



# QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES REPORT

## 31 JULY 2018

27 August 2018

	Quarter Ended			Year Ended		
	Jul-18 ('000t)	Jul-17 ('000t)	Change (%)	Jul-18 ('000t)	Jul-17 ('000t)	Change (%)
<b>Saleable Coal Production</b>						
QLD 100% owned and operated	1,412	1,271	11.1%	5,162	5,214	(1.0%)
NSW 40% owned operations	971	879	10.5%	3,775	3,391	11.3%
<b>Total Saleable Coal Production</b>	<b>2,383</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>10.8%</b>	<b>8,937</b>	<b>8,605</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
<b>Coal Sold*</b>						
QLD 100% owned and operated	1,601	1,470	8.9%	5,136	5,120	0.3%
NSW 40% owned operations	933	933	0%	3,716	3,410	9.0%
<b>Total Coal Sold</b>	<b>2,534</b>	<b>2,403</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>8,852</b>	<b>8,530</b>	<b>3.8%</b>
QBH Export Throughput	2,106	1,946	8.2%	7,183	6,853	4.8%

\* Coal sold includes traded coal sales

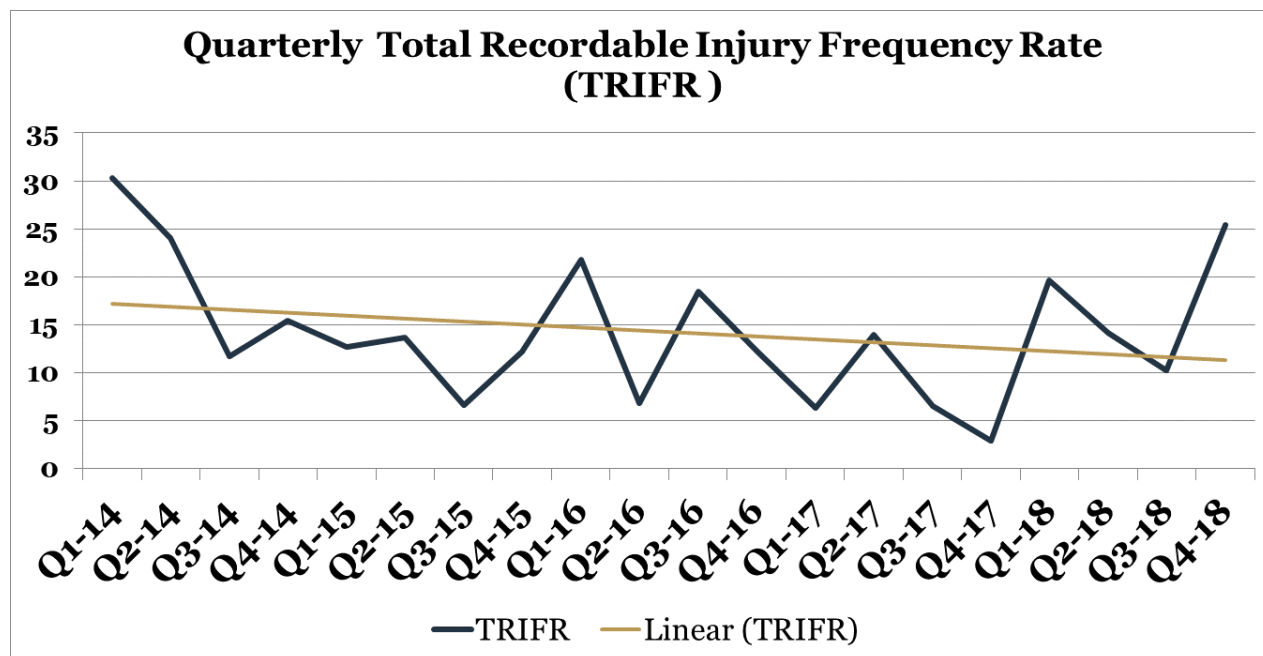
### KEY POINTS

- Post close of the quarter, on 7 August 2018 New Hope announced that it had reached a binding commitment to acquire up to a further 40% interest in the Bengalla Joint Venture for \$860 million from Wesfarmers Limited. New Hope's final interest to be acquired is dependent on the actions of the other joint venture participants during the pre-emptive rights process under the Bengalla Joint Venture Deed.
- Coal prices continued to rally with the Global Coal Newcastle Index price averaging US\$119.84 per tonne during July.
- Strong coal sales for the quarter, up 5.4% on the prior corresponding period, combined with high prices will provide a strong foundation for the 2018 full year result.
- Coal production for the quarter was up 10.8% on the prior corresponding period. Production from Queensland operations on a full year basis was slightly lower while production from New South Wales operations has improved by 11.3% on the prior corresponding period.

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- Following the successful Judicial Review of the original Land Court decision, the New Acland Stage 3 project will return to the Land Court for a 2 day hearing in early October.
- The Company received three 2018 ABA100 Australian Business Awards in an acknowledgement of our employees innovative culture and the Company's commitment to community programs.

## SAFETY PERFORMANCE



The Group achieved a TRIFR of 25.23 during the quarter, an increase on the previous quarter.

The continued increase in TRIFR throughout the year remains a concern to management and steps are being taken to address the trend including a greater emphasis on personal risk management, safety interactions, contractor safety management and targeted safety audits.

## QLD COAL OPERATIONS

Saleable coal production for the quarter was higher than both the prior quarter and the prior corresponding period due to improved ROM processing and yield. Full year saleable coal production from Queensland coal operations is generally consistent with last year.

Coal exports from the QBH terminal have achieved the highest annual throughput since 2014.

Strong coal sales in the final quarter, in combination with continued improvements in coal prices have resulted in record coal revenues for the period.

## NSW OPERATIONS – 40% OWNED (BENGALLA)

The focus on operational improvement throughout the year has resulted in the Bengalla operation achieving solid fourth quarter coal production. For the year New Hope's 40% interest in Bengalla contributed 11.3% higher coal production than the prior year.

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Subsequent to the end of the quarter New Hope has reached a binding commitment to acquire up to 40% of Wesfarmers Limited's share of the Bengalla Joint Venture for \$860 million. New Hope's final interest in the Bengalla Joint Venture will be dependent on the actions of the other Joint Venture participants, Mitsui and Taipower, during the pre-emptive rights process under the Bengalla Joint Venture Deed.

## QLD PASTORAL OPERATIONS

Herd numbers were at 2,977 head at the end of the quarter.

Work is continuing to improve the productivity of the pastoral operations with a focus on fencing, water delivery and irrigated cropping of forage.

## EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT

During the quarter drilling activity saw 106 holes drilled for a total of 8,218 metres across the New Acland, Lenton, Burton and North Surat.

Exploration and evaluation work has progressed on the Burton / Lenton coking and thermal coal project in the Bowen Basin.

The North Surat Project Pre-Feasibility Study progressed with continuation of environmental baseline surveys, completion of mine planning studies and the award of an engineering study for infrastructure options analysis. Drilling activities have commenced in the North Surat in July and will continue into early 2019.

### **Revised New Acland Coal Mine Stage 3 Project**

Following the favourable Judicial Review findings received on 2 May 2018, the matter has been remitted to Land Court for a 2 day hearing in early October.

The Oakey Coal Action Alliance (OCCA) has appealed the Judicial Review findings in the Court of Appeal of the Queensland Supreme Court. A hearing date for the appeal has not been set.

## BRIDGEPORT ENERGY

Oil production totalled 94,484 barrels for the quarter, an increase of 5% on the previous quarter and 9% on the previous corresponding period. Oil prices remained buoyant during the quarter which positively impacted upon revenues for the period.

The first of a five well development drilling programme commenced with the extensive refurbishment of a workover rig in the Cooper Basin to a depth capacity of 2,500m.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

### **Continuing Focus on Community Partnerships**

During the quarter the Company continued to focus on partnership programs with local organisations that provide positive social effect in the Company's operational areas. Some key projects include;

- Queensland Mining Energy Academy - delivering programs focused on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics to Oakey State High School senior students.

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- Oakey Community Care Committee - addressing mental health and wellness in the Oakey region.
- Queensland Cancer Council - supporting and promoting healthy lifestyle choices to students in local schools through the delivery of the QUEST Program.

New Hope employees continued to volunteer their time to a variety of community events and organizations including; participation in working bees, presentations at local schools passing on information about skills and experiences in the workplace, and local youth and mental health forums.

## CORPORATE

The Company's 2018 Financial Results are scheduled to be released on Tuesday 18 September 2018.

A presentation of results will be lodged with the ASX and also available on the Company's website.

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