



**Falcon Oil & Gas Ltd. ("Falcon")**

**Moratorium lifted, Beetaloo exploration to resume as soon as practical**

17 April 2018 - Falcon Oil & Gas Ltd. (TSXV: FO, AIM: FOG, ESM: FAC) welcomes the decision by the Northern Territory ("NT") government to lift the moratorium on hydraulic fracturing.

**Beetaloo Update**

- The decision by the NT government follows the independent scientific inquiry conclusion that not only could the risks associated with an onshore shale gas industry be minimised to an acceptable level, in some instances, they can be avoided altogether.
- Well testing completed just prior to the moratorium indicated a very promising material gas resource in the Beetaloo sub-basin. As detailed in our 15 February 2017 press release, a resource study based on the Amungee NW-1H well results and other key wells in the Beetaloo Basin estimated an OGIP of 61 TCF and 6.6 TCF gross contingent resource, over an area of 1,968 km<sup>2</sup>.
- Resumption of work with our joint venture partner, Origin Energy Limited ("**Origin**") will start as soon as practical, adopting recommendations of the scientific inquiry and obtaining necessary approvals to complete the remaining work programme.
- Origin plans to drill and fracture stimulate a further five wells to complete the exploration permit commitments.

**Philip O'Quigley, CEO of Falcon, commented:**

"We are very pleased with the fact-based decision made by the NT government to lift the moratorium on hydraulic fracturing. We look forward to the recommencement as soon as practical of our multi-well work programme in the Beetaloo basin with our joint venture partner, Origin Energy Limited.

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## **Background**

On 21 August 2014, Falcon completed its farm-out agreement and joint operating agreement, farming down 70% interest in the Beetaloo Basin exploration permits for a carry in a nine well exploration and appraisal programme over 5 years.

2015 saw the commencement of the work programme with three wells drilled, 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 well was hydraulic fracture stimulated with production testing completed.

While further exploration and appraisal is required, Origin’s initial drilling results indicate original gas in place of 61 TCF and a 6.6 TCF gross contingent resource over an area of 1,968 km<sup>2</sup> within the Middle Velkerri B shale pool.

Origin plans to drill a further five wells under its existing exploration permit commitments with the NT Government, completing a nine well exploration and appraisal program.

Falcon remains carried for the cost of the next five wells with the original cap totalling A\$101m for the last four wells.

## **About Falcon Oil & Gas Ltd.**

Falcon Oil & Gas Ltd is an international oil & gas company engaged in the acquisition, exploration and development of conventional and unconventional oil and gas assets, with the current portfolio focused in Australia, South Africa and Hungary. Falcon Oil & Gas Ltd is incorporated in British Columbia, Canada and headquartered in Dublin, Ireland with a technical team based in Budapest, Hungary.

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## **About Origin**

Origin Energy (ASX: ORG) is the leading Australian integrated energy company with market leading positions in energy retailing (approximately 4.3 million customers), power generation (approximately 6,000 MW of capacity owned and contracted) and natural gas production (1,093 PJ of 2P reserves and annual production of 82 PJ). To match its leadership in the supply of green energy, Origin also aspires to be the number one renewables company in Australia. Through Australia Pacific LNG, its incorporated joint venture with ConocoPhillips and Sinopec, Origin is developing Australia’s biggest CSG to LNG project based on the country’s largest 2P CSG reserves base.

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schedule, stimulating, testing and objectives of the wells to be drilled in the Beetaloo basin Australia, the prospectivity of the Middle Velkerri play and the prospect of the exploration programme being brought to commerciality, risks associated with the introduction of a moratorium, fluctuations in market prices for shale gas; risks related to the exploration, development and production of shale gas reserves; general economic, market and business conditions; substantial capital requirements; uncertainties inherent in estimating quantities of reserves and resources; extent of, and cost of compliance with, government laws and regulations and the effect of changes in such laws and regulations; the need to obtain regulatory approvals before development commences; environmental risks and hazards and the cost of compliance with environmental regulations; aboriginal claims; inherent risks and hazards with operations such as mechanical or pipe failure, cratering and other dangerous conditions; potential cost overruns; variations in foreign exchange rates; competition for capital, equipment, new leases, pipeline capacity and skilled personnel; the failure of the holder of licenses, leases and permits to meet requirements of such; changes in royalty regimes; failure to accurately estimate abandonment and reclamation costs; inaccurate estimates and assumptions by management and their joint venture partners; effectiveness of internal controls; the potential lack of available drilling equipment; failure to obtain or keep key personnel; title deficiencies; geo-political risks; and risk of litigation.

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#### **Glossary of terms**

CSG	Coal seam gas
JV	Joint venture
km <sup>2</sup>	Square kilometres
LNG	Liquefied natural gas
LPG	Liquefied petroleum gas
OGIP	Original gas in place
MW	Megawatt
PJ(E)	Petajoule (equivalent)
TCF	Trillion cubic feet

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