

## Basker Manta Gummy (BMG) wells decommissioning update

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- **The Helix Q7000 continues to progress the BMG wells decommissioning programme**
- **Mid case cost estimate is increased to A\$240-280 million (100% gross)**
- **Cooper Energy remains well funded from existing cash balances, positive operating cashflow generation and its A\$400 million committed senior secured debt facility**

Cooper Energy Limited (“Cooper Energy”, or the Company) (ASX:COE) provides the following update in relation to the BMG wells decommissioning programme.

The Helix Q7000 vessel has commenced decommissioning work at the first well, Basker-3. While the Company is making progress with the scope of work, that progress has been significantly slower than planned.

By way of background, the Helix Q7000’s late arrival at the BMG field resulted in the Company incurring more than three months of holding costs for the remaining contractor spread on the BMG programme.

In addition, more time was required during start-up activities, due to a number of factors including loading of equipment and integration of the Integrated Riser System (IRS). The Company anticipates that these start-up delays will not impact the remainder of the programme.

However, because the aforementioned delays consumed the budgeted contingency, the slow progress now experienced on Basker-3 decommissioning work to date (e.g. tethering of the IRS) mean a re-forecasting of the programme for the remaining six BMG wells is required. Learnings from Basker-3 decommissioning work have been applied to the work scope on the remaining wells.

As a result of this re-forecasting, the Company has revised its mid-case cost estimate for the BMG decommissioning from A\$193-198 million, to approximately A\$240-280 million, inclusive of lower FX rates and including reasonable contingency for future non-productive time and waiting on weather. Where possible, Cooper Energy and its contractors continue to pursue savings to offset increased costs, including implementing operational learnings and efficiencies and simplifying the scope of decommissioning.

The Company’s focus remains on executing the decommissioning programme safely and within the minimum time possible. However, there remain certain risks, including variables outside of Cooper Energy’s control, that could increase the total cost of the decommissioning above the updated estimate.

Cooper Energy remains well funded from existing cash balances, positive operating cashflow generation and its A\$400 million committed senior secured debt facility. The Company expects to have headroom of A\$80-120 million under the debt facility incorporating the revised mid case cost estimate. Improved production performance at the Orbest Gas Processing Plant is contributing to stronger cashflow generation and should drive deleveraging following completion of the BMG wells decommissioning.

The Company continues to pursue its claim in the Supreme Court of Victoria against PT Pertamina Hulu Energi for Pertamina’s 10% share of the BMG decommissioning costs.

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