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WTI finished the week up US\$1.47 at US\$49.81 a barrel; Brent rose US\$1.87 to close Friday at US\$51.93.

Oil and Gas Prices 2014/16

Start of	Oil	Gas
Mth	WTI*	(US)**
April 14	102.67	4.49
May	99.76	4.67
June	102.71	4.54
July	105.74	4.41
Aug	97.88	3.80
Sept	95.96	4.07
Oct	89.74	4.04
Nov	80.54	3.87
Dec	66.15	4.09
Jan 15	52.69	3.00
Feb	47.66	2.69
March	49.76	2.73
April	48.14	2.71
May	59.15	2.76
June	60.32	2.64
July	55.52	2.77
Aug	47.12	2.72
Sept	44.79	2.65
Oct	45.54	2.45
Nov	46.61	2.32
Dec	41.71	2.21
Jan 16	37.56	2.29
19 Jan	26.19	2.05
Feb	33.62	2.30
March	32.78	1.79
April	36.79	1.96
May	45.92	2.18
June	49.33	2.17
July	45.41	2.82
Aug	41.80	2.77
Sept	43.03	2.95
Oct	48.24	2.91
Now	49.81	3.17

*US\$, **MMBtu in US\$. US natural gas rose 26 cents to US\$3.17 an MMBtu.

Oil Prices

WTI failed to hold US\$50.00 a barrel at the end of the week when Russia poured cold water on suggestions that scheduled talks in Istanbul between its energy minister and OPEC's Secretary General could result in an agreement on production cuts.

Alexander Novak said Friday he doesn't expect to sign a deal with OPEC during the World Energy Congress next week.

Bloomberg quote of the week came from Tamas Varga an analyst at PVM Oil Associates in London who reportedly said, "Talks talks and talks, that has been the baseline over the last week or so. There is no practical indication that OPEC will finally agree, meaningfully and credibly, to cut production at the end of the November meeting". Couldn't agree more Tamas!

In the seven weeks until the next formal OPEC meeting in Vienna in November we expect speculators to engage in an oil price tug of war as sentiment waxes and wanes on OPEC's ability to undertake substantial, market moving production cuts.

Last week oil prices rose on Thursday after the US Energy Information Administration (EIA) reported a 3 million barrel draw in US commercial crude oil inventories in the week ending 30 September. Total motor gasoline inventories increased by 200,000 barrels while distillate fuel inventories declined by 2.4 million barrels.

According to the EIA data, US production fell 30,000 barrels in the reporting week. Alaskan production increased by 8,000 barrels while production in the Lower 48 fell by 38,000 barrels. US production was estimated to be 8.467 million barrels a day.

US crude oil imports averaged over 7.7 million barrels down by 125,000 barrels. In September, US crude oil imports averaged 8 million barrels a day, 10.1% above the same four-week period last year.

The Baker Hughes rig numbers for the week ending 7 October saw the count increase by two rigs to 524, the fifteenth straight week of rises. That said the number of oil and gas rigs operating across the US last week was still 271 rigs less than the number of rigs operating at this time last year. The number of rigs drilling for oil increased by three to 428, the number of rigs drilling for gas fell by two,

Last week there were 247 rigs operating in Texas, 106 rigs short of the number drilling 12 months ago. Of those 247 rigs 203 were deployed in the Permian Basin with just 35 operating in the Eagle Ford

Since WTI climbed over US\$50.00 a barrel in June US drillers have added 112 oil rigs. And since the week ending 1 July when the EIA reported US production at 8.428 million barrels, US output has increased by some 40,000 barrels a day indicating the additional rigs in operation have stemmed the decline in US production if not significantly increased it.

	Oil & Gas Stocks
Winners outnumber losers as rising oil price benefits	Last week oil and gas producers got a bit of a fillip from the rising oil price but the interest stopped short of the mini and micro caps.
producers.	Of the 125 oil and gas companies we now cover, twenty-one of the 38 stocks that traded in any reasonable volume and value last week ended Friday higher than where they began Monday. That was six more winners than last week. Six stocks finished flat, two up on a week ago.
	Eleven fell, one less loser than in the previous week.
	Blue Chips
Blue chips all higher.	Woodside finished the week higher up from \$28.62 to \$29.85. Santos rose from \$3.61 to \$3.90 after trading as high as \$4.07 on Friday.
	Oil Search climbed strongly from \$7.09 to \$7.51 well up on its September low of \$6.24. Origin Energy rose from \$5.42 to \$5.62 also recovering more of its mid-September losses.
	Cooper Basin Producers
Beach Energy and Senex Energy the best of the mid	Beach Energy jumped from \$0.65 to \$0.715; Senex Energy gained 2 cents to finish at \$0.26.
tier Cooper Basin producers.	Profit taking likely put an end to Cooper Energy's recent run as the share price retreated from \$0.37 at the beginning of the week to \$0.355 at the finish Friday. But as normal for this stock volume was moderate.
	Winners
Karoon enters the Great Australian Bight.	Karoon Gas was up from \$1.33 at the open Monday to as much as \$1.68 in trading Friday before closing the week at \$1.585, still very healthy gains.
	On Thursday Karoon announced it had been awarded exploration permit EPP 46 in the Ceduna sub-basin offshore South Australia in the Great Australian Bight (see below) sparking a run on the stock that probably won't last beyond last week.
AWE, Sundance and FAR all up on the back of the oil price rise.	The rise in the oil price almost certainly contributed to the gains made by AWE Limited , up from \$0.62 to \$0.66; Sundance Energy , up from \$0.165 to \$0 185 and FAR Limited , up from 7.4 cents to 7.8 cents.
AusTex higher.	AusTex Oil was higher up from 4.6 cents to 5.4 cents with most of the gains coming on better than average volume on Thursday and Friday. There was nothing in the public domain to explain the interest.
New acquisition and some ambitious claims for production and cash flow lifts American Patriot.	American Patriot was higher after announcing Wednesday a "company making acquisition in Utah and Texas". AOW was up from 8.0 cents to 10.5 cents. We expect this is as good as it will get until due diligence is completed and the deal closes at the end of the month.
	Then AOW needs to demonstrate why it is such a good deal with confirmation of reserves and the outline of a production profile that will generate the claimed US\$90 million in future revenue at US\$45.00 a barrel.
88 Energy, momentum building again as share price rises.	88 Energy was higher the beneficiary of higher oil prices, punter anticipation of a positive reserves update and the Caelus Energy announcement that it had made a giant oil discovery along the Arctic shore, Alaska. 88E up from 4.1 cents to 4.7 cents.
	There was some downside in the Alaskan news this week that does not seem to have bothered the 88E faithful. According to several media reports the cash strapped Alaskan Government is planning to reduce oil industry rebates.

	These have been paid to early stage drillers like 88 Energy and Otto Energy to encourage them to continue to explore within the state. The rebates have taken the form inter alia of cash back on drilling costs.
Xstate Resources higher on speculation an acquisition is near.	Xstate Resources was higher up from 1.4 cents to 1.8 cents on very respectable volume for a microcap. There was nothing in the public domain to explain the interest but in its June quarter activities report the company said it was "financially well positioned following a \$3 million placement to take advantage of industry conditions".
	The placement was to Chinese interests associated with Sanston Securities Australia. Xstate also changed its CEO replacing Chris Hodge with Cosimo Damiano. The company said Mr Damiano had already identified a number of potential asset targets that fit the company's investment strategy. He is said to have asset familiarity with Xstate's core areas in the US.
	It looks like some punters believe Xstate may be about to announce a new strategic acquisition. Case of watch this space.
Mongolia focused Wolf Exploration doubles in a week.	Wolf Exploration doubled over the week on unusual volume up from 1.5 cents to 2.9 cents. Momentum buyers bought the stock at 3.4 cents on the open Friday only to see the share price retreat in subsequent trading.
	The company announced late Friday that it was to issue the third Tranche of shares to China's SAM Investment Group Co Ltd on 20 October, being 243,316,000 shares at \$0.01 per share to raise \$2.4 million and 242,907,013 options. The placement was subject to shareholder approval at a meeting scheduled for 19 October.
	The company pleaded innocence in responding to a speeding ticket from the ASX.
	Wolf has 100% interest in three exploration tenements in Mongolia which are in various stages of development. Mongolian citizen and apparently locally well connected Bataa Tumur-Ochir is the CEO.
Sino Gas trades on unusual volume and value Friday.	Sino Gas was higher up from 9.6 cents to 10.0 cents. Some 8 million shares traded Friday with a value of \$825,169, an unusually busy day for Sino. It could mean that someone thinks a market moving announcement may not be too far away.
	Losers
Elk Petroleum weaker.	Elk Petroleum fell from 7.0 cents to 6.7 cents. There really isn't anything much in the pipeline in the short term that we can see would support the share price. First oil from the company's Grieve enhanced oil recovery project in Wyoming is still 18 months away.
MEO takes a breather.	MEO Australia fell from 3.2 cents to 3.0 cents after running out of market moving announcements.
	Back on 7 July MEO shares ran from the previous day's close of 1.5 cents to an intraday high of 4.7 cents on volume of no fewer than 82,620,047 shares. The interest was spiked by several announcement about its acquisition of Block 9 in Cuba with its multi billion barrels of oil-in-place.
	For the moment the company is doing all those things you have to do around Annual Report time.

	Update on Potential Company Making Wells	
	The following wells could be game changes for the companies involved.	
Otto's latest presentation has well now planned for Q3 2017.	Kito #1 SWE 25% OEL 25% TATA 25%	Rescheduled for September 2017. Rig contract and regulatory approvals delayed. Kilosa Kilombero Licence in Tanzania. Gross P50 Prospective Resource of 184 mmbstb. SWE in vol admin. OEL unchanged at 4.6c.
MEO will need a farm in partner to drill Beehive #1.	Beehive #1 MEO 100%	In WA 688P in the offsh ore Bonaparte Basin. Defined by 2D seismic and is made up of two main objectives with combined mean Prospective Resource of 1.5 billion barrels of oil. MEO down from 3.2c to 3.0. Good volume.
Roc #2 well has hydrocarbon shows in target Caley formation.	Roc #2 CVN 20%	A follow up appraisal well on the Roc #1 gas condensate discovery in WA 437P. The target Caley Sandstone will be flow tested. The well is 5 kms to the east and updip of the Roc #1 well. CVN down from 10.7 c to 10.0c.
3 D Oil's Flanagan prospect in offshore Otway Basin drill ready.	Flanagan TDO 70% BPT 30%	Drill ready Flanagan prospect In T/49P in the offshore Otway Basin. Seismic suggest best estimate prospective resource of 1.38 Tcf of gas. Beach farmed in. Well in 2016/2017. TDO up from 3.2 to 3.3c. Negligible volume.
Antilles has well in Titicaca Basin Peru.	Titicaca Basin ABL 50%	Antilles Oil & Gas's evaluation of the deeper potential in Block 105 onshore Peru suggests a mean resource of some 80.4 million barrels. (ABL 50%) Partner Union Oil will pay 75% for well cost in 2016. Last traded at \$0.007.
Ironbark a major target in Carnarvon Basin.	Ironbark CUE 100%	Mungaroo Formation objective with multiple targets in WA 359 P and WA 409 P. Best internal technical estimate of more than 15 Tcf of unrisked prospective gas resource. Seeking farm in partner. CUE up from 7.2c to 8.0c.
Dempsey and Alvares prospects in California. Farm out discussions "at an advanced stage".	Dempsey SGC 55% wi XST 24% wi	Multi Tcf of gas in Dempsey and Alvares prospects in the Sacramento Basin, Calif. Conventional targets. Private company BNE 20% and mandate to acquire additional acreage SGC 4.5c; XST 1.8c. Negligible trades.
Icewine #2 on Alaska's North Slope to spud Q1 2017.	Icewine #2 88E 77.5% wi	Follow up well to Icewine #1 on company's tenements on Alaska's North Slope. Was to have been a multi-stage fracked horizontal but now a vertical well to test the HRZ/HUE tight formations. 88E up from 4.1 to 4.7c.
Roc #2 well confirms 30 metres of net pay in Caley reservoir.	Carnarvon Petro Carnarvon confirm 60 metres gross, 3 plan is to flow tes	Progress Reports and Results Deum's Roc #2 well (CVN 20%) On 23 September med the Roc #2 well as a gas and condensate discovery with 80 metres net pay in excellent quality reservoir. The forward t the well. On 4 October operator was cleaning out the well n for running the Drill Stem Test string.
Strickland #1 in PPL 269 nearing reservoir objective.	the Strickland #1	Atos 30% Oil Search 10% and Mitsubishi 10% spudded ST2 well in PPL 269 in PNG in June. On 6 October the baring to drill ahead to the target Ieru formation.

Austin completes first of three laterals, runs production casing. Flow testing scheduled to commence after all three horizontal sections drilled.	As we have said in recent weeks should Strickland #1/-2 well enjoy a better result New Guinea Energy stands to benefit given as part of the conditions of its sale of PPL 269 New Guinea Energy will receive a one off payment totalling US\$8 million if a PDL is granted over the permit. Austin Exploration is drilling a set of three wells back to back on its Pathfinder property in Colorado. The verticals are all drilled and the company has now completed the first deviated section on the last of the three wells the Marco Polo #1 well and moved the rig to the Columbus #1 well to drill its deviated section. The Magellan #1 well will be completed next. Austin recently week completed a \$1.65 capital raising issuing new shares at \$0.006. Real Energy is continuing to test its Tamarama #1 well in the Cooper Basin reporting that the well was continuing to free flow frac fluid with almost 100% of the fluid recovered. The well is currently shut in for pressure build up.
	Permit acquisitions/divestments –farm in deals Triangle Energy
Triangle Energy, a new entrant into the Perth Basin with acquisition of Cliff Head interest from AWE Ltd now farms in to TP/15.	Triangle Energy has entered into an agreement with a wholly owned subsidiary of Norwest Energy to farm in to offshore Perth Basin exploration permit TP/15 which contains the drill ready Xanadu prospect. The agreement is subject to Norwest finding an additional farminee to complete a JV agreement by the end of the year.
	Triangle stands to earn a 30% working interest in TP/15 by contributing 40% of the well costs, with customary cost caps to be applied. Triangle has paid Norwest \$25,000 to progress the joint venture, an amount refundable if Norwest fails to find an additional partner.
	The Xanadu prospect in the southern end of TP/15 is estimated to contain an unrisked recoverable resource of 160 million barrels. A deviated well is planned for drilling in 2017 from an onshore location.
	Triangle will join TranservEnergy in TP/15 following Transerv's agreement to earn 15% in the permit by paying 20% of the well costs. Transerv's participation was part of a strategic alliance formed with Norwest back in July.
	Earlier this year Triangle completed the sale of its interest in Aceh, Indonesia and used part of the funds received to acquire AWE Limited's 57.5% interest in the mature Cliff Head oil field offshore WA. Triangle believes there is plenty of scope to reduce costs of the Cliff Head operations and is taking an active role with Roc Oil in identifying and implementing savings.
	Triangle's 3.5 billion shares last traded at \$0.002 but before you rush out and buy some we suspect a share consolidation will likely be announced before the end of the year.
	Lakes Oil, NavGas Pty Ltd and Nick Mather
Armour Energy's Nick Mather's efforts to rescue Lakes Oil more likely a strategy designed to protect	NavGas Pty Ltd is a 100% owned subsidiary of Brisbane based penny dreadful Dark Horse Resources (DHR) and is DHR's oil and gas arm. Dark Horse's primary assets are thermal coal interests and a potential lithium project all in Argentina.
Armour Energy, Dark Horse and DGR Capital	NavGas Pty Ltd has six Petroleum Exploration Licence Applications over the Pirie Torrens shale oil and gas project in South Australia covering approximately 53,000 sq kms. In 2014 it was also the successful tenderer for ATP 1183 on the Roma shelf in Queensland.

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	On 3 October, Dark Horse announced it had made an investment of \$400,000 for 40,000 Lakes Oil Converting Notes at \$10 each. At the same time it announced that Melbourne based Lakes had acquired a 4% equity interest in NavGas Pty Ltd from Dark Horse for \$400,000.
	So for Dark Horse , \$400,000 out and \$400,000 in which is just as well because Dark Horse is not particularly flush with funds. At the end of June Dark Horse had just \$186,000 in cash and \$1.0 million in debt owing to DGR Global.
	In late August, two company directors of Dark Horse , Stuart and Mason agreed to provide short term unsecured loans of \$100,000 each for working capital. Then on 14 September, Dark Horse placed some 41 million shares at \$0.008 to raise an additional \$330,500.
	Lakes Oil is also a touch short of the necessary. It raised just \$580,000 with its recent Converting Notes issue and \$400,000 of that came from Dark Horse , \$400,000 that was returned to Dark Horse for the NavGas interest.
	Lakes had been hoping to raise some \$5 million but the Victorian Government put paid to those aspirations with its announcement before the cap raising completed of a permanent ban on fracking onshore Victoria and a temporary ban on conventional exploration.
	The connection between Lakes and Dark Horse is Nick Mather. Mather is the non-executive Chairman of Dark Horse and a non-executive Director of Lakes Oil . Mather is also Executive Chairman of Armour Energy which is a substantial holder in Lakes Oil with 17.91% of its issued capital. As one Hotcopper poster remarked the relationships are a touch incestuous.
	Just to add to their complexity, Mather is also the founder and Managing Director of ASX listed DGR Global who has extended loans to both Armour and Dark Horse!
	Now to Lakes recently announced deal with Dark Horse. The Chief Executive Officer Roland Sleeman, also a non-executive Director of Armour Energy, described the investment in Dark Horse subsidiary NavGas as a "small but nonetheless significant first step towards securing the company's future against the backdrop of the Victorian government's decision to prohibit onshore gas exploration". Well maybe!
	Lakes Oil \$400,000 investment in NavGas for 4% of the company values the entire company at \$10 million which you would have to say is more than a little generous!
	The latest move in this rather extraordinary saga ultimately designed we think to protect the interests of DGR Capital which has extended loans to both Armour and Dark Horse , was Lakes Oil's announcement on Thursday that it would issue 9.6 billion shares at \$0.001 to acquire 100% of NavGas .
	That will take Lakes Oil's issued capital to what surely must be a record 21,491, 964,705 shares. That's over 21 billion shares!
	And if all the deals now proposed are agreed by shareholders at the upcoming AGM, wait for it, Lakes will attempt to raise more capital with a Rights Issue that DGR Capital proposes to underwrite up to \$1.5 million. The issue would have to be pitched at \$0.001meaning at least a billion more shares!
	We suspect Mather and Co will eventually move Lakes Oil to Brisbane, and undertake a massive share consolidation that will further dilute longsuffering Lakes Oil shareholders.

	They could possibly merge Lakes with Armour , so that the latter now with its permits in both the Northern Territory and Victoria virtually valueless given the position of the respective state governments on fracking, could rebuild around the Queensland Roma shelf assets and South Australian shale plays.
	The Roma shelf assets held by NavGas now owned by Lakes are adjacent to the producing Roma shelf assets Armour bought last year from Origin Energy.
	Hancock Prospecting is the largest shareholder in Lakes Oil and we assume it has virtually given up on ever seeing a return from its investment and is happy for Mather and Co to attempt to salvage something from what is now a derelict entity.
	We see little or no current value in any of the companies involved, Armour, Dark Horse and Lakes.
	Project Developments
	AJ Lucas Group Limited
UK Government overturns	Finally a government that takes a stand against the anti-fracking movement.
Lancashire Council's opposition to shale gas development.	In a surprise move the UK government has given its consent to AJ Lucas Group and partner and operator Cuadrilla Resources to drill and hydraulically stimulate up to four horizontal wells to test the flow of gas at the Preston New Road site in Lancashire, UK.
	The UK Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government (SOS) also advised he was minded to grant consent for a similar application at the Roseacre Wood exploration site pending further consultation on highway conditions.
	The two sites comprise the Bowland license in which AJ Lucas has an effective 46.8% beneficial interest.
	The SOS decision follows appeals by Cuadrilla against the decision of the Lancashire County Council's Development Control Committee in June 2015 to reject planning applications for two proposed shale gas exploration sites.
	The decision reflects the U.K.'s dependence on gas in its energy mix with 50% of that gas imported. A J Lucas in its press release said, "the UK government sees the development of the UK shale gas industry as an important step to restore the U.K.'s energy security as a result of the decreasing supply from the North Sea gas fields and increased reliance on imports." There is a message there for the Victorian government.
	A J Lucas recently completed a capital raising which will fund the company's share of the drilling and testing program.
	AJL shares up over the week from \$0.40 to \$0.465 having traded as high as \$0.60 and as low as \$0.38 on Friday on vlume of 2 million shares. That's what you call volatility! A J Lucas believes Bowland has the potential to become the largest onshore gas field in UK and a world-class resource.
	This Coming Week
88 Energy to announce reserves update.	88 Energy might finally release a reserves update for its Icewine project in Alaska. At least the punters are hoping so.
	The Executive Remuneration list can now be found after the thumb nails and before the disclaimer.

Thumbnails rejigged to present our top tier, second tier and our developing group of third tier counters.	<i>Thumbnails</i> Please note we have rejigged the way we present the thumbnails. With the prospect of an eventual recovery in oil and gas prices we lead off with our top tier stocks, companies most likely to benefit from increasing product prices. The first six are all well managed producers with sound asset portfolios and, with the exception of Santos , strong balance sheets. Santos remains a turnaround play and makes the top six on the grounds that the capital expenditure drain is at an end and the company is now seeing accelerated cash flows from its LNG investments.
	Our top six are unlikely to deliver spectacular multi bagger share price gains but they are low risk counters providing a reasonably safe exposure to oil and gas price upside. More important perhaps these six companies have limited downside should oil prices remain range bound or dip lower.
	Our second tier stocks are again all well run counters positioning themselves to return good gains to shareholders once oil and gas prices recover. They are higher risk than the group in the top tier but also offer higher rewards. Then there is the developing third tier of speccies where we try to seek out juniors that might surprise once oil and gas prices return or before.
CompanyMarket capShares *HiLo* million and diluted	<i>Thumbnails</i> Green up on the week, yellow for unchanged red for down on the week

Our Top Tier Oil and Gas Stocks

These are the companies the risk adverse investor would look to when seeking exposure to a rising oil price. As we said above they are well run companies in good position to take advantage of the opportunities the current downturn in the sector presents.

AWE Ltd (AWE) \$348m 528 0.95 0.31 0.66 Focus on Waitsia gas in 2017	\$54m end March; \$33m end June. \$15m debt. Market surprised by FY16 underlying loss of \$67.4m and \$242.5m in impairments. Revenue falls 29%. Capex pruned. Waitsia gas development focus of next 12 months after selling Sugarloaf, Cliff Head and now Lengo. First gas sales from Waitsia.
Oil Search (OSH) \$11.4b 1523 8.36 5.56 7.51 Lifts on oil rise	US\$780m end June. Debt of US\$4.1b. Premier ASX listed PNG player initially with conventional oil and gas assets and now low cost PNG LNG. Opts not to counter Exxon's offer for InterOil. Will benefit anyway from Exxon's participation in PRL 15. Well run company. Debt manageable.
Santos(STO)\$6.9b17746.562.463.90Dogged by need for more cash	Net debt of \$8.8 billion. Macquarie says must raise \$3.5b in cash to maintain credit rating. Share price falls. Major capex commitments ended and with GLNG in production cash flow increasing. Higher LNG production offsetting decline in oil p'dn and lower prices. P'dn guidance of 57-62 mmboe in 2016.
Senex(SXY)\$300m11520.34.1150.26Treading water until oil rises	\$102m end June. No debt. Executes asset sale and binding HoA for 20 year gas sale agreement with GLNG. Receive \$42m from Origin for Maisey Block in Surat Basin. Like its peers cut overheads and capex but still a well paid bunch. Moves with oil price. P'dn of 1.01mmboe FY15/16.
Woodside (WPL) \$25.1b 842 32.63 23.82 29.85 In acquisition mode	Low cost LNG producer and low debt (23% gearing) provides balance sheet strength for acquisitions eg. Conoco interest in SNE field offshore Senegal, Scarborough interest from BHP. Active exploration program eg. in Myanmar. Browse on hold. Yields 5%. No interest in renewables.

Second Tier stocks

Well run counters positioning themselves to return good gains to shareholders once oil and gas prices recover. They are higher risk than the group in the top tier but also offer higher rewards.

Buru E'gy(BRU)\$70m3400.370.1750.205Strengthens balance sheet	\$30.8m end of March; \$24m end June. \$25m owing to Alcoa. Prospective oil and gas upside with both Ungani and the Laurel Formation TGS. Evaluation of 2D, 3D and well data could surprise to the upside. \$15.3m R&D grant received July; \$9.5m to come from sale of Yakka Pastoral Lease.
Carnarvon (CVN) \$102m 1019 0.13 0.07 0.10 Roc #2 30m of net g/c pay	\$95.5m end March; \$87.7m end June. No debt. Roc #2 well June/July to prove commerciality of Roc discovery. Spuds Outtrim East #1 in WA 155P (CVN 28.5%). Awarded new WA 521 P adjacent to leases containing Phoenix South and ROC discoveries. Well managed, \$25m profit in 2015.
Central Pet.(CTP)\$45m4330.300.080.105Sitting on a lot of stranded gas	\$15m end June. \$87.8m in debt to Macquarie. Extensive portfolio of producing (Mereenie/Dingo/Palm Valley) developing and exploration assets in central Australia. To benefit from Northern Gas Pipeline project. Pre-sells gas to Macquarie uses proceeds to make final \$10m Mereenie payment to Santos.
FAR (FAR) \$336m 4312 0.12 .066 0.078 See thru value below expect.	\$31.7m end March; \$66m end June. Raised \$60m in April at 8.5 cents for fourth appraisal SNE #4. Frequent equity issues to meet SNE drilling/dev expenditures puts pressure on share price. See thru value of FAR's 15% interest in SNE as a result of Woodside's deal with Conoco disappoints.
Otto E'gy(OEL)\$54m1182.063.0180.046Alaska moving to drill	US\$26.73 end March . US\$20.3m end June. No debt. Exiting Philippines. Farms in to Alaskan project for an initial \$7m. Interest in Tanzanian permits with Swala. Joins Byron Energy in GOM Block #71- last well results in 2.3 mmboe of 2P reserves net to Otto - and in Bivouac Peak (45%).
Petsec (PSA) \$42m 231 0.215 0.073 0.18 Yemen key to PSA's future	US\$10.9 end March; US\$9.2m end June. No debt. Announces increase of 9 mmboe in 2P reserves with NPV of US\$188 million the result of a gamble on shut in oil fields in Yemen which it hopes to put back into p'dn in Q4. US discoveries in the GOM (Main Pass 270-PSA 12.75% wi) under development.
Sino Gas(SEH)\$207m20740.13.0270.10Payment issues settled	US\$59m end March; \$57.5m end June \$10m in debt (Macquarie). Agrees payment arrangements for Sanjiaobei PSC with PetroChina; already settled with Linxing PSC partner. Partner in SGE, MIE sells its 51% interest to Chinese Group with A\$273m look through value for SEH's 49%.

Third Tier Stocks

More stocks to include in this list in coming weeks. Stock like **Incremental** with good management and quality assets could surprise to the upside. We have already seen **IOG's** shares sky rocket to 19.5 cents on an upbeat reserves readjustment. We have deleted **New Guinea Energy** as it is about to become a Licensed Investment Company

Austin Ex. (AKK) \$7.0m 1395 .017 .004 0.005 Completes \$1.65m CR	\$164k end Mar; \$2m end June. We often bag Austin for its ambitious p'dn and revenue projections. But Pathfinder (AKK 100%) is virgin territory adjacent to producing fields. Debt free but frequent cap raisings a worry. Recent CR at \$0.006 by Patersons. Flow testing three wells late October.
Incremental(IOG)\$9.0m1870.1950.030.048Silvertip w/overs delivering	\$859 end March; \$514k end June. US\$8.26m debt. Increasing p'dn from 100% wi in Silvertip oil/gas field in Wyoming. Cost US\$6.3m. Fields in California contributes 190 boed to total 647 boepd. Skinny overheads. 2P res. of 1.73 mmboe. Raises new cash for work/overs completions at Silvertip.

MEO Aust. (MEO) \$27m	\$4.9m end Mar; \$4.1m end June. No debt. Eni withdraws from Heron in NT/D68 but retains 50% in Blackwood. Form out of WA 488D to Day Inter		
891.0490.0070.03Billions of barrels in Cuba!	NT/P68 but retains 50% in Blackwood. Farm out of WA 488P to Rex Inter. paves way for drilling of large Beehive prospect. Assesses its Block 9 in Cuba to have 8 billion barrels oil-in-place. Recent CR at 3.6 cents.		
3D Oil(TDO)\$7.9m2380.0860.020.033Attractive Otway Basin asset	\$4.0m end June. 70% interest in T/49P in the offshore Otway Basin. Beach Energy already farmed in for 30%. Continuing efforts to attract additional farm in partner. Permit contains 1.38 Tcf Flanagan prospect, results of recent data analysis improving chance of gas. Illiquid. Watch for volume change.		
Winchester(WEL)\$19m2150.160.0530.09Building production	\$5.5m end Aug; No debt. New vehicle of Aurora Oil & Gas founders. Raised \$20m in an IPO August 2014. Small revenue stream from 50% interest in wells in Nolan County in Permian Basin. Claims 10,000 acre "oil trap" on its leases. Lightly traded. Commits to new 7 well program over next six months.		
The following companies have be change in management can signate change is accompanied by an inj	<i>Companies Under New Management</i> The following companies have been taken over by a new management team in the last 12 to 18 months. A change in management can signal a change in fortunes for the target company particularly if the management change is accompanied by an injection of fresh capital and new assets. But obviously that is not always the case particularly if the incoming team has little interest other than in asset stripping or gaining control of cash.		
Bass Strait (BAS) \$1.3m 1287 .006 .001 0.001 Raises \$480k at \$0.001	\$150k end Mar; \$457k end June. Searching for partner for Bass Strait assets, well due in 2017 in Vic P41. Cooper Energy has 22%. Tattersfield Group increases interest to 9.9% not sure why. Looking for near "end of life" asset acquisition opportunities! Raises \$480k survival cash in June quarter.		
Elixir(EXR)\$6.3m179.0450.0200.035Cap raising/share consolidation	\$150k end March. \$424k end June. No debt. D. Ferguson new MD. Projects in Colorado (Petra 45% - minimal work program), France (Moselle 100% - waiting on outcome of 2013 renewal application!). Has 179m shares and \$2.3m in cash end Sept after cap raising and share consolidation.		
Elk Pet (ELK) \$45m 672 0.11 .056 0.067 Places \$11m in short fall shares	\$2.1m end Mar; \$18m end June. Equity raising at 7.5c brings in \$22m. Convertible Loan Holders convert \$3.6m to shares at 3.8c. Senior Loan Facility agreement for US\$58m with Benefit Partners and restructure of Grieve EOR project with Denbury both close successfully. No oil until 2018.		
Indago (INK) \$6.7m 101 .071 0.06 0.066 No recent update	\$4.9m end June. No Debt. New Board led by Stephen Mitchell reviewing assets, reorganising balance sheet, reducing costs. Sold Capitola project in March for US\$2.2m. Has Newkirk project remaining with 2P reserves of 5.1 mmbls. Consolidated shares 10 to 1. Renamed Indago Energy from Pryme.		
Metgasco(MEL)\$27m4140.070.040.065M & A's Purcell joins Board	\$28.6 cash and investments end June. No debt. Keybridge Capital (11.7%) Lawndale Group 15.97%. M & A Advisory 19.2%. Provides \$7.8m loan to Byron E'gy for development of SM 71 discovery in GOM. Opts to participate (10% wi) in Byron's Bivouac Peak project. Proposes 2.5c capital return.		
Oil Basins(OBL)\$1.5m2150.013.0010.007McGrath and Doyle go	\$24k end of June. Raising up to \$516k more with SPP in August if fully subscribed. McGrath and Neil Doyle no longer Directors following 19 Sept EGM. Former Linc Energy exec Justyn Peters and Vaz Hovanessian in charge. Pots taking over from the kettles! Yet to see where OBL going now.		
Talon (TPD) \$2.5m 253 0.014 .008 0.010 Olmos asset to be sold	\$691k end Mar; \$569k end June. No debt. MR Olmos 3,600 acre tight oil property (TPD 100%) in McMullen County, Texas for sale but hard to see more than \$3m to \$4m in value. Rocket Science Pty Ltd takes 19.9%. Links to Maverick (MAD) through Crawford and Chairman Love. Illiquid.		

Companies with Substantial Cash Balances

In some cases even more cash than market capitalisation. And we are talking here about net cash so that excludes companies that have cash but also Convertible Note debt such as **Horizon Oil.** Some companies may have a small amount of cash but that cash is large relative to their market caps. Just having substantial cash balances in the current market environment is obviously a plus but in the end it what a company does with its money that is important.

Companies with a stagnant cash pile are often the target of takeovers or Board challenges the current example being **Metgasco**. And earlier with a number of other oilers, **Exoma** comes to mind

Carnarvon (CVN) \$102m 1019 0.13 0.07 0.10 Roc #2 hydrocarbon shows	\$95.5m end March; \$87.7m end June. No debt . Roc #2 well June/July to prove commerciality of Roc discovery. Spuds Outtrim East #1 in WA 155P (CVN 28.5%). Awarded new WA 521 P adjacent to leases containing Phoenix South and ROC discoveries. Well managed, \$25m profit in 2015.	
Cooper E'gy(COE)\$119m3340.380.1350.355On the move recently	\$51m end June. No debt. Looks to gas p'dn offshore Gippsland Basin (Sole and Manta) for organic growth. In legal dispute with partners seeking damages for planned exit of Hammamet Permit offshore Tunisia. Raises \$23m at 22.0c. Sells Indonesian assets for extra US\$13m. Sole FID in October.	
Cue E'gy(CUE)\$56m698.0820.0450.08Ironbark a potential winner	\$22.4m end Mar; \$20.5m end June. No debt. NZOG owns 48.11%. P'dn from Maari field offshore NZ (5%) and Oyong/Wortel fields offshore Indonesia (15%). Has 100% owned WA 359P/WA 409P with 15 Tcf Ironbark project, no well in 2016. CEO Biggs moves to AWE, interim CEO appointed.	
Emerald (EMR) \$55m 1306 0.06 .019 0.042 Now a gold play!	\$17.9m end Sept; \$16.85m end Dec. To earn in to Okvau Gold Project in Cambodia with Renaissance commits to US\$3m, 2 year exploration program now merging with Renaissance. Cash left over for other ventures. Commenced drilling at Okvau.	
Galilee(GLL)\$12m1520.1350.050.077Work completed on lateral	\$10m end Mar; \$9.5 end June. No debt. With NT becoming a no go zone for unconventional gas exploration after August elections attention may turn to Q'ld gas projects. GLL ceases all expenditure on US projects to focus on Glenaras project in the Galilee Basin. Nero Resource Fund 8.04%. Illiquid.	
Global Pet(GBP)\$5.8m2020.050.0280.029Syn-rift play o/shore Namibia	\$10.8m end Mar; \$10.2m end June. No debt. Has two Blocks 110B and 2010A in the Walvis Basin offshore Namibia. Phase 2 extended to end Dec 2017. No well commitment. Infill 2D seismic shoot scheduled for 2017. Applied for four permits offshore Italy.	
Icon(ICN)\$17m597.0410.0270.028Lifestyle company for exects	\$17.9m end Mar; \$16.9m end June. No debt. Chevron's withdrawal from ATP885 JV put tight gas project on hold. Beach now downgraded its potential to nil! Other permits in Cooper Basin and onshore Gippsland Basin, none producing. Lifestyle company for overpaid Board and management.	
Karoon (KAR) \$326m 245 2.15 1.14 1.33 Not drilling again till late 2016	\$477m end Mar; \$480m end June. No debt. Echidna and Kangaroo light oil discoveries in the Santos Basin offshore Brazil. Echidna the focus of the forward appraisal program of up to four wells in 2016 (Karoon has a 65% interest in its Santos Basin permits). Other permits offshore Peru and WA.	
Kina(KPL)\$24m3070.170.0560.079Valuable PNG assets	\$9.4m end Mar; \$8.6m end June. No debt. PNG developing into a new oil, gas and LNG province. Extensive portfolio of PNG licences, including 15% of Elevala/Ketu development in PRL 21. Former InterOil CEO Mulacek owns 19.9%. Illiquid. Corporate activity heating up in PNG oil/gas space.	

Maverick(MAD)\$41m6270.100.0410.065Raising fresh capital at 6c	\$9.4m end Mar; US\$4.2m end June. \$3.7m debt. Acquires new Eagle Ford acreage in US. Burning through \$700k cash a month. Evaluating divestment of Blue Ridge Salt Dome. Details of asset acquisitions revealed at AGM, sort of! Obscene salary o/heads. Directors recently bought in significant numbers.
Metgasco(MEL)\$27m4140.070.040.065M & A's Purcell joins Board	\$28.6 cash and investments end June. No debt. Keybridge Capital (11.7%) Lawndale Group 15.97%.New Board provides \$7.8m loan to Byron Energy for development of SM 71 discovery in the GOM. Opts to participate (10% wi) in Byron's Bivouac Peak project. Proposes 2.5c capital return.
Molopo(MPO)\$31m2490.16.1150.125Litigation remains a liability	\$67.4m end Mar; \$67.7m end June . \$8.1m contingent liability for unsettled Canadian litigation. Canadian Sam Belzberg's Gibralt Capital and Nick Bolton's Keybridge Capital major s'holders. Considering opportunities in oil and gas and other sectors. Earliest time to request trial is July, 2018.
Otto E'gy(OEL)\$54m1182.063.0180.046About to drill in Alaska	US\$26.73 end March . US\$20.3m end June . No debt . Exiting Philippines. Farms in to Alaskan project for an initial \$7m. Interest in Tanzanian permits with Swala. Joins Byron Energy in GOM Block #71, last well results in 2.3 mmboe of 2P reserves net to Otto, and in Bivouac Peak (45%).
Pan Pacific(PPP)\$17m582.0400.0250.030Future in Zeta's hands	\$24.2m end Mar; \$25.4m end June. No debt. Timor-Leste claiming US\$17m (\$2.6m net to PPP) from JPDA JV for termination of permit. Revenue from interest in Tui field. One other project 5% of CRD oil and gas discovery offshore Vietnam. Zeta Energy major shareholder with 46.45%.
Petsec (PSA) \$42m 231 0.21 0.073 0.18 Yemen key to PSA's future	US\$10.9 end March; US\$9.2m end June. No debt. Announces increase of 9 mmboe in 2P reserves with NPV of US\$188 million the result of a gamble on shut in oil fields in Yemen which it hopes to put back into p'dn in Q4. US discoveries in the GOM (Main Pass 270-PSA 12.75% wi) under development.
Red Emp (RMP) \$8.1m 425 0.03 0.018 0.019 Considering SC55 options	\$11.87m end Mar; \$11.7m end June. No debt. Quits the Puntland, Somalia. Selling Georgian asset. Greg Bandy (of Orca Energy) MD. RMP increases WI in SC 55 to 37.5% on Otto's withdrawal. Receives Philippines DoE approves two year permit moratorium. Assessing new opportunities.
Senex (SXY) \$300m 1152 0.34 .115 0.26 Trading water until oil rises	\$100m end Dec; \$101m end March. No debt. Executes asset sale and binding HoA for 20 year gas sale agreement with GLNG. Receive \$42m from Origin for Maisey Block in Surat Basin. Like its peers cut overheads and capex. Best of the Cooper Basin players in our opinion. Moves with oil price.
Sino Gas(SEH)\$207m20740.13.0270.10A Struggle to succeed in China	US\$59m end March; \$57.5m end June \$10m in debt (Macquarie). Agrees payment arrangements for Sanjiaobei PSC with PetroChina; already settled with Linxing PSC partner. Partner in SGE, MIE sells its 51% interest to Chinese Group with A\$273m look through value for SEH's 49%.
Winchester(WEL)\$19m2150.160.0530.09Drilling 7 new wells at W Hat	\$5.5m end Aug; No debt. New vehicle of Aurora Oil & Gas founders. Raised \$20m in an IPO August 2014. Small revenue stream from 50% interest in wells in Nolan County in Permian Basin. Claims to have discovered 10,000 acre "oil trap" on its leases. Lightly traded. Continuing drilling program.

Companies Focusing on Unconventional Oil and Gas

The low oil and gas prices have brought home to investors that unconventional oil and gas plays are more often than not high cost plays. The withdrawal of majors such as Chevron from the Cooper Basin unconventional play has dented the attraction of Australian plays for investors. Drilling on **Falcon Oil & Gas** permits in the Beetaloo Basin in the Northern Territory may change that.

In the US, Australian companies in US tight oil/gas plays are still struggling. It was difficult for all those not in sweet spots to be cash flow positive when oil was over US\$100 a barrel much less now with oil and gas prices at such distressed prices.

Antares(AZZ)\$120m2400.550.076SUSExp. of interest sought for assets	\$1.4m end Dec. \$47.5m in convertible debt securities . Company went into administration when it failed to meet CN repayment. Recent Permian Basin asset deals (eg. by Devon Energy) a positive for Antares suggesting administrators may yet be able to get a decent price for Antare's assets.
AustTex (AOK) \$30m 560 .079 0.035 0.054 Oil's revival, AOK's survival	US\$24.6m end Mar and June. Drawn debt of US\$20m. Snake River tight oil and gas project in Mississippi Lime in Kansas. P'dn down 35% since Jan. Surviving by cutting staff and reducing activity but that's not a long term option. Negligible trades. Lost US\$19m in CY 2015. Lightly traded.
Armour(AJQ)\$24m3220.200.0520.075AEGP farmout cancelled	\$183k end June. \$12.9m in debt. Legal stoush with AEGP over farmin terms goes in Armour's favour. Deal with AEGP not to go ahead anyway. Squeezed by debt, looking for other financing. Kincora project recommences oil p'dn. Fracking bans now in place in NT and Victoria. Vic also bans all gas drilling.
Austin Ex. (AKK) \$7.0m 1395 0.02 .004 0.005 CR at \$0.006 for \$1.65m	\$164k end Mar; \$2m end June. Titillated market with the claim of a 790 foot oil column in the Pierre Formation in its first well at Pathfinder. Now drilled vertical section of all three wells in the program and completes drilling of first of three proposed laterals. Flow testing end September.
Blue E'gy (BUL) \$26m 1141 .035 .019 0.025 Value in Q'ld oil/gas assets	\$4.8m end Mar; \$4.6m end June. No debt . Permits in Bowen and Maryborough Basins well placed to take advantage of any tightness in east coast gas market especially as fracking banned in NT and now Vic. In discussion with potential gas buyers. Negligible trades. On the move?
Empire E'gy (EEG) \$5.2m 346 .037 0.012 0.015 1P Reserve Values up 65%	US\$1m end June? US\$40.5m in debt to Macquarie. P'dn from Appalachia, Central Kansas Uplift, Marcellus and Utica shales. Signed an LOI with AEGP to farm out 80% of its McArthur Basin acreage but deal did not close. Activity has now been deferred for 2016. Foreshadows \$5m cap raising.
Entek E'gy(ETE)\$2.6m511.0180.0050.005Rationalising assets	\$1.9m end March; \$3.7m end June. Some 61,000 net acres across a Niobrara Oil Resource play in Colorado and Wyoming in the US. Had to resort to legal action to gain access to Focus Ranch Unit its best asset, which doesn't bode well for future cooperation with surface rights owner. No drilling planned.
Icon(ICN)\$17m597.0410.0270.028Lifestyle company for execs	\$17.9m end Mar; \$16.9m end June. No debt. Chevron's withdrawal from the ATP885 JV put the tight gas project on indefinite hold. Has a number of other permits in Cooper Basin and onshore Gippsland Basin, none producing. Lifestyle company for overpaid Board and management.
Oilex(OEX)\$9.4m1180.035.0070.008Settles out of court with Zeta	\$8.1m end Dec; \$5.2m end June. No debt. Gas and condensate in Gujurat Basin, India with partner Gujurat State. Producing first gas from drilled and w/o wells. Partner owes US\$7.7m and major shareholder Zeta failed to subscribe for \$4.23m in CNs and initiates legal action. B Lingo joins Board.

Sundance(SEA)\$115m6230.390.0620.185Solid buying post cap raise	\$3.5m end Dec; \$2.4m end March. US\$192m in debt. Eagle Ford shale focus. Debt level an issue. Gaffwick Pty Ltd 9.84%. Good liquidity, moves with oil price. Recent CR brings in \$90 million survival cash. Expect t/over offer at 18.0c to be withdrawn. More oil it produces more money it loses!!		
Sun Res(SUR)\$2.4m239.018.0100.01Staring down the barrel!	\$417k end Mar; \$136k end June. No debt. Operates in poorer quality Eaglebine shale play in Texas after exiting Thailand. Had problems with partners it has sought to buy out. Hancock Prospecting substantial s'holder. Board reshuffle bit like changing chairs on the Titanic. Consolidating shares.		
Companies with an African Foo	eus or Interest		
The increase in terrorist activity continent makes Africa less attra	in countries like Nigeria and Kenya and pervasive political instability across the ctive to investors despite what appears to be the potential for huge new oil and enegal (oil) and offshore Tanzania and Mozambique (gas).		
	Tanzania is probably one of the more stable countries at the present time and is currently the focus of exploration not only for oil and gas but also for graphite and other minerals.		
This group of companies includes those with an interest in north and south Africa both onshore and offshore for example in the Mediterranean.			
ADX Res. (ADX) \$3.9m 656 .011 0.003 0.006 Raises \$800k at \$0.007	\$311k end Dec; \$645k end June. No debt. Efforts to farm out Sicily Channel permits and Parta Block in Romania continue. Fink replaces Zimmer as CEO. Recent market interest after investor presentation on Nilde prospect and Directors buying soon fades. Raises \$800k in May at \$0.007 cents.		
Bounty Oil (BUY) \$8.6m 953 .011 0.007 0.009 Kiliwani cash flow starts	\$341k end Mar; \$1.76m end June No debt. Eclectic portfolio of assets from PEP 11 in Sydney Basin to Kiliwani gas field, Tanzania. 100% interest in AC/P32 in Timor Sea with 500 mmbls Azalea Prospect. Small p'dn from Surat basin. Kiliwani gas to provide \$2m plus pa. At least doing something!		
Challenger(CEL)\$10m3840.0410.020.026SA dragging feet on gas policy	\$1.1m end Mar; \$851k end June. No debt. Company waiting on grant of exploration rights in Karoo Basin. South African government taking ages to put technical and policy framework in place to govern shale gas development. Lightly traded. No imminent developments. Will need farmin partner.		
FAR (FAR) \$336m 4312 0.12 .066 0.078 See thru value below expect.	\$31.7m end March; \$66m end June. Raised \$60m in April at 8.5 cents for fourth appraisal SNE #4. Frequent equity issues to meet SNE drilling/dev expenditures puts pressure on share price. See thru value of FAR's 15% interest in SNE as a result of Woodside's deal with Conoco disappoints.		
Pancon(PCL)\$6.4m1588.008.0020.004Tullow stays in Namibia	\$1.08m end Mar; \$1.2m end June. Acreage offshore Namibia and onshore and offshore Kenya (L6). Exits two offshore Kenya permits L10A and L10B. Farminee Tullow elects to enter drilling phase of Namibia farm in. Lightly traded. Raises \$700k at \$0.004 in March.		
Pura Vida(PVD)\$11m256.0610.0240.044US\$1.5m deposit from Freeport	\$6.35m end April; \$6m end June. Speculation Freeport McMoRan will pay out commitment to drill second well in Mazagan Block offshore Morocco. Seeks farminee to Ambilobe Block offshore Madagascar after losing Sterling Energy. Enough cash to see out a year or more.		
Tlou Energy(TOU)\$36m2050.220.0470.175CBM to power in Botswana	\$1.2m end June. Completed a CR at 9.5 cents in August to raise A\$3 million. The company is developing the Lesedi CBM project in Botswana, a proposed CBM to power project. This past week the company achieved a milestone with approval of its Environmental Impact Statement.		

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Swala	1	(SWE)	\$5.9m
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Administrator appointed			

\$1.7m end Dec. India's Tata Group farms in to both Tanzanian licences for US\$5.7m payment of back costs and free carry through two wells. Uses funds to redeem CNs. Exits Zambia. Prequalifies for Ugandan licensing round. Lightly traded. To spud Kito #1 in Tanzania in Sept. Spat now with Otto.

Companies with Conventional Oil/Gas Focus in the US

Most of these companies are doing it tough given most of the easy to find and produce conventional oil and gas has been found and produced.

These companies are mostly working over old fields with enhanced oil recovery technology or simply looking for bypassed plays. Hard to see how any of them will find enough oil and gas to make any money much less excite punter interest. The challenges are not just financial but working with bigger parties with their own priorities.

One lesson companies have learned is that without a presence on the ground in the US you are asking for trouble.

Abilene(ABL)\$2.8m398.0380.0020.007US strategy not delivering	\$183k end March. \$109k end June \$1.35m in debt. Company forced to raise survival cash yet again and calls on Director Craig Matheson's company for another \$250,000. Negligible recent trades. Last well in Central Kansas Uplift project a duster. Zaimo Nominees (Silman family) has 15.36%.	
Am. Patriot(AOW)\$15m1890.210.0720.08Making new acquisition	\$4.7m end March. No debt. Asset flipping strategy. Receives unsolicited t/o bid from partner at 22.0 cents valuing company at A\$35m early 2016. Board says not enough acceptances. Announces new asset acquisitions in Utah and Texas described as "company making". Well maybe! Hi admin costs.	
Incremental(IOG)\$9.0m1870.1950.030.048Silvertip w/overs delivering	\$859 end March; \$514k end June. US\$8.26m debt. Increasing p'dn from 100% wi in Silvertip oil/gas field in Wyoming. Cost US\$6.3m. Fields in California contributes 190 boed to total 647 boepd. Skinny overheads. 2P res. of 1.73 mmboe. Raises new cash for work/overs completions at Silvertip.	
Maverick (MAD) \$35m 545 0.10 0.041 0.065 The wait gets longer!	\$9.4m end Mar; US\$4.2m end June. \$3.7m debt. Acquires new Eagle Ford acreage in US. Burning through \$700k cash a month. Evaluating divestment of Blue Ridge Salt Dome. Details of asset acquisitions revealed at AGM, sort of! Obscene salary o/heads. Directors buying in significant numbers.	
Sacgasco(SGC)\$5.0m111.0480.0210.045US assets, needs farminee	\$51k end Mar; \$30k end June. Needs partner for conventional gas prospects in the Sacramento Basin, California including a US\$3m-\$4m well to test the 1+Tcf Dempsey prospect (SGC 55%). Plans for LNG development appear to have been shelved. Rarely trades. Partner to Xstate.	
TTE Petrol.(TTE)\$2.1m6910.03.0020.003Sells interest salt domes	\$398k end Mar; \$149k end June. No debt. Ex Maverick founder Brad Simmons CEO. Has sold 70% working interest in Allen Dome to Viceroy Petroleum, TTE retaining 30%. Viceroy also purchases Boling Dome and Markham Dome assets. Pretty much all over for TTE.	
Winchester(WEL)\$19m2150.160.0530.09Building production	\$5.5m end Aug; No debt. New vehicle of Aurora Oil & Gas founders. Raised \$20m in an IPO August 2014. Small revenue stream from 50% interest in wells in Nolan County in Permian Basin. Claims 10,000 acre "oil trap" on its leases. Lightly traded. Commits to new 7 well program over next six months.	

Companies with Exploration Programs in the Perth Basin

The recent conventional oil discovery by AWE Limited and Origin Energy at Waitsia has sparked renewed interest in the potential of the Perth Basin particularly in the northern area of the basin. New drilling has confirmed the Waitsia field is a significant onshore gas discovery. Warro on the other hand looks a fizzer.

AWE Ltd(AWE)\$348m5270.950.310.66Lacking exploration upside	\$54m end March; \$33m end June. \$15m debt. Market surprised by FY16 underlying loss of \$67.4m and \$242.5m in impairments. Revenue falls 29%. Capex pruned. Waitsia gas development focus of next 12 months after selling Sugarloaf, Cliff Head and now Lengo. First gas sales from Waitsia.		
Empire Oil (EGO) \$30m 102 0.58 0.29 0.29 MRL pays 45c share for 18.72%	\$3.1m end Mar; \$2.9m end June. \$14.9m in loan facilities (used to buy ERM's Perth Basin assets). Gas p'dn and sales from Red Gully facility. Plans five well exploration program. First well Red Gully North #1 experienced water incursion in top two productive zones. Remediation planned.		
Key Pet (KEY) \$3.6m 897 .006 0.003 0.004 In a holding pattern	\$1.6m end Dec. \$1.9m end March. No debt. In exploration phase. Assets in the Perth Basin (EP 437 "Derby Block) and in Canning Basin (several). Waitsia gas discovery increases punter interest in Perth Basin. There Dunnart #2 disappoints. Illiquid. Hong Kong based Star Surpass has 19.5%.		
Norwest(NWE)\$6.1m2050.005.0020.003Raises survival cash, again	\$701k end Mar; \$335k end June. No debt. Arrowsmith tight gas prospect likely to be undermined by cheaper conventional gas plays in the Basin eg. Waitsia. Raised \$820k in new cash again at \$0.0025. Needs oil discovery in TP/15 akin to Cliff Head field. Xanadu best prospect.		
Pilot(PGY)\$4.0m2005.003.0010.002Well promoted tiddler	\$3.5m end Mar; \$2.05m end June after placement to Hong Kong interests. No debt. Has "multi million barrel oil potential" in WA 507P offshore WA (PGY 80%). Foreshadows prospective resource estimate for WA 503P. 60% interest in to two EGO permits south of Perth.		
Transerv(TSV)\$7.4m8250.070.0090.009Warro wells being flow tested	\$2.4m end Mar; \$3.3m end June. Warro gas field project in Perth Basin. Alcoa spending \$100m to earn 65%. Warro #5 and #6 intersect extensive gas sands, but yet to demonstrate commercial potential. Testing continuing. Enter bidding for Origin's interest in Waitsia gas field.		
Triangle(TEG)\$7.0m3495.004.0010.002New entrant to Perth Basin	Waiting for September cashflow statement. Sold Aceh assets in Indonesia and used proceeds to fund acquisition of AWE Limited's 57.5% interest in Cliff Head oil field offshore Perth Basin. Now farmed in to TP/15 held by Norwest. Well to be drilled in 2016 to test Xanadu prospect.		
Companies with a Cooper Basin focus Companies with a focus on oil and gas exploration and production in Australia's premier onshore oil and gas province. The fall in the oil price has taken its toll on all Cooper Basin producers.			
Beach (BPT) \$1.3B 1860 0.80 0.35 0.715 Books another big loss	\$241m end Mar; \$199m end June. \$150m in debt. Merger with Drillsearch completed. Reduced capex means curtailed drilling activity ultimately resulting in lower production and revenues. Can't survive (and pay dividends) by increasing borrowings. Ryan Stokes joins Board.		
Senex (SXY) \$300m 1152 0.34 .115 0.26	\$102m end June. No debt. Executes asset sale and binding HoA for 20 year gas sale agreement with GLNG. Receive \$42m from Origin for Maisey Block in Surat Basin. Like its peers cut overheads and capex. Best of the Cooper		

Treading water waiting on oil Basin players in our opinion. Moves with oil price. 1.01mmboe FY15/16.

Cooper E'gy (COE) \$119m 334 0.38 0.135 0.355 Sole FEED 93% complete	\$51m end June. No debt. Looks to gas p'dn offshore Gippsland Basin (Sole and Manta) for organic growth. In legal dispute with partners seeking damages for planned exit of Hammamet Permit offshore Tunisia. Raises \$23m at 22.0c. Sells Indonesian assets for extra US\$13m. Sole FID in October.
Real (RLE) \$16m 204 0.18 0.07 0.077 Fracking Cooper Basin well	\$10.1m end Mar; \$8.7m end June. No debt. 100% ownership of four large permits in Cooper Basin. Throws around some pretty big prospective resource numbers for tight gas in the Toolachee and Patchawarra formations. Need to be a wary of the claims made. Thinly traded.
Strike (STX) \$95m 900 0.15 0.095 0.105 CEO Wrench goes	\$6.3m end Dec; \$4.4m end March; \$7.2m end June. \$9.4m in debt. Chasing commercial gas for east coast markets from Cooper Basin's deep coals. Yet to demonstrate wells drilled will produce as anticipated. Better gas plays elsewhere. Small p'dn in US. Raised \$6.7m in early April at 10.0c.

Companies Active in Papua New Guinea

Emerging oil and gas province with as yet much untapped potential. Success of PNG LNG shows that even in a difficult physical and political environment the seemingly impossible is possible. Oil Search is the outstanding player among the ASX listed entities with operations/leases there.

Horizon (HZN) \$51m 1302 .125 .037 0.039 Reduces CN's by US\$31m	US\$17m end Mar; UA\$16.1m end June. US\$120m debt and US\$59m in bonds. Current p'dn 4,000 bopd (Beibu/Maari). Gas assets in PNG offer growth path. Analysts concerned at level of reserves based debt and bonds maturing mid-2016. Others attracted by PNG LNG assets. IMC S'pore 29%.
Kina (KPL) \$24m 307 .175 0.056 0.079 Valuable PNG assets	\$9.4m end Mar; \$8.6m end June. No debt. PNG developing into a new oil, gas and LNG province. Extensive portfolio of PNG licences, including 15% of Elevala/Ketu development in PRL 21. Former InterOil CEO Mulacek owns 19.9%. Illiquid. Corporate activity heating up in PNG oil/gas space.
Oil Search(OSH)\$11b15238.365.567.51Opts not to rebid for Inter/oil	US\$780m end June. Debt of US\$4.1b. Premier ASX listed PNG player initially with conventional oil and gas assets and now low cost PNG LNG. Opts not to counter Exxon's offer for InterOil. Will benefit anyway from Exxon's participation in PRL 15. Well run company. Debt manageable.

Companies looking to transition to a new field of activity

Announcing the transition to a new field of activity - hi-tech, fintech and biotech are the most popular choices - has seen some resource companies' share prices sky rocket on the day of the announcement only to return subsequently to earth! Making a success of a new venture in these fields is no less easy than making a success in the oil patch.

The following junior oilers have indicated their interest in moving into a new field of activity. Cash boxes are usually given six months to find a new activity before being suspended from trading.

Azonto(APY)\$10m1159.019.0050.009Waiting for new deal	\$6.9m end Mar; \$6.6m end June. Transaction with Clipfort announced 15 April will not complete and the Term Sheet has been terminated following Azonto's inability to complete due diligence to its satisfaction. Not sure where Azonto goes from here, must be running out of time for another deal.
Cott (CMT) \$3.2m 77 .049 .021 0.041 Sells PRL38 to fund new deal	\$3.55m end of June. In its March quarter activities statement Cott said it was currently reviewing new business opportunities and would update shareholders on the progress of these opportunities in due course. Jeremy King who replaced Andrew Dimsey in February may be the key.

Indus (IND) \$1.9m 157 .021 .006 SUS	\$1.6m end of Mar; \$1.5m end June. Conducting final due diligence and have extended the option period for Indus to exercise its right to acquire 100% of the issued capital of IMD Gold Mines Ltd. IMD acquiring a number of gold	
Acquiring IMD Gold Mines	projects in WA with near term production potential eg at Battler.	
Kairiki(KIK)\$2.1m2690.03.002SUSFails to re-comply with 12.1	\$108k end June. Scott Brown of Real Energy and IOT Group appointed to Board to lead them out of the oil and gas wilderness. Well maybe. Lot of dodgy deals going down at the moment not least by IOT Group. You gotta love the market! Only positive an ASX listing. Daytrader fodder.	
Molopo(MPO)\$31m2490.16.1150.125Litigation remains a liability	\$67.4m end Mar; \$67.7m end June . \$8.1m contingent liability for unsettled Canadian litigation. Canadian Sam Belzberg's Gibralt Capital and Nick Bolton's Keybridge Capital major s'holders. Considering opportunities in oil and gas and other sectors. Earliest time to request trial is July, 2018.	
New Guinea(NGE)\$17m845.0260.016SUSTo become an LIC	\$19.5 end Mar; \$19.34m end June. No debt. PPLs 266 and 267 in PNG to be farmed out/sold. Contingent payments/royalties from sold PNG leases, PPL 269 and 277. A 50% interest in Western Drilling (PNG based). Invests \$3.55m in Karoon Gas. Looking to possibly invest outside of oil and gas.	
Orca(OGY)\$5.5m4630.027.010SUSSecond tech deal falls over	\$4.45m cash end Mar; \$4.3m end June. Deal with Mobimedia International terminated by mutual agreement of both parties. Now (24 June) trading in shares suspended pending an announcement in relation to another acquisition. Board and Management same as for Red Emperor Resources.	
Odyssey(ODY)\$6.9m1090.073.0450.063Considering new activity	\$4.1m end of Mar; \$3.95m end June. Yet to decide whether to sell its McLain County oil and gas asset in Oklahoma. Company "continues efforts to identify and acquire suitable new business opportunities". Ian Middlemas Chairman, Mark Pearce non-executive Director. (Dec qtr report). Illiquid.	
Tamaska(TMK)\$5.9m1960.008.0020.003Considering new activity	\$2.3m end Mar; \$2.28m end June. No debt. Company said in December quarterly "the company is evaluating new business opportunities". Has production income from two small projects in Fusselman and West Klondike in Texas and Louisiana. Alex Parks MD. Illiquid, rarely trades.	
WHL Energy(WHN)\$5.5m5,545.037.001SUSAcquiring IoT Company	\$2.35m end Mar; \$2.1m end June. Exited assets in the Seychelles after. Farminee Ophir exercised its option to exit offshore Seychelles Blocks. WHL seeking farminees for VIC/P67 (La Bella permit). Struggling, few friends. Looking for investment opportunities not necessarily in oil and gas.	
Interpose (IHS) \$2.5m 85 .039 0.027 0.03 CR at 2.0c to raise \$716k	\$137k end Mar; \$850k end June. No debt. Sold Ibhubesi Gas Project in SA to largest shareholder Umbono (30.8%). Will end up with \$1.0 cash and no debt. Mandates Cygnet Capital to introduce new business opportunities. Cygnet also Lead Manager for Rights Issue at 2.0c to raise over \$700k.	

Executive Remuneration

As revealed by companies in their annual reports. Includes values placed on STI, LTIs SARs and Performance Rights. Ranked from highest paid to lowest paid. Figures are for FY 2015/2016 or CY 2015.

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J M Yeager	CEO Maverick Drilling	\$1,827,798
David Maxwell	MD, Cooper Energy	\$1,592,830
Ian R Davies	MD, Senex Energy	\$1,188,636
B D Emmett	CEO Horizon Oil	\$1,171,781
Robert Hosking	MD Karoon Gas	\$1,023,093
Brad Simmons	CEO TTE Petroleum	\$854,088
Bruce Clement	MD, AWE Limited*	\$848,509
Terry Fern	Chair/MD, Petsec Energy	\$768,000
Ray James	MD, Icon Energy	\$732,359
Adrian Cook	MD/CEO Carnarvon Petroleum	\$728,439
Matthew Allen	MD Otto Energy	\$718,237
David Wrench	MD Strike Energy	\$640,587
Richard Cottee	MD & CEO Central Petroleum	\$614,420
David Biggs	CEO Cue Energy	\$591,917
Brad Lingo	MD Elk Petroleum	\$517,834
Damon Neaves	MD Pura Vida Energy	\$466,752
Peter Henderson	MD/CEO Metgasco**	\$463,155
Robert Willes	MD Challenger Energy	\$441,648
Peter Stickland	MD Tap Oil	\$417,087
Tor McCaul	MD Comet Ridge	\$412,079
Matthew Battrick	MD/CEO Sun Resources	\$404,087
Stephen Keeniha	m MD Transerv Energy	\$394,226
Justyn Peters E	Exec Chair Leigh Creek Energy	\$363,915
Barry Rushworth	CEO Pancontinental Oil	\$343,750
Scott Brown	MD Real Energy	\$329,000
Guy Goudy	Exec Chair Austin Exploration	\$300,875
Kane Marshall	MD Key Petroleum	\$269,244
Rob Towner	Exec Dir Triangle Energy	\$225,562
Ken Charsinsky	Jacka Resources	\$221,406
Greg Bandy	MD Red Emperor	\$197,100
Laurence Roe	MD Target Energy	\$164,250
* To 2 May, 201	16 ** To 1 June, 2016	
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