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### At A Glance

#### **Key Highlights**

- No recordable incidents took place in Q1 2015.
- Average daily Working Interest ("WI") production has increased by 19.37%, as compared to the corresponding period in 2014 from 22,467 boepd to 26,820 boepd.
- Revenue has decreased by 33.28%, as compared to the corresponding period in 2014 mainly due to the decline in oil prices from US\$ 67.3million to US\$ 44.9 million.
- As of 31 December 2014, the audited reserves and resources for Kuwait Energy ("Kuwait Energy" or the "Company") stands at approximately 671 mmboe for the 2P Working Interest ("2P WI") Reserves and at 759 mmboe for the 2C Working Interest ("2C WI") resources. This represents an increase of 215% of 2P WI reserves compared to 31 December 2013 (213 mmboe) from 213 to 671.
- Kuwait Energy and the Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation ("EGPC") discovered hydrocarbons in the Alam El Bueib (Early Cretaceous) Formation, in the exploration well ASH-1X on the Abu Sennan concession, located in the Western Desert onshore Egypt. Tests of the Alam El Bueib formation achieved flow rates of 3,900 bopd of condensate with 46 API and 3.1 MMscfd of gas on choke 64/64"<sup>1</sup>.

#### Who We Are

Kuwait Energy is an independent, MENA focused oil and gas exploration and production Company established in 2005, with its principal regional office in Kuwait and incorporated in Jersey. Operations increasingly focused on Egypt, Iraq, Yemen, and Oman.

# Oil Prices Movement during Q1 2015

In a reversal of the trend seen over the past seven months, oil price rebounded during February amid continued heightened volatility in the oil market. However, the price reversal was short-lived, as the oil price started sliding in March after reports of record U.S. stockpiles emerged.

OPEC Reference Basket settled at an average of US\$ 54.1 per barrel in February, a strong improvement of around 21.8% or US\$ 9.68 per barrel, the strongest monthly gain since September 2010, as compared to previous month's average price of US\$ 44.4 per barrel. However, with the decline seen in March, average oil price scaled back to US\$ 53.56 per barrel.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Oil Market Monthly Report- March 2015- KAMCO Research



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The rates have stabilized at 2,755 bopd and 2.7 MMscfd of gas on 64" choke.

# **Operational Activity**

### Health, Safety, Sustainability and Environment

Kuwait Energy classifies its recordable incidents as Lost Time Incidents – Fatalities and Injuries ("LTI"), Restricted Work Incidents ("RWI") and Medical Treatment Incidents ("MTI").

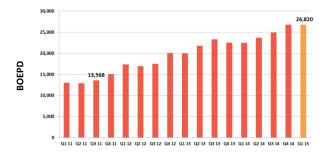
No recordable incidents took place in Q1 2015. The following table provides days without LTI at the end of Q1 2015, for the countries in which Kuwait Energy operates:

Country	Days without LTI
Iraq	175
Yemen	178
Egypt	657

#### **Production**

Kuwait Energy achieved a quarterly average daily Working Interest production of 26,820 barrels of oil equivalent per day ("boepd") that is 0.15% higher than the previous quarter and 19.37% higher than the corresponding quarter of last year primarily due to increased production from Egypt Abu Sennan and ERQ.

The chart below shows quarter-by-quarter daily Working Interest average production of the Company from Q1 2011 to Q1 2015:



Kuwait Energy's daily average WI share of production for the quarter ending 31 March 2015 compared to the quarters ending 31 December 2014 and 31 March 2014 per asset is shown in the table below (in boepd):

	Q1 2015	Q4 2014	% Change	Q1 2014	% Change
BEA	1,003	1,097	-8.57%	951	5.47%
Abu Sennan	2,093	1,516	38.06%	690	203.33%
Area A	4,484	4,516	-0.71%	4,178	7.32%
ERQ	12,774	12,255	4.24%	9,695	31.76%
Egypt Total	20,354	19,383	5.01%	15,514	31.20%
Block 5	3,618	4,437	-18.46%	4,012	-9.82%
Block 43	266	379	-29.82%	376	-29.26%
Yemen Total	3,884	4,816	-19.35%	4,388	-11.49%
Oman	2,582	2,581	0.04%	2,566	0.62%
<b>Production Total</b>	26,820	26,781	0.15%	22,467	19.37%



#### **Exploration**

Kuwait Energy and EGPC discovered hydrocarbons in the Alam El Bueib (Early Cretaceous) Formation, in the exploration well ASH-1X on the Abu Sennan concession, located in the Western Desert onshore Egypt. Tests of the Alam El Bueib formation achieved initial flow rates of 3,900 bopd of condensate with 46 API and 3.1 MMscfd of gas on choke 64/64"<sup>3</sup>.

The Company drilled 1 exploration well in Area A Egypt which turned out to be a dry hole. No additional exploration activities took place during the first quarter of 2015.

The following table summarizes the carry over exploration activities from 2014 and Q1 2015 exploration activities:

Country	Basin/ Area	Well Name	Cost Interest	Well Status at end Q1 2015			
2014 Carry-over wells							
Egypt	Abu Sennan	ASH-1X	78.00%	Test successfully Alam El buieb reservoir with rates 3,900 bopd and 3.1 MMscfd of gas on 64" choke <sup>3</sup> .			
Iraq	Block-9	Faihaa-1	70.00%4	Mishref~3,600bopd at 64/64" choke, Yamama ~8,800 bopd at 64/64" choke The well is shut and awaiting testing unit to conduct testing operations.			
Q1 2015							
Egypt	Area A	EY-3X	70.00%	Dry hole			
Total (2015 wells spud) 1							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Pursuant to a farm-out arrangement entered into with EGPC for a 10% working interest share in Block 9, Kuwait Energy's cost working interest and revenue working interest in Block 9 will be reduced to 60% upon the fulfillment of certain conditions precedent, including written approval from the Iraqi government.



 $<sup>^{3}</sup>$  The rates have stabilized at 2,755 bopd and 2.7 MMscfd of gas on 64" choke.

### **Development**

The main development activities during Q1 2015 included the drilling of 12 development wells, 10 in Oman, 1 Abu Sennan Egypt and 1 Siba in Iraq, which has been postponed due to weak foundation around the well, until correction measures are completed.

The table below provides the status of the wells developed in Q1 2015 as well as the carry-over from 2014:

Country	Basin/Area	Well name	No. of Wells	Cost Interest	Status at end Q1 2015				
Q4 2014 Carry-over wells									
Egypt	Abu Sennan	Al-Jahraa-4	1	78.00%	Initial rate 1,373 bopd, 1.1 MMscf/d, production restricted down to 622 bopd, 0.4 MMscf/d; maximum rate 1,561 bopd, 1,439 MMscf/d (lifted with nytrogen)				
Oman	Karim Small Fields	Ilham-P14, SMP-103	2	15.00%	Producing				
Iraq	Siba	Siba-4	1	60.00%	Initial rate ~6,000 bcpd @ 64/64' choke, 28 MMscf/d after acid job				
Q1 2015									
Egypt	Abu Sennan	ASA-3	1	78.00%	Drilling				
Oman	Karim Small Fields	llham- P11/P12/P16/P25/10H2ST,WRDM- M25H,JDRK-11/17,SMPG- 37,WRDM-K18	10	15.00%	JDRK-17 and Ilham-P16 drilling				
Iraq	Siba	Siba-5	1	60.00%	Postponed until correction measures are completed (weak foundation).				
Total wells	spud (2015)		12						



# Reserves and Resources

As at 31 December 2014, Kuwait Energy's working interest Proven and Probable ("2P") reserves are approximately 671 mmboe. Working interest contingent resources ("2C") is approximately 759 mmboe and the best estimate of risked prospective resources ("P50") is approximately 32 mmboe<sup>5</sup>. A breakdown of the reserves and resources is shown in the table below:

Classification	Category	YE13	Production	Exploration adds	Revisions	Acquisitions and Divestments	YE14	YE14-Net Entitlement
Reserves	<u>1P</u>	90.5		169.3	6.8	-0.1	259.0	68.8
	<u>2P</u>	213.1	-7.5	509.2	3.2	-46.6	671.3	108.7
	<u>3P</u>	300.7		1,038.4	-6.1	-93.5	1,232.0	152.8
Contingent resources	<u>2C</u>	853.0		0.0	-92.9	-0.7	759.4	
Prospective resources	<u>Best</u>	37.1		0.0	2.7	-8.1	31.6	

#### Notes:

- Reserves replacement ratio takes into account acquisition or divestment activities during the year.
- Proven Reserves Replacement Ratio (RRR) = 2337%
- Proven plus Probable Reserves Replacement Ratio (RRR) = 6186%
- Reserves and resources estimates are Kuwait Energy working interest.
- Prospective Resources estimates are risked.
- Total may not exactly equal the sum of the individual entries due to rounding.
- 2014 production is based on actuals up to November 2014 and an estimate for December 2014.
- Excludes KSF (Oman) which cannot be included in external reserves reporting as per contract.
- Reserves Replacement Ratio considers acquisitions and divestment.
- Ukraine and Russia were divested in 2014.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Audited by Gaffney, Cline & Associates ("GCA") as at 31 December 2014.



## **Financials**

At the end of Q1 2015, the current debt of the Company stood at US\$350 million with cash as at end of the quarter of US\$146 million including US\$95 million in short term fixed deposits. Net debt is US\$204 million.

The Company achieved revenue of US\$44.9 million (based on management accounts) a decrease of 33.28%, as compared to the corresponding period in 2014 primarily due to a lower oil price.

The Company has paid its first coupon/interest for its 9.5% yield bond amounting to a total of US\$11.9 million in February 2015.

The capital expenditure as at the end of Q1 is US\$38.2 million.

US\$50 million was collected from EGPC during the quarter. Another US\$28 million was collected in early April 2015. As at mid April 2015, EGPC due as at 31 March is fully collected.

The Company has completed a buyback of 31.7 million shares from Kuwait Energy Company K.S.C.C. ("KEC") as per the Annual General Assembly approval of October 19, 2014. These shares are now being held as treasury shares.

Unaudited Consolidated Financial Highlights <sup>6</sup>	Q1 2015	Q4 2014	Q1 2014
Revenue	44.9	59.4	67.3
Net Profit/(loss) from continuing operations	(12.4)	(13.8)	20.3
Exploration costs expensed	11.2	10.6	8.7
Development costs expensed	27.0	65.8	29.3
General and Administrative Expenses	4.4	12.6	6.7
EBITDA	24.0	29.9	47.8
Working Capital	175.7	204.1	169.1
Total Assets	875.6	935.5	960.6
Total Debt <sup>7</sup>	350.0	350.0	258.9
Earnings/(loss) Per Share (US\$ cents)	(3.8)	(4.2)	6.2
Outstanding shares (number of shares in millions)	358.5	357.2	328.8

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Excluding fair value loss and unamortized initial transaction cost.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> All figures are unaudited and based on management accounts and are in US\$ millions unless otherwise specified.

# Outlook

The Company continues the focus on the MENA region with its presence Iraq, Egypt, Yemen and Oman.

**In Iraq**, after the second discovery in the first drilled well of Iraq Block 9, the Company is considering fast tracking the development plans of the well. It is expected that two additional appraisal wells are to be drilled during 2015.

As for Siba, the Company will pursue its development with the gas plant construction and startups.

**In Yemen**, the operations are facing lifting constraints as all other assets in Yemen. The Company continues monitoring the situation closely.

**In Egypt**, the Company continues its focus on the drilling and development programs.

EIA forecasts that Brent crude **oil prices** will average \$59 barrels in 2015 and \$75 barrels in 2016. The current values of futures and options contracts continue to suggest very high uncertainty in the oil price outlook<sup>8</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Source: Eia.gov, 'Short-Term Energy and Summer Fuels Outlook', April 2015.



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