



**QUARTERLY EXPLORATION REPORT**  
**For the three month period ending 30 June 2010**

---

**HIGHLIGHTS**

At the Company's Annual General Meeting on 22 April 2010, Shareholders voted to approve the appointment of the new Board of Directors and to change the name of the Company from Essential Petroleum Resources Limited to Somerton Energy Limited (*Somerton*) to signify the commencement of a new era for the Company. Somerton then relocated its headquarters from Melbourne to Adelaide in June 2010.

The new Board of Directors comprises:

Mr Robert Kennedy (Chairman)  
Mr Hector Gordon (Managing Director)  
Mr Peter Mullins (Non Executive Director)

To date, the new Board, together with Gryphon Partners and Core Energy who have been appointed as advisors to assist Somerton with its rebuilding process, have been focussed on formulating a growth strategy capable of delivering attractive returns for shareholders and on seeking to identify and secure new assets consistent with that strategy.

In June the first step in Somerton's growth strategy was announced with the proposed consolidation of all of the Company's shares, on a 30 for 1 basis. This proposal will be voted on by shareholders at a General Meeting held on 27 July, and has been designed to assist the Company with its recapitalisation and strengthening of its balance sheet.

It is the Board's intention following the consolidation to raise additional capital to fund the Company's exploration activities and strengthen the Company's balance sheet.

**Somerton Energy Limited**

25 Conyngham Street  
GLENSIDE SA 5065  
AUSTRALIA

Managing Director:  
**Hector Gordon**

P: +61 8 8433 1481

F: +61 8 8338 2336

E: [info@somerton.com.au](mailto:info@somerton.com.au)

[www.somertonenergy.com.au](http://www.somertonenergy.com.au)

ABN: 38 089 956 150



## ACTIVITIES

### PEP 151 (Interest – 75%)

No seismic or drilling was undertaken during the period in PEP 151.

Seismic acquisition is planned for early 2011, in conjunction with the program in PEP 168.

### PEP 168 (Interest – 50%)

No seismic or drilling was undertaken during the period in PEP 168.

As part of Somerton's capital re-structure Beach Energy Limited (*Beach*) acquired a 50% interest in PEP 168 effective 4 March 2010. Beach will assume Operatorship of the PEP 168 Joint Venture effective 19 July 2010.

Future activity is expected to include seismic acquisition early in 2011 aimed at maturing one or more conventional gas prospects for drilling in 2012. Concurrently the PEP 168 Joint Venture will undertake studies to evaluate the potential for production of shale gas from the Eumeralla Formation. Options to develop the East Wing gas discovery will be reassessed by the new Operator.

### PRL 13 (Interest – 20%)

No seismic or drilling was undertaken during the period in PRL 13. Drilling of one or more Killanoola appraisal wells late 2010 is under consideration by the current operator, Adelaide Energy Limited.

### PEP 150 (Interest – 20%)

Grant of PEP 150 is contingent upon entering into agreement with the native title claimants. Negotiations are being lead by Beach, as Operator of the PEP 150 Joint Venture. Somerton expects these negotiations will be completed by end 2010 which should allow exploration to commence in 2011.

## PERMIT EXPENDITURE SUMMARY FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 June 2010\*

Permit Number	Somerton Energy Interest	Seismic Survey Expenditure \$	Geological & Geophysical Studies \$	Environment, Native Title & Permit Maint. \$	Drilling Expenditure \$	Miscellaneous Admin Costs \$	Total \$
PEP 151	75%						
PEP 150	20%						
PRL 13	20%						
PEP 168	50%					1,927	1,927
Non Specific	100%			345		3,360	3,705
<b>Total \$</b>				<b>345</b>		<b>5,287</b>	<b>5,632</b>

\* This statement has been prepared based on accrual accounting principles

### For more information contact:

Hector Gordon, Managing Director, Somerton Energy

Tel (08) 8443 1481

Email [info@somerton.com.au](mailto:info@somerton.com.au).

Or visit the website: [www.somertonenergy.com.au](http://www.somertonenergy.com.au)