# **Quarterly Report**

Quarter Ended: 31 March 2009



#### Introduction

The directors of Buru are pleased to present the report of the Company for the quarter ended 31 March 2009.

Buru is an Australian company focused on exploring and developing petroleum resources in its current acreage in the Canning Basin in the Kimberley region of northwest Western Australia.

On 20 April 2009 the Company announced that it had received a Proposal from Arenite Pty Ltd to acquire all of Buru's shares and listed options in cash for 25 cents per Buru share and 2.5 cents per Buru listed option. For further detail on the Proposal shareholders and optionholders should refer to the Company's announcement on 20 April 2009. A scheme booklet containing more details will be sent to shareholders and optionholders as outlined below.

## **Strategy**

The Company's strategy is to explore for and develop petroleum and energy resources to deliver material benefits to its shareholders, the community and the traditional owners in the areas in which it operates. At this time the Company operates in the Canning Basin.

#### **Financial**

Appendix 5B to this report contains the cash flow statement for the quarter with the key highlights being:-

- Blina and Sundown oil fields produced an operating surplus of \$0.1 million;
- Exploration expenditure comprised ongoing technical work, permit management, preparation for the 2009 seismic surveys including environmental and heritage clearances, regional geological analysis by external consultants and carryover costs for the Pijalinga seismic survey heritage clearance;
- Interest income included \$0.7 million on the \$20 million held in escrow for Alcoa of Australia Limited that was placed on six month term deposit at the time Buru demerged from ARC;
- Fixed asset expenditure primarily pertains to improvements to the Fairway Rig to enable it to be contracted out for work overs on day rate charges and a replacement generator at the Blina oil field.

At the end of the quarter the Company had net cash reserves of over \$58 million available for exploration, development and investment, and has a capital structure that provides significant upside potential for shareholders from even a modest commercial oil or gas discovery.

Issued Capital (as at date of this report)		Financial Res	Financial Resources (as at the end of the quarter)		
Ordinary Shares:	162,119,728	Total Cash	\$78,916,350 (*)		
Options (listed):	55,176,975	Free Cash	\$58,188,416 (*)		
Options (unlisted):	28,300,000	Debt	Nil		

(\*) \$20.7 million of the Company's total cash is held in an account on behalf of Alcoa in accordance with the Company's commitment to Alcoa as described in section 2.1 of the attached Appendix 5B, until Buru delivers gas under a Gas Sales Agreement.

The Company has a strong net cash position of some \$58 million, low cost oil production from existing fields in the Canning Basin and an extensive exploration portfolio.

#### **Production and Development**

The Company continues to produce oil from the Blina and Sundown oil field complex contained within the L6 and L8 licences in the Canning Basin in the northwest of Western Australia.

Cash receipts from the Blina and Sundown oil field complex were down during the March 2009 quarter to \$787K (December 2008 quarter \$1,410K). This was a direct result of the heavy seasonal rain impacting production and transportation together with reductions in production levels from some wells and lower prices realised on oil sold. The net operating surplus from production was \$0.1 million for the quarter.

Technical studies are continuing to assess further activities to increase production from these fields with a view to undertaking this work once economic conditions support allocating funds to these activities.

#### **Drilling**

The Company was not directly involved in any drilling during the March 2009 quarter. The current state of the global economic environment and current oil prices has resulted in the Company deferring drilling activities to the 2010 dry season. In 2009, the Company will focus on acquiring additional 2D and 3D seismic data in preparation for these drilling activities.

#### **Exploration**

Exploration activities during the quarter focused on:

- preparation for the 2009 seismic surveys, including environmental and heritage clearances
- ongoing technical work specifically in relation to regional geological analysis; and
- permit management activities focusing on restructuring the Company's financial obligations.

As outlined by the Company on 12 January 2009, economic conditions have reduced and focused the Company's resources on areas capable of generating economic returns for shareholders.

The Company expects to continue its technical review and prospect identification and refinement process in 2009 in preparation for drilling activities in the 2010 dry season. An integral part of this review and prospect identification is the plan to acquire over 200 km² of 3D seismic data over the existing oil fields in production licence L8 and over 100 km of 2D seismic data over the Paradise 1 structure in exploration permit EP 428 with the intention of drilling this prospect in the 2010 drilling season. Discussions with contractors, Government and traditional owners in this regard are progressing.

Provided the seismic data supports the current technical work, the Company expects the 2010 drilling program to include one or two wells in the Sundown oil field area in production licence L6 or EP 129 and the Paradise 1 well in EP428. The Sundown well or wells would target oil accumulations intended to increase production from the existing production licence whilst the Paradise 1 well would target both oil and gas resources.

## Corporate

As released to the market on the 20 April 2009, Arenite Pty Ltd, (a Company associated with the current Chairman of Buru, Mr Eric Streitberg), has submitted a proposal to acquire all of Buru's shares and listed options. The consideration of the proposal is 25 cents in cash for each Buru share and 2.5 cents in cash for each Buru listed option. The proposal will be conducted by schemes of arrangement to be voted on by Buru shareholders and listed option holders.

A scheme booklet setting out full details of the Proposal is currently being prepared to assist Buru shareholders and listed optionholders to fully understand and evaluate the Proposal. Included in the proposal will be an independent expert's report, prepared by PricewaterhouseCoopers which will report on whether the Proposal is in the best interests of Buru shareholders and listed optionholders.

If the proposal is supported by shareholders and listed optionholders, and gains approval by the Federal Court, it is expected that the proposal will be completed by mid July 2009. The scheme booklet is expected to be sent to shareholders and listed optionholders at the end of May 2009 with the scheme meetings expected to be held in late June 2009.

#### Glossary

Buru or the Company

ARC Alcoa GSA bopd km<sup>2</sup>

Options (unlisted)
Options (listed)

**VWAP** 

Buru Energy Limited (ASX code: BRU)

ARC Energy Limited Alcoa of Australia Limited Gas Sales Agreement Barrels of oil per day Square kilometres

Unlisted directors and employee options

Options listed on the ASX under the code: BRUO

Volume Weighted Average Price

#### **Managing Director's Comments**

The Company continues to prepare for its seismic acquisition program that is expected to commence in the September quarter this year. The program comprises the first ever 3D data acquisition in the Canning Basin which will be over the Sundown oil field area and additional 2D data acquisition over the Paradise 1 structure ahead of the planned drilling program in 2010. The programs are currently awaiting heritage clearances before acquisition commences.

As outlined last quarter, in light of the current economic conditions the Company is focusing its activities in areas where any discoveries have the potential to be economic. We will continue to prudently manage the Company's net cash reserves, which remain strong at \$58 million.

In relation to the proposal made by Arenite, announced on 20 April 2009, the Company is in the process of preparing the scheme booklets for consideration by the Federal Court before shareholders and optionholders receive them for their consideration.

Adrian Cook Managing Director

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Rule 5.3

# Appendix 5B

# Mining exploration entity quarterly report

Name of entity

#### **BURU ENERGY LIMITED**

ABN Quarter ended
71 130 651 437 31 December 2008

#### Consolidated statement of cash flows

		Current	Year to date
		quarter	(6 months)
		\$A	\$A
Cash	flows related to operating activities		
1.1	Receipts from product sales and related debtors	1,410,434	1,590,528
1.2	Payments for:		
	(a) exploration and evaluation	(2,607,716)	(4,297,745)
	(b) development	(486,225)	(667,927)
	(c) production	(803,095)	(976,507)
	(d) administration	(1,070,411)	(1,352,779)
1.3	Dividends received	-	-
1.4	Interest and other items of a similar nature received	879,386	963,507
1.5	Interest and other costs of finance paid	(728)	(728)
1.6	Income taxes paid	-	-
1.7	Other – security deposits and prepaid business interruption insurance	(65,882)	(338,932)
	Net operating cash flows	(2,744,237)	(5,080,583)
Cash	flows related to investing activities		
1.8	Payment for purchases of:		
	(a) prospects	-	-
	(b) equity investments	(256.707)	(207.741)
	(c) other fixed assets	(356,797)	(386,741)
1.9	Proceeds from sale of:		
	(a) prospects	-	-
	(b) equity investments	-	-
	(c) other fixed assets	-	-
1.10	Loan repaid by other entities	-	-
1.11	Other	-	-
	Net investing cash flows	(356,797)	(386,741)
1.12	Total operating and investing cash flows (carried forward)	(3,101,034)	(5,467,324)

1.13	Total operating and investing cash flows (brought forward)	(3,101,034)	(5,467,324)
Cash f	lows related to financing activities		
1.14	Proceeds from issues of ordinary shares, options, etc	-	-
1.15	Proceeds from issue of preference shares	-	-
1.16	Proceeds from borrowings	-	-
1.17	Repayment of borrowings	-	-
1.19	Other: cash received from demerger with ARC Energy Limited	-	84,986,454
	Net financing cash flows	-	84,986,454
	Net increase (decrease) in cash held	(3,101,034)	79,519,130
1.20	Cash at beginning of quarter/year to date	82,620,165	1
1.21	Exchange rate adjustments to item 1.20	58,968	58,968
1.22	Cash at end of quarter	79,578,099	79,578,099

### Payments to directors of the entity and associates of the directors Payments to related entities of the entity and associates of the related entities

		Current quarter \$A
1.23	Aggregate amount of payments to the parties included in item 1.2	231,256
1.24	Aggregate amount of loans to the parties included in item 1.11	-

1.25 Explanation necessary for an understanding of the transactions

Refer particulars outlined in the covering Quarterly Report

#### Non-cash financing and investing activities

2.1 Details of financing and investing transactions which have had a material effect on consolidated assets and liabilities but did not involve cash flows

Buru Energy and Alcoa have agreed to escrow \$20 million and interest thereon in substantial satisfaction of Buru Energy's obligations to repay a \$40 million gas prepayment made by Alcoa to ARC prior to the demerger of Buru Energy. These financial obligations crystallise if Buru Energy does not deliver gas under the GSA from gas supplied from the Canning Basin or elsewhere, with repayment obligations being in three equal annual instalments commencing in 2013.

2.2 Details of outlays made by other entities to establish or increase their share in projects in which the reporting entity has an interest

N/A
17/11

# Financing facilities available

Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the position.

		Amount available \$A	Amount used \$A
3.1	Loan facilities	-	-
3.2	Credit standby arrangements	-	-

# Estimated cash outflows for next quarter

	Total	350,000
4.2	Development	100,000
4.1	Exploration and evaluation	250,000
		\$A

#### **Reconciliation of cash**

Reconciliation of cash at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts is as follows.		Current quarter \$A	Previous quarter \$A
5.1	Cash on hand and at bank	29,478,099	62,620,165
5.2	Deposits at call	50,100,000	20,000,000
5.3	Bank overdraft	-	-
5.4	Bill	-	-
	Total: cash at end of quarter (item 1.22)	79,578,099	82,620,165

# Changes in interests in mining tenements

6.1 Interests in mining tenements relinquished, reduced or lapsed

N/A N/A N/A	Tenement reference	Nature of interest	Interest at beginning of quarter	Interest at end of quarter
		N/A	N/A	N/A

6.2 Interests in mining tenements acquired or increased

Tenement	Nature of interest	Interest at	Interest at
reference		beginning of	end of
		quarter	quarter
L6 / L8 / PL7	Transferred from ARC*	Nil	100%
EP 104 / R1	Transferred from ARC*	Nil	38.95% (1)
EP 129	Transferred from ARC*	Nil	100%
EP 371	Transferred from ARC*	Nil	100%
EP 390	Transferred from ARC*	Nil	100%
EP 391	Transferred from ARC*	Nil	100%
EP 417	Acquired from NSE	Nil	35%
EP 428	Transferred from ARC*	Nil	100%
EP 431	Transferred from ARC*	Nil	100%
EP 436	Transferred from ARC*	Nil	100%
EP 438	Transferred from ARC*	Nil	5% (2)
EP 442	Transferred from ARC*	Nil	10% (3)
EP 443	Transferred from ARC*	Nil	10% (3)
EP 448	Transferred from ARC*	Nil	5% (2)
EP 450	Transferred from ARC*	Nil	10% (3)
EP 451	Transferred from ARC*	Nil	10% (3)
EP 456	Transferred from ARC*	Nil	10% (3)

- \* On 25 August 2008 the demerger from ARC Energy Limited was completed and the beneficial rights and interests in the permits listed in the Scheme Booklet were transferred to Buru. Buru is actively in the process of transferring legal title to these permits subject to various forms of legal, regulatory and joint venture documentation.
- (1) Per the Petroleum and Geothermal Register ("PGR"), which can be accessed at <a href="www.dmp.wa.gov.au">www.dmp.wa.gov.au</a>, Buru has legal title to only 12.6% of this Exploration Permit. The interests shown for EP104 and R1 are based on information contained within clause 4.4 of the most recent Deed of Assignment and Assumption that has been submitted to the Department of Mines and Petroleum ("DMP") in relation to this Exploration Permit. Buru has recently paid the registration fees relating to these dealings and expects transfer of title to be effected and shown on the PGR in the coming weeks.
- (2) Staged farm-in earning program under which Buru has earned a 5% interest in each of these Exploration Permits. Deed of Assignment and Assumption and Transfer of Title documents have been circulated to the interested parties for execution. Once all parties have signed the documents they will be issued to the DMP for dealing a registration.
- (3) Buru has earned its 10% interest in these permits in accordance with the New Standard Offer Agreement dated 14 September 2007 and related dealing and transfer documents have been lodged with the DMP. Buru has recently paid the registration fees relating to these dealings and expects transfer of title to be effected and shown on the PGR in the coming weeks.

# Issued and quoted securities at end of current quarter

Description includes rate of interest and any redemption or conversion rights together with prices and dates.

		Total number	Number quoted	Issue price per security	Amount paid up per security
7.1	<sup>+</sup> Preference securities (description)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
7.2	Changes during quarter (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through returns of capital, buy-backs, redemptions				
7.3	<sup>+</sup> Ordinary securities	162,119,728	162,119,728	N/A	N/A
7.4	Changes during quarter (a) Increases Issued shares Options exercised Options exercised	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	(b) Decreases through returns of capital, buy-backs				
7.5	<sup>+</sup> Convertible debt securities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
7.6	Changes during quarter (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through securities matured, converted				
7.7	Options	55,176,975 33,900,000 <sup>(a)</sup> 89,076,975	55,176,975 - 55,176,975	Exercise price \$0.94 \$0.94	Expiry date 10 Oct 2010 27Aug 2010
7.8	Issued during quarter	55,176,975	55,176,975	\$0.94	10 Oct 2010
7.9	Exercised during quarter	-		-	-
7.10	Expired during quarter	-	-	-	-
7.11	Debentures (totals only)	N/A	N/A		
7.12	Unsecured notes (totals only)	N/A	N/A		

<sup>(</sup>a) Unlisted options – issued under the Buru Energy D&E Options employee share scheme

#### **Compliance statement**

- 1 This statement has been prepared under accounting policies which comply with accounting standards as defined in the Corporations Act or other standards acceptable to ASX (see note 4).
- 2 This statement does give a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

Sign here:		Date: 30 January 2009
Print name:	ADRIAN COOK	·
	(Chief Executive Officer)	

#### **Notes:**

- The quarterly report provides a basis for informing the market how the entity's activities have been financed for the past quarter and the effect on its cash position. An entity wanting to disclose additional information is encouraged to do so, in a note or notes attached to this report.
- The "Nature of interest" (items 6.1 and 6.2) includes options in respect of interests in mining tenements acquired, exercised or lapsed during the reporting period. If the entity is involved in a joint venture agreement and there are conditions precedent which will change its percentage interest in a mining tenement, it should disclose the change of percentage interest and conditions precedent in the list required for items 6.1 and 6.2.
- 3 **Issued and quoted securities** The issue price and amount paid up is not required in items 7.1 and 7.3 for fully paid securities.
- 4 The definitions in, and provisions of, AASB 1022: Accounting for Extractive Industries and AASB 1026: Statement of Cash Flows apply to this report.
- **Accounting Standards** ASX will accept, for example, the use of International Accounting Standards for foreign entities. If the standards used do not address a topic, the Australian standard on that topic (if any) must be complied with.

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