

# **ASX Announcement**

Wednesday, 23 October 2024

# SUCCESSFUL PLACEMENT TO DRIVE COMMISIONING OF PROJECT PITSE

# **Highlights:**

- Firm commitments received to raise A\$1,870,000 via Placement.
- Board to participate for A\$315,000 in the Placement, subject to shareholder approval.
- Botala to target commercial offtake agreements and secure a strategic development partner for the wholly owned Serowe CBM Project.
- Funds will be applied to commission Project Pitse, commence a Bankable Feasibility Study, research and development of renewables projects, working capital and costs of the Placement.

Botala Energy Ltd (ACN 626 751 620) ("Botala" or "Company") is pleased to announce that it has received firm commitments from sophisticated investors for a placement of fully paid ordinary shares in the capital of the Company ("New Shares") to raise a total of approximately A\$1,870,000 (before costs) at an issue price of A\$0.056 per New Share pursuant to a two-tranche placement ("Placement"). The Placement received strong support from new and existing institutional and sophisticated investors.

The issue price of A\$0.056 per share is at a discount of 22% to the 15-trading day Volume Weighted Average Price of the Company's shares ("VWAP") of A\$0.072 per share.

Approximately 33.6m New Shares will be issued under the Placement which will comprise 28 million New Shares under the Company's remaining capacity under Listing Rule 7.1 and approximately 5.6 million additional New Shares will be issued on the same terms to members of the Board (or their respective nominees) subject to the receipt of shareholder approval to be sought at the Annual General Meeting of the Company.

The Issue of New Shares under the Placement (excluding shares to the Board which as set out above will be subject to shareholder approval) is expected to occur on or around 28 October 2024.

New Shares to be issued pursuant to the Placement will rank equally with the Company's existing fully paid ordinary shares on issue.

## Use of funds

Funds raised from the Placement will be used to commission Project Pitse and commence a Bankable Feasibility Study based on LNG to the Johannesburg market.

Botala Energy Chief Executive Officer Kris Martinick commented: It is fantastic to see the strong support shown by our existing investors and new investors for our Projects. Management and the Botala Board have strongly backed this raising. We believe in the project and are excited with ongoing negotiations. The funds secured position the Company to focus on securing a strategic development partner and target commercial offtake agreements."

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Palomar Advisory Pty Ltd (Palomar) acted as lead manager to the Placement.

This ASX announcement was approved and authorised for release by the Company's CEO.

Yours faithfully

**BOTALA ENERGY LTD** 

Kris Martinick

**Chief Executive Officer** 

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This report is lodged on Botala's website, www.botalaenergy.com

#### About Botala

Botala Energy Ltd (ACN 626 751 620) is an ASX-listed coal bed methane (**CBM**) exploration and development company focused on developing production from its 100% owned Serowe CBM Project in a high-grade CBM region of Botswana and related early-stage renewable energy opportunities. Botala, as Operator, is focused on developing the Serowe CBM Project and believes that there is a considerable opportunity for Botala to commercialise the project due to the demand for a stable, reliable power supply in Botswana.

Botala is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) and the Botswana Stock Exchange (BSE).

### Forward-looking Statements

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