

30 April 2025

March 2025 Quarterly Activities Report

Highlights

- ***Mahalo Joint Venture upstream FEED progresses*** – Santos (Development Operator) has progressed Front End Engineering Design (FEED) for the Gas Compression Facility. FEED for the Water Handling Facility will be awarded imminently and all other disciplines are progressing smoothly.
- ***Mahalo Gas Hub pipeline connection FEED*** – The Mahalo Joint Venture participants have commenced Pipeline FEED with Jemena to construct a new 10-inch pipeline to connect the Mahalo Gas Hub with Jemena's Queensland Gas Pipeline (for domestic gas transport) and the GLNG pipeline (for transport to LNG facilities). The Pipeline FEED scope comprises all design work and agreements required to enable the pipeline construction and the provision of gas transport services by Jemena on a build, own and operate basis (subject to a Final Investment Decision).
- ***Mahalo East pilot test performing strongly*** with increasing gas flows recorded during the dewatering phase and the reserves data package expected to be sent to the independent auditor over coming weeks.
- ***Mahalo North EPBC referral*** is ongoing through the Federal Government, with Comet Ridge activities during the March quarter focused on continuing water sampling and monitoring.
- ***Data Room process*** – Comet Ridge continued to engage with third parties during the quarter in relation to a range of possible transactions from project funding, additional gas supply and prepayment through to sale of project equity and corporate level transactions. With the Mahalo JV Project now in Upstream and Pipeline FEED processes, GSA and funding arrangements are being prioritised.
- ***\$15.9 million of cash*** (unaudited) at the end of the quarter with a final Queensland Government grant payment of \$1 million due to be received prior to 30 June 2025.

1. Mahalo Gas Hub Area, Bowen Basin, QLD

Comet Ridge holds 100% equity in four project areas in the northern Mahalo Gas Hub area and a 57.14% interest in the Mahalo Joint Venture Project (with Santos QNT Pty Ltd (Santos) holding 42.86% as Operator). These projects (see **Figure 1**) are close to existing pipeline infrastructure and the main natural gas demand and hub centres in Queensland, with Gladstone to the east and Wallumbilla to the south. The Mahalo Joint Venture (JV) Gas Project progressed upstream and pipeline Front End Engineering Design (FEED) processes during the quarter, with a Final Investment Decision (FID) expected to be reached upon completion of FEED.

A compelling east coast gas play

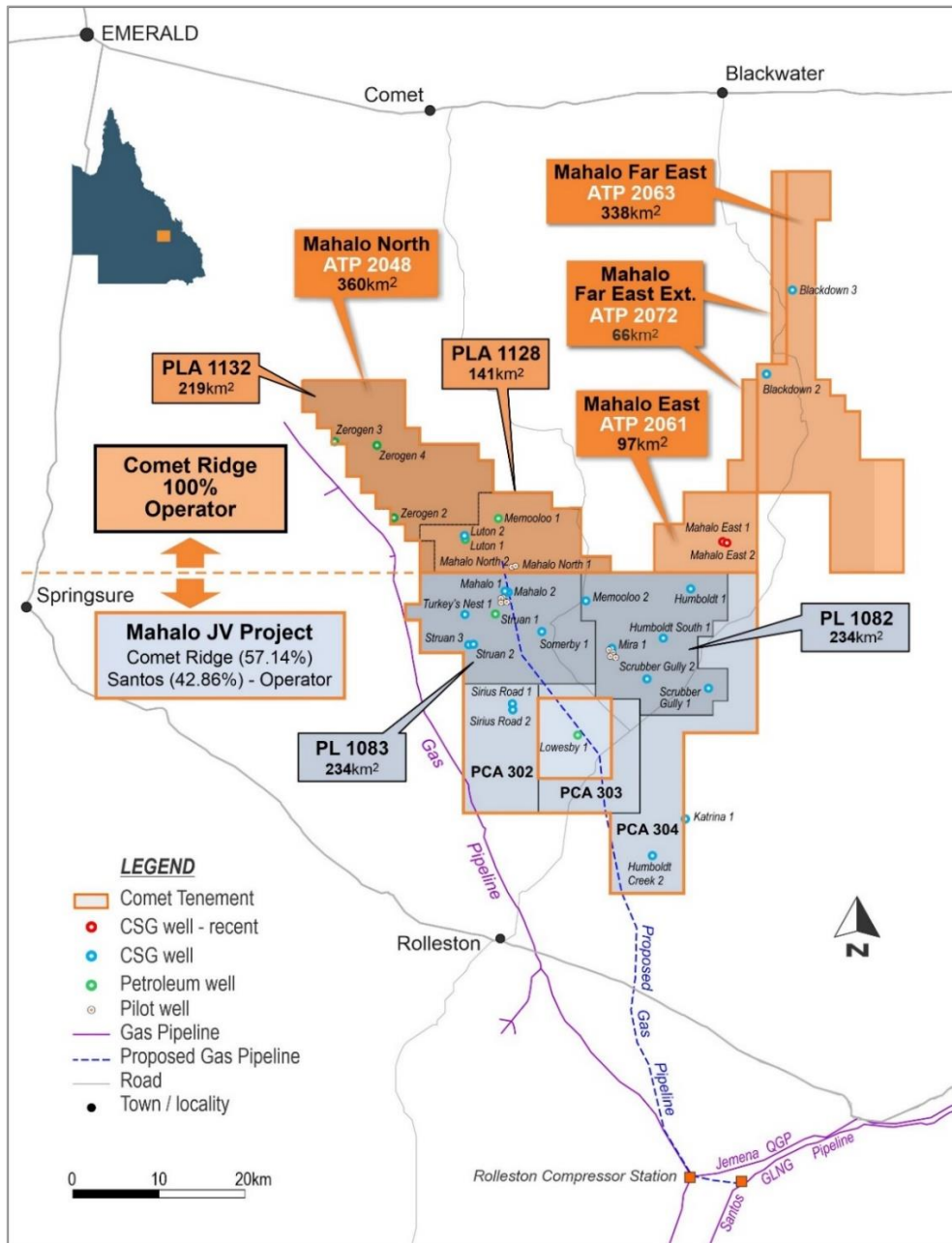


Figure 1: Mahalo Gas Hub Area (north of Rolleston) near pipeline infrastructure and gas markets

Comet Ridge Managing Director, Mr Tor McCaul, said: “We are very pleased to now have Santos managing the upstream FEED for the Mahalo JV Gas Project and Jemena concurrently in FEED on the high-pressure pipeline connection into both domestic and LNG markets. At the same time, the Comet Ridge team is carefully managing our own 100% pilot production test at Mahalo East. The well performance has been progressing with a very steady and managed drop in bottomhole flowing pressure and a commensurate increase in gas and water flowrates. We have had continuous and steadily increasing gas through the pilot facilities for over two months. The Comet Ridge subsurface team is compiling a technical data pack to go to our independent reserves auditor, which is expected to be finalised over the next few weeks. Its very pleasing to see such a good quality data set at Mahalo East which confirms the continuation of the high-quality fairway over such a big area within the Mahalo Gas Hub area. Comet Ridge holds a strong equity position with the 100% northern blocks in addition to our Mahalo Joint Venture development with Santos and Jemena.”



2. Project Development Activities

Comet Ridge is developing its Mahalo Gas Hub assets to provide gas supply for Australia's east coast gas market. There is a lack of material, green-fields developable gas on the east coast to help support a market that is forecast to continue to be structurally short due to the decline of southern offshore fields and ongoing demand for gas for manufacturing and power generation. The independently certified reserves and resources to date include Comet Ridge's 100% owned and operated Mahalo North and Mahalo East blocks, and the larger, Santos operated, Mahalo JV Gas Project (COI interest 57.14%) (see **Appendix 1**). These projects will be further supplemented by planned development of gas from Comet Ridge's other 100% held permits at Mahalo Far East and the recently awarded Mahalo Far East Extension.

a) Mahalo Joint Venture (Comet Ridge 57.14%) – PLs 1082 & 1083 / PCAs 302 to 304

The Mahalo JV Gas Project is progressing with both FEED studies underway

The Mahalo Joint Venture Gas Project has the necessary scale (with 266 PJ gross 2P Reserves and 458 PJ gross 3P Reserves) to support the development of new gas compression facilities and a circa 80 km pipeline connection.

The Mahalo JV Gas Project has environmental and permit approvals in place for gas production and processing. Final approvals for a new circa 80 km (10 inch diameter) pipeline connection to both Jemena's Queensland Gas Pipeline (for domestic gas supply) and to GLNG's pipeline to its Gladstone LNG facility (see **Figure 1**) are being progressed. These approvals will include a Queensland Government pipeline licence and access agreements with landholders.

During the March quarter, the gas compression facility scope of work was awarded to an external contractor with Santos staff imbedded and work progressing. The scope for water handling was revised and that package of work is about to be awarded to an external contractor.

In March, the Mahalo JV participants (Comet Ridge and Santos) executed an agreement with Jemena Queensland Gas Pipeline (1) Pty Ltd and Jemena Queensland Gas Pipeline (2) Pty Ltd (collectively, Jemena) to undertake FEED on a new Mahalo Gas Hub Pipeline (MGHP).

The proposed MGHP will be a DN250 (10 inch) Class 900 pipeline, connecting the planned Mahalo JV compression facilities to the Queensland Gas Pipeline (owned and operated by Jemena) and the GLNG Pipeline. It is proposed, subject to FID, the MGHP will connect the Mahalo JV's gas fields and processing facilities to the gas market hubs of Gladstone and Wallumbilla in Queensland (see **Figure 2**).

Jemena may construct the MGHP on a build, own and operate basis once Pipeline FEED is completed and the Mahalo JV Gas Project achieves FID. Jemena is funding the cost of the Pipeline FEED which is intended to be rolled into the total construction cost assuming Jemena proceeds with construction of the MGHP.

The Pipeline FEED comprises two parts:

- i. Engineering: Optimise the design and generate engineering deliverables required for project approval applications, as well as key procurement and construction packages required to support tendering; and
- ii. Approvals: Including field ecological studies, consultation with key stakeholders to support the development of land access agreements and key project approval applications.

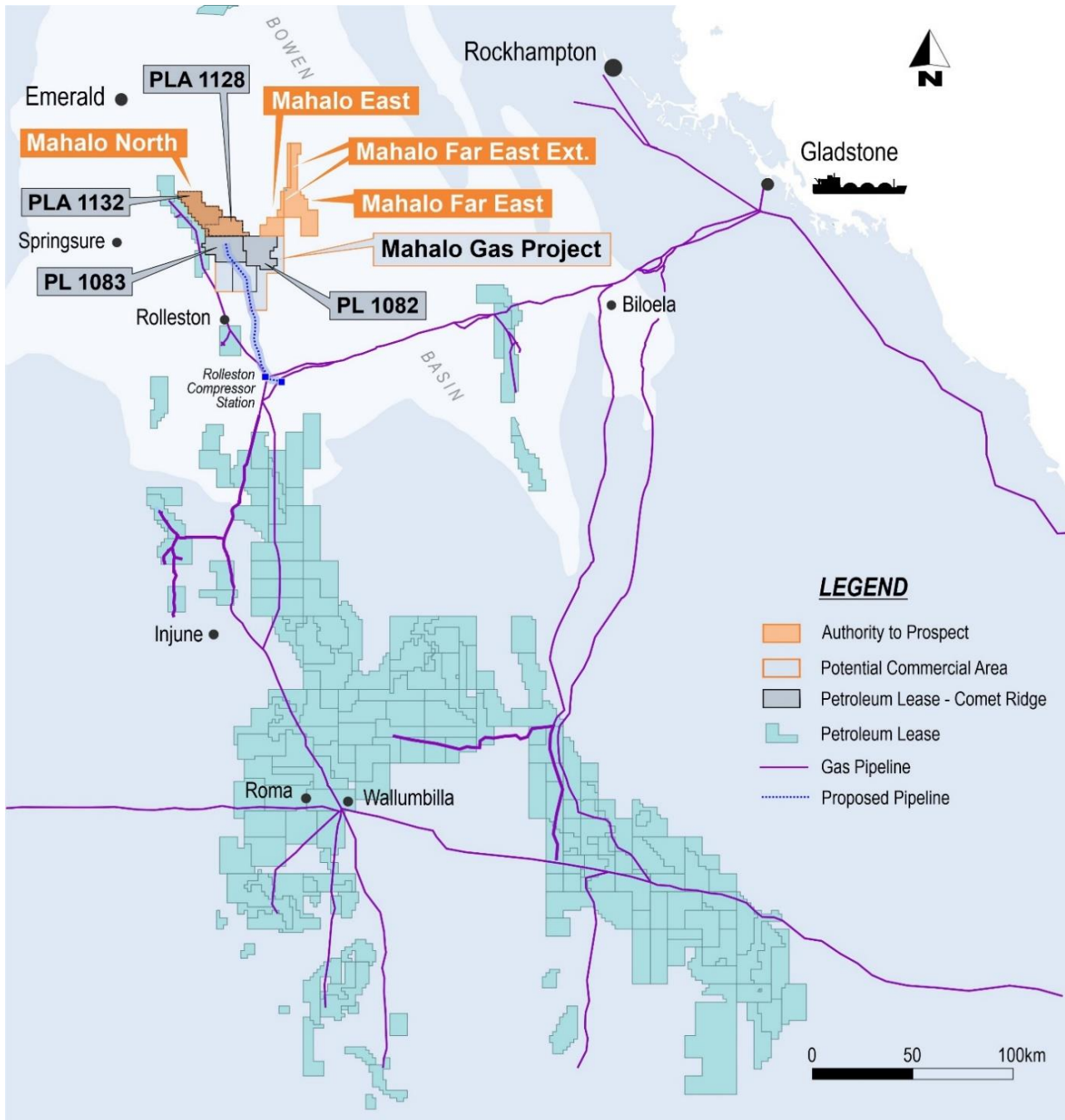


Figure 2: Mahalo Gas Hub assets and proposed path of pipeline corridor connection to existing pipelines and domestic and LNG markets in Queensland

During the March quarter, the Mahalo JV continued to ground truth the pipeline, Jemena were engaged and have established their project team to meet with and receive pipeline handover from the Mahalo JV operator. Jemena are actively engaging with market participants to award key FEED support contracts.

It is expected that Upstream FEED will continue through 2025 for the Mahalo JV Gas Project as a precursor to FID. It is planned that Pipeline FEED will be undertaken in parallel with Upstream FEED and within the planned project FID timeframe.



b) Mahalo East (Comet Ridge 100%) – ATP 2061

The Mahalo East pilot production scheme commenced dewatering in January 2025 following the successful drilling of a vertical and lateral well in the December quarter. The pilot continues to perform strongly.

Final core analysis data for Mahalo East 1 has been received and is being reviewed in detail. Isotherm data confirms high gas saturations consistent with early production pilot gas performance. Similar to other gas samples from around the Mahalo Gas Hub, across a very large area, the Mahalo East 1 gas composition data confirms very high methane content with very low CO₂.

The location of the Mahalo East pilot wells (in red) in relation to other CSG wells within the Mahalo Gas Hub (in blue) is shown in **Figure 1**. The Mahalo East pilot lies approximately 25 km east and 18 km north of the successful Mahalo North and Mira Pilots where single lateral well production was recorded at 1.75 and 1.45 MMcfd (millions of cubic feet of gas per day) respectively. The Mahalo East pilot provides another gas flow data point over a very wide area, with extensive corehole, coalbore and seismic data infill confirming continuity of reservoir characteristics between pilots.

The Mahalo East vertical and lateral wells were drilled with the support of the Queensland Government's Frontier Gas Exploration Grants Program, under which Comet Ridge was allocated \$5 million of funding (with \$1 million remaining to be received by Comet Ridge).

The production test is currently flaring gas (see **Figure 3**) and will continue until such time as the gas rate trend is established sufficiently to enable a prediction of future performance and allow the certification of reserves. A full data and modelling package is being compiled by the Comet Ridge subsurface team and this is expected to go to the independent reserves certifier over the next few weeks.



Figure 3: Mahalo East 1 flare

For earlier operational information please refer to ASX releases on 10, 21 and 31 October, 11 November and 6 December 2024 and also 20 and 31 January and 12 March 2025.



c) Mahalo North (Comet Ridge 100%) – ATP 2048, PLA 1128 and PLA 1132

Comet Ridge continues to progress through the Federal EPBC approval process for Mahalo North

Comet Ridge's recent focus at Mahalo North has been to secure the two required environmental approvals (Queensland and Federal) for the initial development area within Petroleum Lease application 1128 (PLA 1128), followed by award of the Petroleum Lease (PL) by the Queensland Department of Natural Resources and Mines.

The State Environmental Approval (EA) was awarded to Comet Ridge by the Queensland Department of Environment, Science and Innovation for PLA 1128 in August 2024. This is an important milestone for Mahalo North and a precursor to award of the PL.

In relation to the Federal approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC), Comet Ridge finalised its response to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water's (DCCEEW) detailed information request. This has required Comet Ridge to undertake additional field work relating to groundwater dependent ecosystems (GDE) to support its original submission in October 2023, including groundwater monitoring and sampling around GDEs. A workshop to review the latest information is scheduled to be held in Canberra during May.

3. Corporate Activities

a) CleanCo GSA

The CleanCo GSA was executed in September 2023 and has two remaining conditions to be satisfied, being satisfactory finance and transport arrangements. The parties have been working proactively during the current quarter to agree commencement and ramp up of gas supply that matches the development profile of the Mahalo Joint Venture Project which is currently in FEED. These discussions will also align the final two conditions more closely with the timing of Mahalo JV final investment decision. It is likely that documentation of these arrangements will be finalised in coming weeks.

b) Other Gas Supply Arrangements

Comet Ridge has been in active discussions with multiple gas buyers during the quarter for additional gas sales agreements (GSAs) which will assist Comet Ridge with financing its share of Mahalo JV development capex. The counterparties include industrial gas users, power generators and gas retailers. Comet Ridge plans to finalise these negotiations into new GSAs, including prepayment arrangements, whilst FEED is ongoing at Mahalo JV and prior to a Final Investment Decision.

c) Data Room Process

Comet Ridge continued to engage with third parties during the quarter in relation to a range of possible transactions from project funding, additional gas supply and prepayment through to sale of project equity and corporate level transactions. With the Mahalo JV Project now in Upstream and Pipeline FEED processes, it is expected that GSA and funding arrangements can be prioritised so that Comet Ridge is able to meet Final Investment Decision requirements. Whilst activities continued during the quarter, the discussions are incomplete and confidential and there is no guarantee that a final proposal will be received, or received on commercially acceptable terms, or that any transaction will eventuate.



d) Cash Position and Debt Facilities

At 31 March 2025, Comet Ridge had \$15.9 million cash on hand (unaudited). A final grant payment of \$1 million under the Queensland Government Frontier Exploration Grant Program is also due to be received by Comet Ridge prior to 30 June 2025.

Comet Ridge's secured debt facilities (see **Table 1**) with PURE Asset Management (PURE) were unchanged during the March 2025 quarter. With the loan maturing within the next six months, Comet Ridge and PURE have negotiated a Term Sheet to extend the loan period and associated warrant arrangements. These terms are non-binding and subject to finalisation of legal agreements and due diligence.

Lender	Amount Drawn	Maturity date	Comments
PURE Asset Management Pty Ltd (secured loan)	\$9.5m	17 Sep 2025	PURE has 39.4m Tranche 1 warrant shares exercisable at a price of \$0.1539 per share and 22.7m Tranche 2 warrant shares exercisable at a price of \$0.132 per share. Upon exercise, Comet Ridge will receive \$9.1 million of cash which can be applied to the loan balance.

Table 1 – Comet Ridge debt facilities

e) Payments to Related Parties

The aggregate value of payments to related parties and their associates of \$251k for the March 2025 quarter (shown in item 6.1 of the attached Quarterly Cashflow Report) relates to the salary of the Managing Director and fees paid to Directors (including PAYG and superannuation payments made on their behalf).

f) Shares and Performance Rights

The total number of securities on issue at the date of this report is:

- **Ordinary shares:** 1,196,438,720 (no change during the quarter); and
- **Warrants:** 62,121,212 (no change during the quarter).

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About Comet Ridge

Comet Ridge Limited (ASX: COI) is a publicly listed Australian energy company focused on the development of natural gas resources for the strained east coast Australian market. The company has tenement interests and a suite of prospective projects in Queensland. Our flagship Mahalo Gas Hub project consists of low cost, sales spec natural gas blocks, close to Gladstone, containing low CO₂ Gas Reserves. Our exploration assets offer further upside amid increasing domestic and international demand for natural gas as a source for cleaner energy and as a key manufacturing feedstock that makes thousands of products, used daily.

Comet Ridge plans to transition its Mahalo Gas Hub assets into meaningful gas supply into the east coast gas market, commencing with Mahalo North and the larger Mahalo JV Gas Project, in joint venture with Santos QNT Pty Ltd (as the Development Operator). These projects will be further supplemented by planned development of gas resources from Comet Ridge's other 100% held permits, Mahalo East, Mahalo Far East and the newly awarded Mahalo Far East Extension.

More information regarding Comet Ridge is available at www.cometridge.com.au.



Appendix 1- Certified Gas Reserves and Contingent Resources

Comet Ridge's share of Gas Reserves and Contingent Gas Resources for all of its gas permits is shown in **Table 2** below. Comet Ridge has a very material **406 Petajoules (PJ)** share of 2P Gas Reserves and 2C Contingent Gas Resources at its Mahalo Gas Hub projects in Queensland.

COI permits	COI Interest	Net Reserves (PJ)			Net Contingent Resources (PJ)			Totals (COI net share)
		1P	2P	3P	1C	2C	3C	
Mahalo JV Gas Project (PL 1082, 1083) (PCA 302, 303, 304)	57.14	-	152	262	109	180	294	332
Mahalo North (PLA 1128, PLA 1132, ATP 2048)	100	12	43	149	-	-	-	43
Mahalo East (ATP 2061)	100	Pilot testing to confirm			8	31	122	31
Mahalo Far East (ATP 2063)	100	-	-	-	Being evaluated			-
Mahalo Far East Ext. (ATP 2072)	100	-	-	-	Being evaluated			-
Mahalo Gas Hub Projects		12	195	411	117	211	416	406
Galilee – Gunn CSG (ATP 744)	100	-	-	-	-	67	1,870	67
Galilee – Albany (ATP 744)	70	-	-	-	39	107	292	107
Gunnedah, NSW (PEL 427)	59.1	-	-	-	-	-	281	-
COI TOTAL		12	195	411	156	385	2,859	580

Table 2: Comet Ridge's share of net Gas Reserves* and Contingent Gas Resources* for all gas permits

* Listing Rule 5.42

The details of the Reserves and Contingent Resources referenced throughout this release in respect to the Mahalo Gas Hub were announced to the market on 30 October 2019, 26 September 2022, 2 November 2022, 19 December 2022 and 20 December 2023. In accordance with Listing Rule 5.42.3, Comet Ridge confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information in those announcements reporting the details of the Reserves and Contingent Resources for PL 1082, PL 1083; PCA 302, PCA 303, PCA 304, ATP 2048 and ATP 2061, and that all of the material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in those announcements continue to apply and have not materially changed.

Appendix 5B

Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

Name of entity

COMET RIDGE LIMITED

ABN

47 106 092 577

Quarter ended ("current quarter")

31 March 2025

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter	Year to date (9 months)
		\$A'000	\$A'000
1.	Cash flows from operating activities		
1.1	Receipts from customers	-	-
1.2	Payments for:		
	(a) exploration & evaluation	(1)	(179)
	(b) development	-	-
	(c) production	-	-
	(d) staff costs	(248)	(973)
	(e) administration and corporate costs	(455)	(1,683)
1.3	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
1.4	Interest received	48	138
1.5	Interest and other costs of finance paid	(281)	(853)
1.6	Income taxes paid	-	-
1.7	Government grants and tax incentives	-	-
1.8	Other - JV recoveries	-	1
1.9	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities	(937)	(3,549)
2.	Cash flows from investing activities		
2.1	Payments to acquire or for:		
	(a) entities	-	-
	(b) tenements	-	-
	(c) property, plant and equipment	(6)	(6)
	(d) exploration & evaluation	(2,286)	(8,541)
	(e) investments	-	-
	(f) other non-current assets	-	-
2.2	Proceeds from the disposal of:		
	(a) entities	-	-
	(b) tenements	-	-
	(c) property, plant and equipment	-	-
	(d) investments	-	-
	(e) other non-current assets	-	-
2.3	Cash flows from loans to other entities	-	-
2.4	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
2.5	Other (Security deposits)	(104)	(180)
2.6	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities	(2,396)	(8,727)

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter	Year to date (9 months)
		\$A'000	\$A'000
3. Cash flows from financing activities			
3.1	Proceeds from issues of equity securities (excluding convertible debt securities)	-	12,028
3.2	Proceeds from issue of convertible debt securities	-	-
3.3	Proceeds from exercise of options	-	-
3.4	Transaction costs related to issues of equity securities or convertible debt securities	(41)	(646)
3.5	Proceeds from borrowings	-	-
3.6	Repayment of borrowings	-	-
3.7	Transaction costs related to loans and borrowings	-	-
3.8	Dividends paid	-	-
3.9	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
3.10	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities	(41)	11,382
4. Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period			
4.1	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	19,256	16,776
4.2	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9 above)	(937)	(3,549)
4.3	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities (item 2.6 above)	(2,396)	(8,727)
4.4	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities (item 3.10 above)	(41)	11,382
4.5	Effect of movement in exchange rates on cash held	-	-
4.6	Cash and cash equivalents at end of period - refer to end note regarding post quarter cash	15,882	15,882
5. Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts		Current quarter \$A'000	Previous quarter \$A'000
5.1	Bank balances	15,882	19,256
5.2	Call Deposits	-	-
5.3	Bank overdrafts	-	-
5.4	Other (provide details)	-	-
5.5	Cash and cash equivalents at end of quarter (should equal item 4.6 above) - refer to end note regarding post quarter cash	15,882	19,256
6. Payments to related parties of the entity and their associates		Current quarter \$A'000	
6.1	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 1		251
6.2	Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 2		-
<i>Note: if any amounts are shown in items 6.1 or 6.2, your quarterly activity report must include a description of, and an explanation for, such payments.</i>			
7. Financing facilities <i>Note: the term "facility" includes all forms of financing arrangements available to the entity. Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the source of finance available to the entity.</i>		Total facility amount at quarter end \$A'000	Amount drawn at quarter end \$A'000
7.1	Loan facilities	9,500	9,500
7.2	Credit standby arrangements		
7.3	Other (please specify)		
7.4	Total financing facilities	9,500	9,500
7.5	Unused financing facilities available at quarter end		-
7.6	Include in the box below a description of each facility above, including the lender, interest rate, maturity date and whether it is secured or unsecured. If any additional financing facilities have not been entered into or are proposed to be entered into after the quarter end, include a note providing details of those facilities as well.		
<p>Lender: Pure Asset Management Pty Ltd Loan facility: \$9,500,000 Interest Rate: 12% p.a. Maturity Date: 17 September 2025 Secured loan</p>			

8. Estimated cash available for future operating activities	\$A'000
8.1 Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9)	(937)
8.2 (Payments for exploration & evaluation classified as investing activities) (item 2.1(d))	(2,286)
8.3 Total relevant outgoings (item 8.1 + item 8.2)	(3,223)
8.4 Cash and cash equivalents at quarter end (item 4.6)	15,882
8.5 Unused finance facilities available at quarter end (item 7.5)	-
8.6 Total available funding (item 8.4 + item 8.5)	15,882
8.7 Estimated quarters of funding available (item 8.6 divided by item 8.3)	4.9
<i>Note: if the entity has reported positive relevant outgoings (ie a net cash inflow) in item 8.3, answer item 8.7 as "N/A". Otherwise a figure for the estimated quarters of funding available must be included in item 8.7.</i>	
8.8 If item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, please provide answers to the following questions:	
8.8.1 Does the entity expect that it will continue to have the current level of net operating cash flows from the time being and, if not, why not?	
Answer:	
8.8.2 Has the entity taken any steps, or does it propose to take any steps, to raise further cash to fund its operations and, if so, what are those steps and how likely does it believe that they will be successful?	
Answer:	
8.8.3 Does the entity expect to be able to continue its operations and to meet its business objectives and, if so, on what basis?	
Answer:	
<i>Note: where item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, all of questions 8.8.1, 8.8.2 and 8.8.3 above must be answered.</i>	

Compliance statement

1. This statement has been prepared in accordance with accounting standards and policies which comply with Listing Rule 19.11A.
2. This statement gives a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

Date: 30/04/2025

Authorised by: 
By the Authority of the Board

Print Name: Stephen Rodgers
Company Secretary

Notes

1. This quarterly cash flow report and the accompanying activity report provide a basis for informing the market about the entity's activities for the past quarter, how they have been financed and the effect this has had on its cash position. An entity that wishes to disclose additional information over and above the minimum required under the Listing Rules is encouraged to do so.
2. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the definitions in, and provisions of, *AASB 6: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources* and *AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows* apply to this report. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with other accounting standards agreed by ASX pursuant to Listing Rule 19.11A, the corresponding equivalent standards apply to this report.
3. Dividends received may be classified either as cash flows from operating activities or cash flows from investing activities, depending on the accounting policy of the entity.
4. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the board". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a committee of your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the [name of board committee – eg Audit and Risk Committee]". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a disclosure committee, you can insert here: "By the Disclosure Committee".
5. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors and you wish to hold yourself out as complying with recommendation 4.2 of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's *Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations*, the board should have received a declaration from its CEO and CFO that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained, that this report complies with the appropriate accounting standards and gives a true and fair view of the cash flows of the entity, and that their opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.