2.1 Details of financing and investing transactions which have had a material effect on consolidated assets and liabilities but did not involve cash flows

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2.2 Details of outlays made by other entities to establish or increase their share in projects in which the reporting entity has an interest

#### **Financing facilities available**

Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the position.

		Amount available \$A'000	Amount used \$A'000
3.1	Loan facilities (i)	22,727	2,963
3.2	Credit standby arrangements	-	-

 Project finance for the Maari oil field development in the Taranaki Basin, New Zealand. The facility is for US\$20M with BOS International (Australia) Limited, a part of the Bank of Scotland's global oil and gas business.

### Estimated cash outflows for next quarter

	Total	8,963
4.2	Development	6,382
4.1	Exploration and evaluation	\$A'000 2,581

#### **Reconciliation of cash**

show	nciliation of cash at the end of the quarter (as n in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to clated items in the accounts is as follows.	Current quarter \$A'000	Previous quarter \$A'000
5.1	Cash on hand and at bank	7	425
5.2	Deposits at call	8,223	8,679
5.3	Bank overdraft	-	-
5.4	Other (provide details)	-	-
Total: cash at end of quarter (item 1.22)		8,230	9,104

# Changes in interests in mining tenements

		Tenement reference	Nature of interest (note (2))	Interest at beginning of quarter	Interest at end of quarter
6.1	Interests in mining tenements relinquished, reduced or lapsed	-	-	-	-
6.2	Interests in mining tenements acquired or increased	-	-	-	-

#### Issued and quoted securities at end of current quarter

Description includes rate of interest and any redemption or conversion rights together with prices and dates.

		Total number	Number quoted	Issue price per security (see note 3) (cents)	Amount paid up per security (see note 3) (cents)
7.1	<b>Preference</b> + <b>securities</b> ( <i>description</i> )	-	-	-	-
7.2	<ul><li>Changes during quarter</li><li>(a) Increases through issues</li><li>(b) Decreases through returns of capital, buy-backs, redemptions</li></ul>	-	-	-	-
7.3	<b>+Ordinary securities</b>	628,239,007	628,239,007	-	-
7.4	<ul><li>Changes during quarter</li><li>(a) Increases through issues</li><li>(b) Decreases through returns of capital, buy-backs</li></ul>	-	-	-	-
7.5	* <b>Convertible debt securities</b> ( <i>description</i> )	-	-	-	-
7.6	<ul><li>Changes during quarter</li><li>(a) Increases through issues</li><li>(b) Decreases through securities matured, converted</li></ul>	-	-	-	-
7.7	<b>Options</b> (description and conversion factor)	1,500,000 1,283,336 1,283,332 1,283,332	-	Exercise Price 35 cents 20 cents 22.5 cents 25 cents	<i>Expiry</i> 01/06/08 19/04/12 19/04/12 19/04/12
7.8	Issued during quarter				
7.9	Exercised during quarter	-	-	-	-
7.10	Expired during quarter	-	-	-	-
7.11	Debentures (totals only)	-	-		
7.12	<b>Unsecured notes</b> (totals only)	-	-		

# **Compliance statement**

- This statement has been prepared under accounting policies which comply with 1 accounting standards as defined in the Corporations Act or other standards acceptable to ASX (see note 4).
- 2 This statement does give a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

John Krok

Sign here:

...... Date: 24 October 2007 Public Officer

Print name: Andrew Knox

# Notes

- 1 The quarterly report provides a basis for informing the market how the entity's activities have been financed for the past quarter and the effect on its cash position. An entity wanting to disclose additional information is encouraged to do so, in a note or notes attached to this report.
- 2 The "Nature of interest" (items 6.1 and 6.2) includes options in respect of interests in mining tenements acquired, exercised or lapsed during the reporting period. If the entity is involved in a joint venture agreement and there are conditions precedent which will change its percentage interest in a mining tenement, it should disclose the change of percentage interest and conditions precedent in the list required for items 6.1 and 6.2.
- 3 **Issued and quoted securities** The issue price and amount paid up is not required in items 7.1 and 7.3 for fully paid securities.
- 4 The definitions in, and provisions of, *AASB 1022: Accounting for Extractive Industries* and *AASB 1026: Statement of Cash Flows* apply to this report.
- 5 Accounting Standards ASX will accept, for example, the use of International Accounting Standards for foreign entities. If the standards used do not address a topic, the Australian standard on that topic (if any) must be complied with.

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#### APPENDIX A

# QUARTERLY REPORT OF CONSOLIDATED CASHFLOWS - QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2007

Amended List of Mining Tenements

PERMIT	OPERATOR	CUE INTEREST (%)
Petroleum Properties		
<b>Indonesia</b> <sup>(i)</sup> Sampang PSC	Santos (Sampang) Pty Ltd	15.00
Papua New Guinea		
PPL 190 PDL 3 PRL 9 SE Gobe Field Unit PRL 8	Oil Search Limited Barracuda Pty Ltd """" Oil Search (PNG) Limited Oil Search Limited	10.947 5.568892 14.894 3.285646 10.72
Australia		
Austrana T/37P	Cue Energy Resources Limited	50.00
T/38P	Cue Energy Resources Limited	50.00
WA-359-P	Cue Energy Resources Limited	50.00
WA-360-P	Cue Energy Resources Limited	50.00
WA-361-P	Cue Energy Resources Limited	50.00
WA-389-P	Cue Energy Resources Limited	100.00
AC/RL7	Coogee Resources Limited	20.00
New Zealand		
PEP 38413	OMV New Zealand Limited	5.00
PMP 38160	OMV New Zealand Limited	5.00
<sup>(i)</sup> Economic interest in the	Jeruk field	8.181818

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