

29 January 2026

December 2025 Quarterly Activities Report

Highlights

- **Comet Ridge to take 100% ownership of Mahalo Gas Project:** Comet Ridge entered into a binding, conditional agreement in December to acquire Santos QNT Pty Ltd's 42.86% interest in the Mahalo Gas Project. This means that, upon completion, Comet Ridge will hold and operate the entire Mahalo Gas Hub of approximately 1,850 km².
- **EPBC approval received for Mahalo North natural gas development:** Comet Ridge received approval in late December under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* for the wholly owned Mahalo North (PLA 1128) natural gas development in Queensland's Bowen Basin. This environmental approval allows Comet Ridge to construct, operate, decommission and rehabilitate up to 68 coal seam gas wells, associated gas compression facilities and gathering lines. In conjunction with the existing development approval for the Mahalo Gas Project, this is a key approval step for a larger development area.
- **Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF) debt funding:** NAIF successfully completed its Strategic Assessment Phase and Comet Ridge received NAIF Board approval in November to proceed to the Due Diligence stage of the process to provide debt funding for the Mahalo Gas Project.
- **Mahalo Gas Project upstream FEED progresses:** Santos (Development Operator) has continued to progress Front End Engineering Design (FEED) for the gas field, gathering system, gas compression and water handling facilities (Upstream FEED) during the quarter.
- **Mahalo Gas Hub pipeline connection FEED:** Jemena has continued to progress the FEED for construction of a new 10-inch diameter high pressure natural gas pipeline with the majority of preliminary fieldwork studies complete, including ecology, constructability, survey and geotechnical soil sampling.
- **Data Room process:** Engagement on project and corporate level transactions continued during the quarter while GSA and funding arrangements are being progressed.
- **Appointment of new CFO:** Mr. Robin Polson was appointed Chief Financial Officer for the Company in November. Mr. Polson is an experienced accountant and seasoned corporate finance professional with well over three decades' experience, most recently in the ASX listed natural gas space where he has held both Chief Commercial Officer and Chief Financial Officer roles over the past decade.
- **\$7.1 million of cash** (unaudited) at the end of the quarter.

A compelling east coast gas play

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1. Mahalo Gas Hub, Bowen Basin, QLD

Comet Ridge holds 100% equity in four project areas in the northern Mahalo Gas Hub and currently holds a 57.14% interest in the Mahalo Gas Project (with Santos QNT Pty Ltd (Santos) currently holding 42.86% as Operator).

Comet Ridge entered into a binding, conditional agreement in December to acquire Santos' entire interest in the Mahalo Gas Project (the Acquisition). Refer to Comet Ridge's ASX announcement on 17 December 2025 for additional information on the Acquisition, including key terms.

On completion, the total area under 100% ownership by Comet Ridge will comprise:

- Two Mahalo development Petroleum Leases that form Stage 1 of the Mahalo Gas Project (PLs 1082 & 1083).
- Three Mahalo Potential Commercial Areas (PCAs) to the south (PCAs 302 to 304).
- Two Mahalo North Petroleum Lease Applications to the northwest (PLAs 1128 & 1132).
- Three Authorities to Prospect to the northeast (ATPs 2061, 2063 & 2072).

The Acquisition, if completed, will provide Comet Ridge with 100% ownership of a very large and strategic position in the east coast gas market. The Mahalo Gas Hub (see *Figure 1*) comprises a compelling development with a large acreage position and gas reserve base, production licences in place, and FEED work nearly complete for the Mahalo Gas Project.

By consolidating 100% ownership, Comet Ridge unlocks several valuable commercial and practical benefits:

- Increase in 2P Reserves and 2C Resources to 677 PJ across the Mahalo Gas Hub.
- Ability to optimise the planning and sequencing for the development of the Mahalo Gas Hub for the benefit of gas consumers in Queensland and Comet Ridge shareholders.
- Opportunity to integrate the Mahalo North and Mahalo East reserves into the most capital efficient development.
- Increased scale, providing flexibility in the delivery of gas to end users and opportunities to optimise capital and operating costs.
- Full control over strategic and operational decisions for the project as the operator over the entire area.

These projects 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 Gas Project continued to progress Upstream and Pipeline FEED processes during the quarter, with a Final Investment Decision (FID) expected to be reached upon completion of FEED.

Santos, as the current Operator of the Mahalo Gas Project, is managing the FEED for the Upstream, and the Pipeline FEED is being managed by Jemena who Comet Ridge expects will be the Build-Own-Operate contractor and operator on the project. Under the arrangement, Jemena will own and manage the pipeline and charge the Mahalo Gas Project a transportation tariff to move natural gas down from the project area, approximately 80 km to connect to Jemena's Queensland Gas Pipeline (QGP) moving domestic gas to market.

Comet Ridge Managing Director, Mr Tor McCaul, said: *"We had a very busy quarter at the end of 2025 with the NAIFF Strategic Assessment Phase approval, the execution of the Santos Mahalo equity transaction and then finally the EPBC approval from Canberra for Mahalo North just before Christmas. We look forward to an equally busy first quarter of 2026, with gas sales progressing, due diligence work on funding, both FEED studies reaching conclusion and lots of technical optimisation work. We are looking at options to bring in Mahalo North and East earlier than originally planned and pushing the project to between 70 and 75 TJ/d. We are also working with Jemena to maximise the potential throughput capacity of their 10-inch diameter high pressure pipeline."*

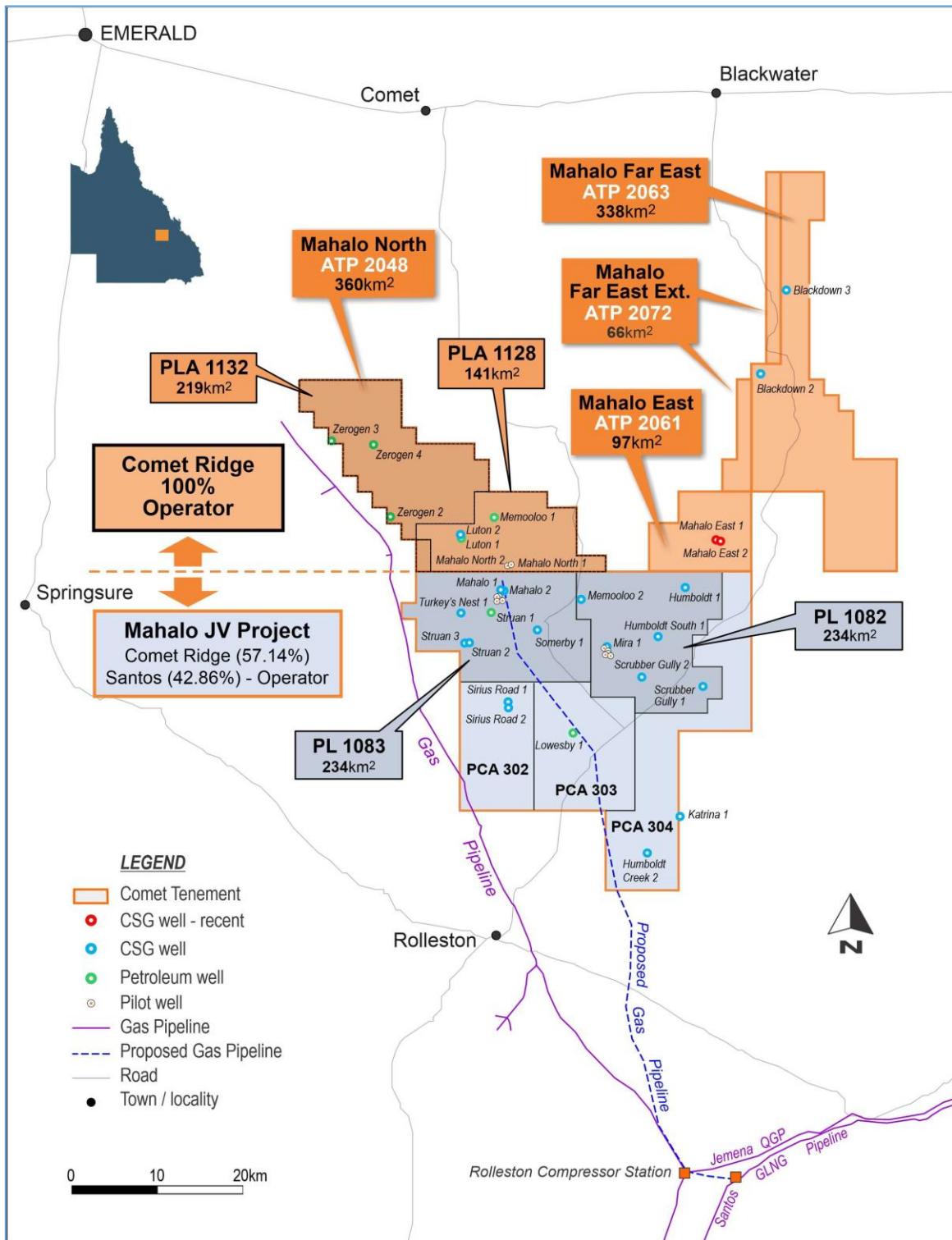


Figure 1: Mahalo Gas Hub (north of Rolleston) near pipeline infrastructure and gas market access



2. Project Development Activities

Comet Ridge is developing its Mahalo Gas Hub assets to provide natural gas supply for Australia's east coast gas market. There is a lack of material, green-fields developable (and state government supported) natural gas on the east coast to help supply 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.

a) Mahalo Gas Project (Comet Ridge currently 57.14%) – PLs 1082 & 1083 / PCAs 302- 304

The Mahalo Gas Project has both Gas & Water FEED studies nearing completion.

In March 2025, 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 Pipeline FEED on a new Mahalo Gas Hub Pipeline (MGHP) (see **Figure 2**). Jemena may construct the MGHP on a build, own and operate basis once Pipeline FEED is completed and the Mahalo Gas Project achieves FID.

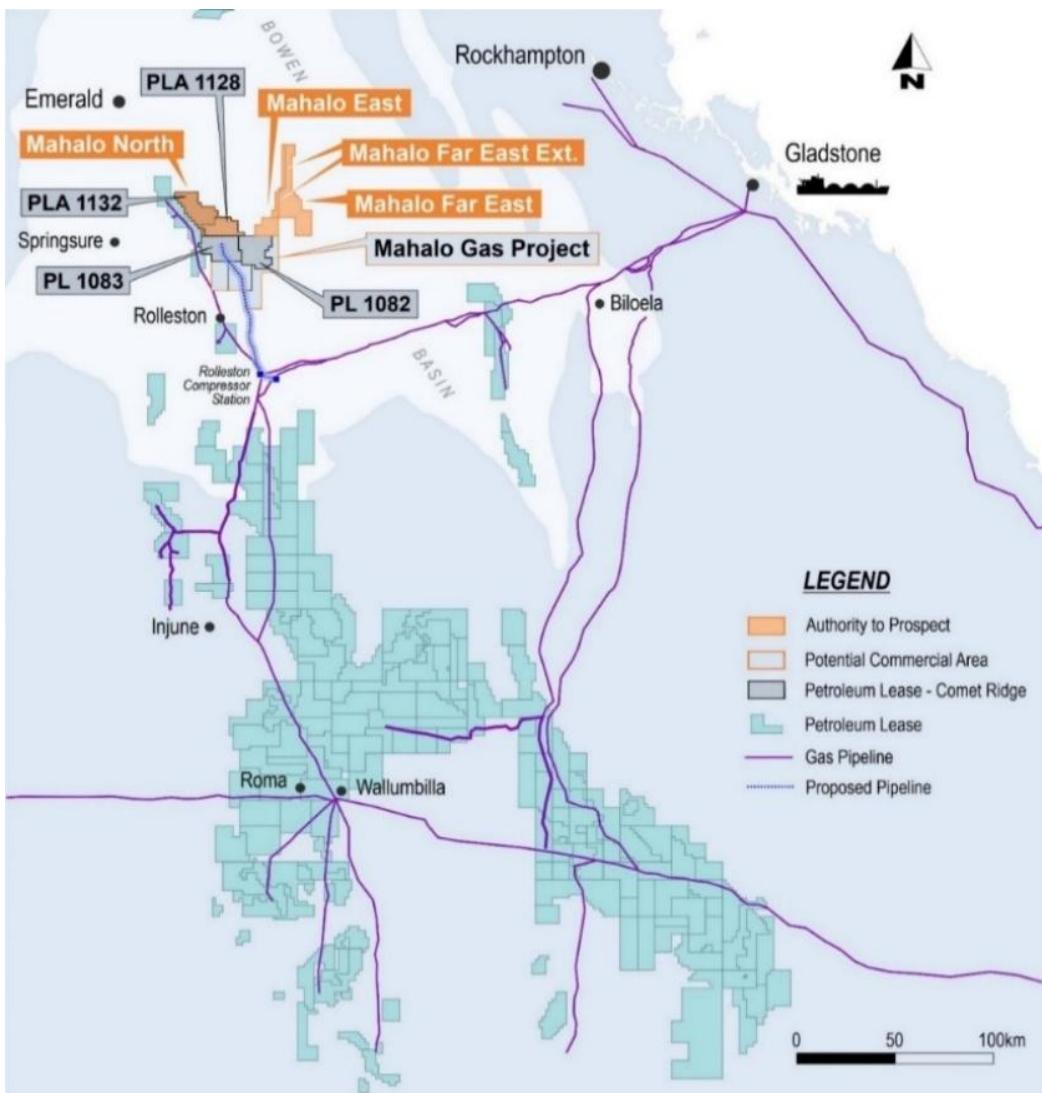


Figure 2: Mahalo Gas Hub assets and proposed path of pipeline connection to existing transmission pipelines and domestic and LNG markets in Queensland



The current status of FEED processes for the Mahalo Gas Project is set out in **Table 1** below.

FEED Process	Description
Upstream FEED	<p>The Upstream FEED comprises subsurface (design and layout of production wells), gathering system, gas and water handling facilities, procurement and access and approvals.</p> <p>During the December quarter, the Operator continued to optimise its subsurface modelling and planning.</p> <p>Gas and water facilities FEED work continued and is nearing completion.</p> <p>Bid requests issued for the project are in the final stages of receipt that will allow a Class 2 cost estimate to be generated as well as understanding delivery times on key components. This includes compressors, glycol dehydration and power generation.</p> <p>Development well location scouting continued.</p>
Pipeline FEED	<p>The Pipeline FEED continued with the design 98% complete in late December.</p> <p>The pipeline licence application (PPL) was submitted in early December and Environmental Authority application submitted in mid-December.</p> <p>Landholder discussions continued along with other stakeholders including Transport and Main Roads (TMR), Aurizon and Central Highlands Regional Council.</p> <p>Route selection has been completed.</p> <p>Line pipe bids received.</p> <p>Construction Tender Package developed and ready for issue in early 2026.</p>

Table 1: Mahalo Gas Project FEED activities summary

It is expected that Upstream FEED for the Mahalo Gas Project will be completed in the coming months. Pipeline FEED is being undertaken in parallel with Upstream FEED.



Figure 3: 3D view of proposed Mahalo Gas Compression Facility (GCF)



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

EPBC approval received for Mahalo North natural gas development on PLA 1128.

Comet Ridge received approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act or EPBC) for the wholly owned Mahalo North (PLA 1128) natural gas development in Queensland's Bowen Basin. This block sits to the northwest of, and directly adjacent to, the Mahalo Gas Project.

The EPBC approval allows Comet Ridge to construct, operate, decommission and rehabilitate up to 68 coal seam gas wells, associated gas facilities and gathering lines. **Figure 4** below shows the location of the PLA 1128 application area which covers 141 km². In conjunction with the existing development approval for the Mahalo Gas Project, this is a key approval step for a larger development area.

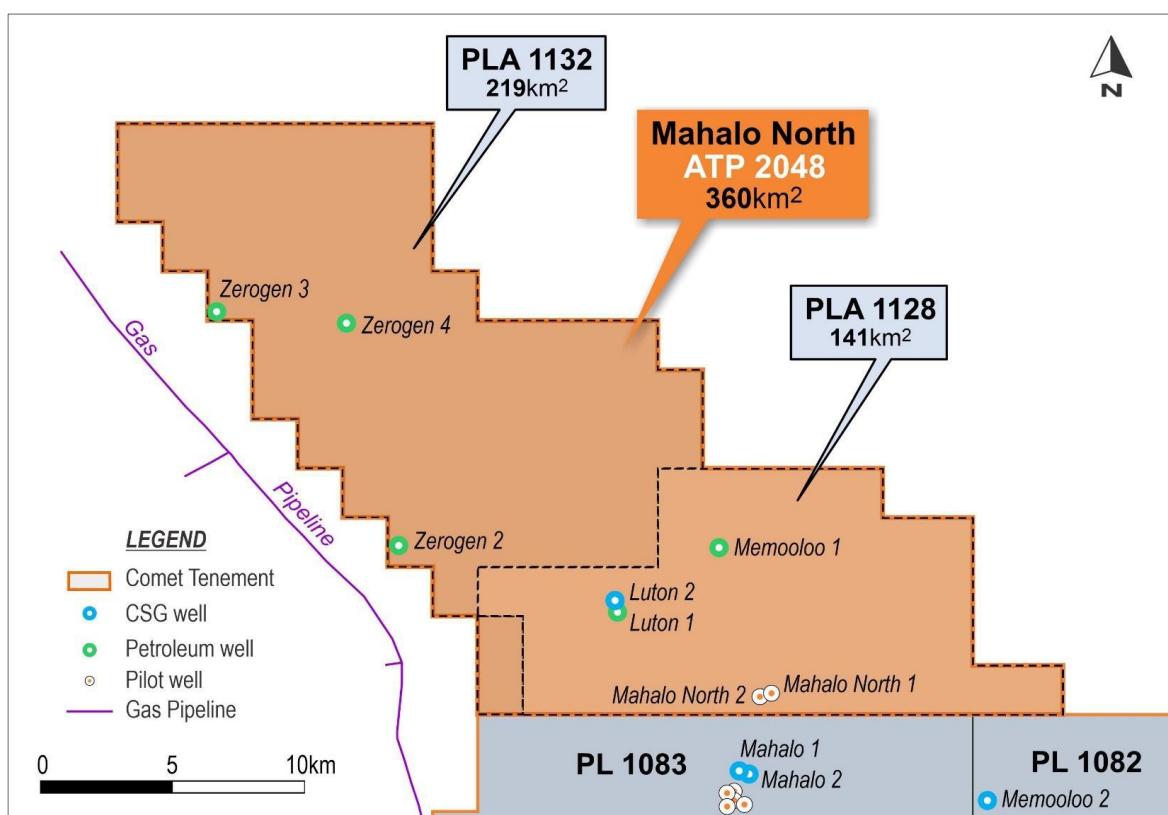


Figure 4: The EPBC approval applies to PLA 1128, part of the Mahalo North block.

The EPBC referral for the Mahalo North project was submitted to the Federal Government in October 2023. After an extensive and detailed assessment process by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) and the Independent Expert Scientific Committee on Unconventional Gas Development and Large Coal Mining Development (IESC), Comet Ridge has been given approval to progress the project.

The Queensland EA application was also submitted in October 2023 and was formally approved by the Queensland Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI) in August 2024.

The Mahalo North project has now received two separate environmental approvals – one under the Federal Government's EPBC Act and one under the Queensland Government's environmental requirements (an Environmental Authority (EA)).



3. Corporate Activities

a) Gas Supply Arrangements

Comet Ridge continued to have active discussions with multiple gas buyers during the quarter for additional Gas Sales Agreements (GSAs) which will assist Comet Ridge with financing the Mahalo Gas Project development capex.

The Company is looking to expand the sales gas share of the project from approximately 28 TJ/d up to approximately 70 TJ/d, given the recent executed transaction with Santos and plans to bring the northern blocks into production sooner. The counterparties include industrial gas users, power generators and gas retailers. Comet Ridge plans to finalise these negotiations into new GSAs whilst FEED is wrapping up and prior to a Final Investment Decision.

b) Data Room Process

With the execution of the agreement to acquire Santos QNT Pty Ltd's 42.86% interest in the Mahalo Gas Project and the Mahalo Gas Project now in Upstream and Pipeline FEED processes, Comet Ridge has prioritised funding arrangements and the progression of GSAs.

Comet Ridge also continued to engage with third parties during the quarter in relation to a range of possible transactions including project equity and corporate level transactions.

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.

c) Cash Position and Debt Facilities

At 31 December 2025, Comet Ridge had \$7.1 million cash on hand (unaudited).

Comet Ridge's secured debt facility is summarised below (see **Table 2**). The Company has also been in discussion with debt providers to fund its share of the Mahalo Gas Project development capex and whilst these discussions are incomplete, the Company has been encouraged by progress made during the December quarter, which will continue into the next quarter.

Lender	Amount Drawn	Maturity date	Comments
PURE Asset Management Resources Fund	\$9.5m	30 June 2027	PURE holds: (a) 55m warrant shares, expiring 30 June 2028 and exercisable at a price of \$0.16 per share and (b) 22.7m existing warrant shares, expiring 31 March 2026 and exercisable at a price of \$0.132 per share. Upon exercise, Comet Ridge would receive \$11.8 million of cash which can be applied to the loan balance.

Table 2 – Comet Ridge debt facilities

d) Payments to Related Parties

The aggregate value of payments to related parties and their associates of \$241k for the December 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).



e) 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:** 77,727,273 (no change during the quarter).

f) Retirement of Director at Conclusion of 2025 AGM

Ms Gillian Swaby retired by rotation, by not standing for re-election as a Non-Executive Director at the Annual General Meeting on 14 November 2025.

Ms Swaby joined the Board of Directors in April 2004 and has been the Chair of the Audit Committee since April 2009. Ms Swaby served the company with distinction throughout this period, being instrumental as part of the team that oversaw the merger with Chartwell Energy in 2009. On Ms Swaby's retirement, Chairman Mr James McKay said *"Gillian's contributions to the board team have been both productive and profoundly impactful, particularly in her leadership of the Audit Committee. Her supportive counsel and sound advice have been indispensable to Comet's achievements. We thank her for her invaluable service and wish her every success."*

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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 and holds one block in NSW with Santos, just north of the main Narrabri project. Our flagship Mahalo Gas Hub project consists of low cost, sales spec natural gas blocks, close to Gladstone, containing very low CO₂ Gas Reserves. Our exploration assets include a large position in the Galilee Basin and 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. The initial development of the Mahalo Gas Project (PLs 1082 & 1083) and the Mahalo North Gas Project (PLA 1128) can be further supplemented by sequential development of gas resources from Comet Ridge's other 100% held permits, Mahalo East, Mahalo Far East and 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 3** below. Comet Ridge has a very material **427 Petajoules (PJ)** share of 2P Gas Reserves and 2C Contingent Gas Resources at its Mahalo Gas Hub projects in Queensland. Note that reserves values in this table have been rounded to the nearest whole PJ.

COI permits	COI Interest	Net Reserves (PJ)			Net Contingent Resources (PJ)			Totals (COI net share)
		%	1P	2P	3P	1C	2C	
								2P+2C
Mahalo 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	-	52	118	-	-	-	52
Mahalo Far East (ATP 2063)	100	-	-	-	Being evaluated			-
Mahalo Far East Ext. (ATP 2072)	100	-	-	-	Being evaluated			-
Mahalo Gas Hub Projects		12	247	529	109	180	294	427
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	247	529	148	354	2,737	601

Table 3 - 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 Activities Report in respect to the Mahalo Gas Hub were progressively announced to the market on 30 October 2019, 26 September 2022, 2 November 2022, 19 December 2022, 20 December 2023 and 25 July 2025. 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, ATP 2061, ATP 744 and PEL 427, 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

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Quarter ended ("current quarter")

31 December 2025

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (6 months) \$A'000
1. Cash flows from operating activities			
1.1 Receipts from customers		-	-
1.2 Payments for:			
(a) exploration & evaluation		-	-
(b) development		-	-
(c) production		-	-
(d) staff costs		(114)	(363)
(e) administration and corporate costs		(375)	(931)
1.3 Dividends received (see note 3)		-	-
1.4 Interest received		18	36
1.5 Interest and other costs of finance paid		(570)	(609)
1.6 Income taxes paid		-	-
1.7 Government grants and tax incentives		-	-
1.8 Other - JV recoveries		-	-
1.9 Net cash from / (used in) operating activities		(1,041)	(1,867)
2. Cash flows from investing activities			
2.1 Payments to acquire or for:			
(a) entities		-	-
(b) tenements		-	-
(c) property, plant and equipment		-	(4)
(d) exploration & evaluation		(2,465)	(4,347)
(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)		(35)	(35)
2.6 Net cash from / (used in) investing activities		(2,500)	(4,386)

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (6 months) \$A'000
3. Cash flows from financing activities			
3.1	Proceeds from issues of equity securities (excluding convertible debt securities)	-	-
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	-	-
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	-	-
4. Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period			
4.1	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	10,587	13,299
4.2	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9 above)	(1,041)	(1,867)
4.3	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities (item 2.6 above)	(2,500)	(4,386)
4.4	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities (item 3.10 above)	-	-
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	7,046	7,046
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	7,046	10,587
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	7,046	10,587
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		241
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.		
Lender: Pure Asset Management Pty Ltd Loan facility: \$9,500,000 Interest Rate: 12% p.a. Maturity Date: 30 June 2027 Secured loan			

8. Estimated cash available for future operating activities	\$A'000
8.1 Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9)	(1,041)
8.2 (Payments for exploration & evaluation classified as investing activities) (item 2.1(d))	(2,465)
8.3 Total relevant outgoings (item 8.1 + item 8.2)	(3,506)
8.4 Cash and cash equivalents at quarter end (item 4.6)	7,046
8.5 Unused finance facilities available at quarter end (item 7.5)	-
8.6 Total available funding (item 8.4 + item 8.5)	7,046
8.7 Estimated quarters of funding available (item 8.6 divided by item 8.3)	2.0

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.

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?

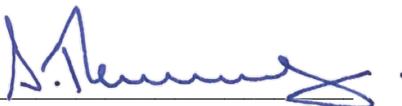
Answer:

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.

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: 29/01/2026



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.