

# **BURU ENERGY LTD (BRU)**

# A Carbonate Puzzle

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# **Speculative Buy**

	12 Nov 2018
Share Price:	\$0.260
12mth Price Target:	\$0.48

#### **Brief Business Description:**

BRU is an oil producer and explorer with a core focus on the Canning Basin. Key asset is the Ungani Oil Field.

#### Hartleys Brief Investment Conclusion

BRU generates cash flow from oil sales from the Ungani Oil Field with additional upside potential from further development. BRU has an extensive exploration acreage position

Chairman & CEO: **Executive Chairman** Eric Streitberg

#### Substantial Shareholders:

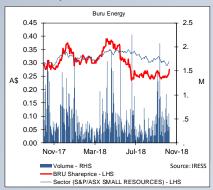
Birkdale Enterprises Pty Ltd	8%
Chemco Pty Ltd	8%
E C Streitberg	5%
Company Address:	
16 Ord Street	
West Perth	
WA 6872	

Issued Capital:	432m
- fully diluted	441m
Market Cap:	\$112.3m
- fully diluted	\$114.8m
Debt (end CY18e)	\$4.8m
Cash (end CY18e)	\$63.5m

FY16A	FY17A	FY18F
23	133	402
-\$10m	-\$4m	\$37m
\$0m	-\$13m	\$49m
-\$14m	-\$10m	-\$1m
(3.2)	(2.3) -	0.20
-8.0x	-11.1x	-129.9x
-4.2x	-6.0x	-31.8x
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-16%	-12%	-60%
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#### \*normalised

Source: Hartlevs Research



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# **SUMMARY MODEL**

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EV Net Debt <u>Valuation</u> 12 Month Price Target	\$ ps				\$55m -\$57m 0.48	Substantial Shareholder Birkdale Enterprises Pty Ltd Chemco Pty Ltd E C Streitberg				m	35.1 33.3 21.2	8.1° 7.7° 4.9°
P&L	Unit 2015A	2016A	2017A	2018F	2019F	Production Summary	Unit	Pre-16	2016A	2017A	2018F	2019
Net Revenue COGS EBITDAX Depreciation/Amort EBIT	3.5 (5.3) (8.4) (3.5) (11.9)	0.2 (1.4) (9.1) (4.0) (13.1)	7.9 (4.2) (4.1) (5.1) (9.2)	23.6 (10.3) 3.7 (5.4) (1.7)	27.2 (11.4) 10.3 (2.2) 8.1	Oil	'000 bbl	597	23	133	402	65
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Reported Profit	(38.9)	(33.8)	(6.2)	31.1	7.7	Share Price Valuation (N	AV)					
Cash Other Current Assets Total Current Assets Property, Plant & Equip. Exploration Investments/other Tot Non-Curr. Assets Total Assets	2015A 33.9 5.0 38.9 34.8 48.2 0.1 83.2 124.7	21.1 3.3 24.3 26.8 22.0 0.1 48.8 73.2	2017A 16.9 4.3 21.2 59.8 6.4 0.0 66.2 87.3	63.5 2.2 65.7 22.4 22.5 0.0 44.9 110.6	2019F  58.4 2.5 60.9 29.1 26.2 0.0 55.4 116.3	A\$ m Ungani Other Exploration Gas Option Net Debt & Corp.  Valuation  Petroleum Tenements		<b>Un-risked</b> 67.0 843.0 875.0	Risking 100% 10% 3%	67.0 84.2 21.9 37.1	cps 15.2 19.1 5.0 8.4	
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Ratio Analysis	Unit 2015A	2016A	2017A	2018F	2019F							
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# **HIGHLIGHTS**

The Ungani Oil Field continues to present numerous challenges. The JV\* has been forced to undertake a number of additional workovers to boost production and the drilling of new wells to facilitate drainage. The JV are currently targeting production of 1,800 bopd with the longer-term goal of achieving 3,000bopd. However, total production with the recent well configuration with Ungani 4 offline, and Ungani 5 without artificial lift, was only circa 1,100 bopd. BRU expects this to increase substantially if the Ungani 4ST1 well is completed successfully and with artificial lift now installed at Ungani 5. A successful result at the Ungani West 1 exploration well could add further material production. An additional development well, Ungani 6, has been agreed by the JV to be drilled in the Eastern portion of the field (from the Ungani 3/5 pad). Ahead of these wells and to be conservative in our assumptions, we have lowered our peak annual production rate to 1,800bopd for the field overall as a consequence of the well results to this.

Carbonate reservoirs (such as Ungani) host more than 60% of the world's oil and 40% of the world's gas reserves. However, heterogeneous carbonate fields are notoriously challenging to produce. Carbonates can exhibit highly varying properties (e.g. porosity, permeability, flow mechanisms) within small sections of the reservoir, making them difficult to characterize.

\*In May 2018, BRU sold a 50% interest in the Ungani production licences L20 and L21 (the Ungani Oilfield) to Roc Oil (the Fosun Group) for a total cash consideration of A\$64 million. The final payment of \$51 million was received by BRU in late September. Prior to the deal we had valued the Ungani Oilfield at \$179m (or \$89.5m for 50%), see our research 'Deal with Fosun Funds Ungani Trend Exploration' (23rd May 2018). Importantly the deal also included direct funding for up to four exploration wells.

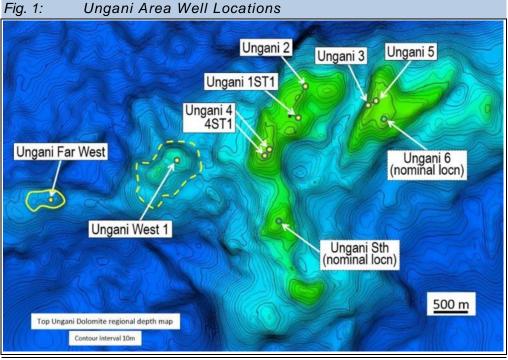
# Summary of Well Results to date in the Ungani Accelerated Development Program and Planned Wells.

- <u>Recent:</u> Ungani Far West 1 was brought online as an additional oil producing well. Ungani 4ST1 suspended.
- Current: Ungani West 1 exploration well spudded the 16th October.
- <u>November</u>: Ungani 4ST1: Operations to be completed by late November.
- December to April: Wet season (cannot drill remote from current well pads)
- <u>December:</u> Drill Ungani 6 appraisal/production well on Eastern part of the Ungani Oilfield (drilled from existing Ungani 3/5 pad).
- January 2019 (subject to weather): Ungani South 1 exploration/appraisal well
  potentially targeting southern area of the field.
- Mid-April 2019 (depends on start of the dry season): Focused on wildcat exploration program (up to four wells) including a potential horizontal well at Ungani.
- April 2019+: Use NGD Rig 405 to potentially drill wells on Buru operated acreage outside the Roc Oil Joint Venture.

# **Ungani Oilfield Update**

Oil production from the Ungani Oilfield for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2018 totalled circa 117,000 bbls (gross), an average rate of circa 1,270bopd. Various well workovers, rate tests and productivity treatments which were required resulted in wells being offline for extended periods.

**Ungani 1 and 2 wells:** The Ungani 1 and Ungani 2 wells continue to be good performers and produce on artificial lift generally in line with predictions.



Source: BRU

**Ungani 4:** Unfortunately, Ungani 4 has not been as successful. Initially Ungani 4 flowed at significantly lower rates than expected (up to 400 bopd) most likely according to the Company due to mechanical issues restricting production. The JV decided to sidetrack the well and this commenced in September. This Ungani 4ST1 sidetrack unfortunately has also had to be temporarily suspended for operational reasons.

**Ungani 5:** Ungani 5 drilled in the Ungani East area flowed at over 1,200bopd on initial test (produced strongly from both the middle and lower zones of the reservoir, the upper zone was not materially productive at this location) and is now on free flow production. Rates (undisclosed) are however currently lower than expected by the Company. Artificial lift (a beam pump) to aid production has been installed on this well. A further well Ungani 6 will be drilled in this area to test the reservoir quality. It will be drilled after Ungani West 1 and the completion of Ungani 4ST1.

**Ungani Far West 1:** The Ungani Far West 1 was brought online as an additional oil producing well late in the quarter with good initial flow rates which then declined as expected as water cuts increased. A beam pump has now been installed on that well and production is continuing.

**Ungani North 1:** The Ungani North 1 well was re-tested but commercial flow rates were not achieved and the well is currently under review. The Ungani North structure is well defined by the Ungani 3D seismic grid and with an established oil column is capable of holding substantial volumes of oil and the JV is still considering it for further evaluation during the upcoming operations program.

**Further Development Wells:** Given the results to date the JV now expects additional wells will be required to drain the reservoir. These may include horizontal wells if technically and commercially justified.

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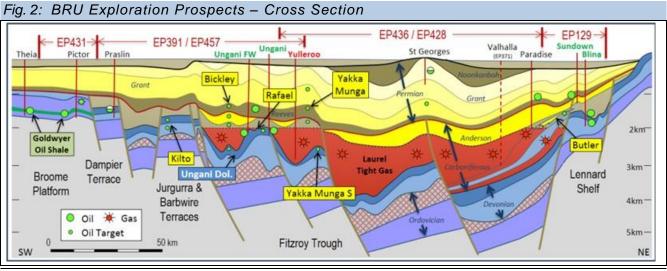
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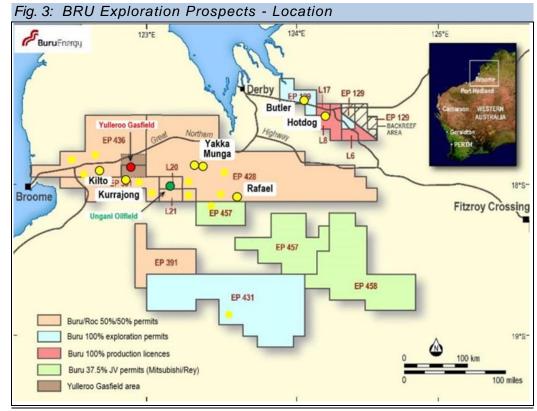
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# **Exploration Plans**

As part of the Roc Oil/Fosun deal, Roc Oil also acquired a 50% interest in exploration permits EP 391, EP 428 and EP 436 by agreeing to pay \$20 million of a \$25 million exploration program of up to four wells. The first well in the programme, Ungani West 1, is currently drilling. The next well could possibly be Ungani South 1 targeting the southern area of the field. The deeper Rafael oil prospect could be drilled in the 2019 drilling season.



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Ungani West 1: The Ungani West 1 well spudded in mid-October in Production License L20 about 1,600 metres to the west of the Ungani Production Facility. The well is being funded 80% by Roc Oil under the terms of the Farmin Agreement between the parties, with BRU contributing 20%. The Ungani West 1 well is being drilled by the DDGT1 rig to a total measured depth of circa 2,400 metres. If successful, the well will be tied back to the Ungani Production Facility (1,600m to the west) to allow for early production from the well.

In drilling to date, wireline logs and pressure data have indicated an oil column of up to five metres in a fair to good quality sandstone unit at the top of the Reeves Formation (1,625 metres to 1,640 metres), in the same stratigraphic position as the Reeves oil column in the Ungani Far West 1 well, circa 1.7km to the west of Ungani West 1. At Ungani Far West 1 there is a 5-metre oil bearing sand with an inferred 23 metre oil column in the Reeves section. This 'discovery' has to be further evaluated. The well is currently drilling into the primary Ungani Dolomite target. Once sufficient Ungani Dolomite reservoir section is penetrated, the well will be logged and the reservoir properties evaluated.

Ungani South 1: The JV are evaluating whether to drill an exploration well in the southern portion of the Ungani Field. This well could be drilled in January 2019, subject to weather.

Rafael 1: The JV have contracted the NGD Rig 405 (5,000m depth capacity) for the drill programme in 2019. This provides them with the capacity to drill the deeper Rafael 1 prospect, and to consider horizontal drilling on the Ungani field itself (it commercially and technically feasible). The 2019 exploration drilling program has a targeted start date of mid-April 2019.

Looking into 2019 the focus will turn more to the imminent exploration programme along the Ungani Trend. The difficulties with managing production at Ungani may somewhat dampen investor appetite for this programme (as generally similar structures are being targeted) however the risk/reward still looks exciting. The JV are targeting a now proven conventional oil play system over 150 kms. A range of prospect sizes and play types have been identified from proven Ungani Dolomite and Reeves discoveries to new high potential concepts for both oil and gas.

Fig. 4: Gross Prospective Resources

Recov. Oil m	mbbls/TCF	Buru %	Low	Best	High
Rafael	mmbbls	50%	34	75	142
Kurrajong	mmbbls	50%	17	27	40
Yakka Mung	ja mmbbls	50%	22	66	144
Kilto	mmbbls	50%	11	17	25
Hotdog	mmbbls	100%	10	22	45
Butler Conv	ent. TCF	100%	0.3	1.5	3.0
Butler tight	gas TCF	100%	0.5	2.1	6.6

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## Rafael Prospect

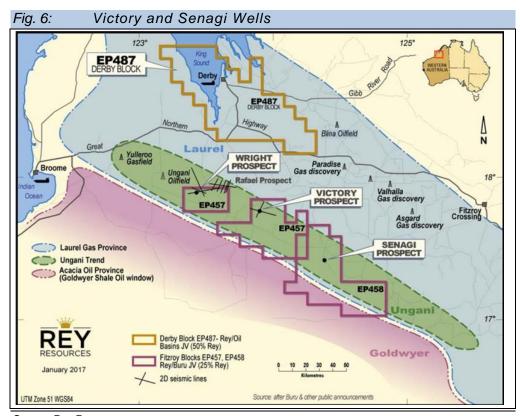
Rafael is a very large well defined Ungani Dolomite prospect, located 50km to the east of Ungani. While it has a similar structural setting to Ungani it is estimated to be 16 times larger.

Fig. 5: Rafael Prospective Resources

Recov. Oil mmbbls	Low	Best	High
Rafael	36	75	138

Source: BRU

Importantly. the Laurel oil charge has been proven along the trend by the Victory-1 well. In 2015-2016, BRU and Rey Resources drilled the Victory and Senagi wells along the Eastern portion of the Ungani trend. 'The Senagi well encountered excellent reservoir in the Ungani Dolomite but was wet with minor shows. The Victory 1 well was drilled to test a mapped closure along trend from the Ungani oil field. Due to drilling difficulties, the primary target section of the well was not logged and no lithology samples were obtained. Although oil shows were encountered in the Grant Formation and traces in the deeper section, post well interpretation of the limited information obtained from the well suggests that the primary Laurel Formation target may not have been reached.'



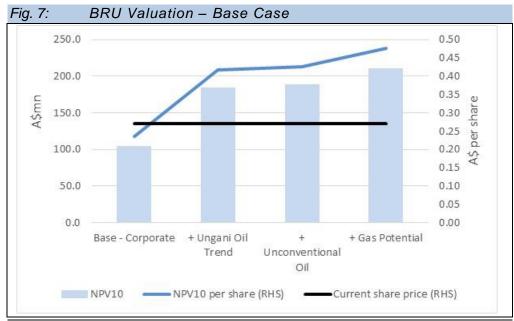
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# RECOMMENDATION, VALUATION & RISKS

# INVESTMENT THESIS & RECOMMENDATION

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# **RISKS**

BRU is an oil and gas exploration and production company exclusively focused on the Canning Basin. The key risks for BRU (like most junior oil & gas companies) is a combination of exploration success and performance of the production assets (if any). Other risks are earnings disappointments given the industry is volatile and earnings can disappoint due to cost overruns, project delays, cost inflation, environmental regulations, resource estimate errors. Although some disappointments can be short term and are only a timing issue, other disappointments can be materially value destructive and can sometimes overhang stocks for a long period of time (for example over-estimating long-term flow rates). Such disappointments can be very difficult to predict and share price reactions can be severe and immediate upon disclosure by the company.

High financial leverage (if it exists at that time) would add to the problem. Investing in explorers is very risky given the value of the company (exploration value) in essence assumes that the market will recognise a portion of potential value before the results

of an exploration program are known, conscious that the ultimate chance of success is low (typically 1%-20%) and that failure is much more likely, in most cases.

ig. 8: Key assu	mptions and risks	for valuation	
Assumption	Risk of not realising assumption	Risk to valuation if assumption is incorrect	Comment
Ungani Production, Reserves and Exploration Upside.	Moderate to High	High	We assume that Ungani production averages 1,800bopd in CY19. This is reliant on a successful side-track of Ungani 4 and continued strong production at the other three wells. We also assume total recovery of circa 5.0mmbbl, below the circa 2C of 6m reported in 2016. While we feel (post farm out, Ungani drilling and recent rise in oil prices) that our exploration value is conservative, the repeatability of the success at Ungani remains untested.
Capital Commitments	Moderate	High	Drilling and completion costs have historically been very high in the Canning Basin but reduced in recent years due to the downturn in the industry and availability of lower cost services and equipment. The current cost of Ungani wells are A\$4.5-6.0m to drill and complete (less than half what we estimate it would have cost at the peak of the last cycle). Going forward capital costs are likely to rise and fall with prevailing oil prices.
Oil Price and currency Forecasts	Moderate	High	From recent cyclical lows we had expected the Brent oil price to recover towards the top end of a US\$40-60/bbl trading range in CY18 before breaking out to a higher US\$60-75/bbl price band from CY19 as 'lower cost' onshore US production peaks. So, prices in our opinion obviously overshot in CY18, but the medium-term trend remains bullish and we retain a long run price forecast of US\$75/bbl. The Ungani Oilfield and hence BRU is highly leveraged to the oil price. Our long run AUD / USD is US\$0.75. A rising AUD would impact BRU negatively as they have a significant proportion of their cost base in AUD.
Western Australian drilling legislation	Moderate	High	BRU is currently exclusively focused on the Canning Basin in Western Australia. Hence it is at risk from changes to Petroleum Legislation and Title issues in the Canning Basin itself. Fracture stimulation is currently not allowed in WA, until a Government led review is complete. This will directly impact BRU's ability to explore its Goldwyer Unconventional Oil and Laurel Formation Gas potential.
Conclusion	We have downgraded	d our production and rese	erve expectations for the Ungani Field post recent

We have downgraded our production and reserve expectations for the Ungani Field post recent drilling results. The Company continues to drill new development, appraisal and near field exploration targets with the target of increasing production towards 3,000bopd. Compared to this our assumptions are conservative, but likely warranted given the results to date. We believe there is more upside when compared to downside risk to our Ungani field assumptions, however, performance to date has been below expectations. Looking forward the focus will shift to drilling some potential very high impact exploration targets, which the market does not seem to be valuing highly, offering potential material upside to the share price upon success.

Source: Hartleys Research

# SIMPLE S.W.O.T. TABLE

Strengths Extensive acreage position in the prospective

Canning Basin.

Production from the already discovered Ungani Oil

Field.

Experienced Management Team.

Single Basin focus.

Basin is relatively underexplored, providing a number

of early stage prospective plays.

Strong Balance Sheet.

Weaknesses Basin is relatively underexplored with a number of

uncertainties.

Remains a relatively small player.

Opportunities Leverage to rising oil prices.

4 fully funded wells targeting the large conventional oil targets on trend with the Ungani discovery. Unconventional oil potential looks promising in the

Goldwyer Formation.

Laurel Formation unconventional gas play still looks

prospective, likely to get free kick from work

undertaken by former JV partner.

Given quality of gas source rocks in the Basin, we expect commercial scale conventional gas fields to exist (but given the size of the basin they will be

difficult to find).

Threats Highly leveraged to international oil prices.

Exposure to the USD / AUD exchange rate. Western Australian drilling legislation (e.g. fracture stimulation ban) and land access issues (e.g. Native

Title issues).

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#### **Hartleys Recommendation Categories**

Buy Share price appreciation anticipated.

Accumulate Share price appreciation anticipated but the risk/reward is

not as attractive as a "Buy". Alternatively, for the share price to rise it may be contingent on the outcome of an uncertain or distant event. Analyst will often indicate a

price level at which it may become a "Buy".

Neutral Take no action. Upside & downside risk/reward is evenly

balanced.

Reduce / It is anticipated to be unlikely that there will be gains over Take profits the investment time horizon but there is a possibility of

some price weakness over that period.

Sell Significant price depreciation anticipated.

No Rating No recommendation.

Speculative Share price could be volatile. While it is anticipated that, Buy on a risk/reward basis, an investment is attractive, there

on a risk/reward basis, an investment is attractive, there is at least one identifiable risk that has a meaningful possibility of occurring, which, if it did occur, could lead to significant share price reduction. Consequently, the

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