

# **ASX Release**

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# First three drill sites selected at North Rukwa Project.

## Highlights

- First three drill sites selected out of 10 potential shallow gas targets stretching from north to south along North Rukwa's western margin.
- Drill rig mobilisation underway, wellheads and other critical equipment arriving in Tanzania.

# Noble Helium Limited (ASX:NHE) is pleased to advise that the initial three drill sites have been selected from 10 potential shallow targets identified so far. Rig mobilisation is progressing as planned and will be on site along with wellheads and other critical equipment next week.

The initial three drill sites have been scouted by the drilling team led by Noble Chief Operating Officer, Dermot O'Keeffe. They are easily accessible and will require minimal preparation to accommodate the drill rig. Rig mobilisation is progressing as planned with wellheads and various other critical equipment now landing in Tanzania ahead of mobilisation to the first drilling location next week.

### Noble Helium Managing Director and CEO, Mr Shaun Scott said:

"The three drill sites have been high graded from 10 potential shallow gas targets identified so far expanded from the original 8 additional targets and the analysis is still ongoing.

The targets have emerged from a significant amount of work to integrate the new exploration data obtained from recent seismic and electrical resistivity surveys, existing 3D seismic and previous drilling results. The results from these initial wells will in part guide the selection of the additional well locations."

The first target will be at the Mbelele location where the first potential shallow gas target was identified while drilling Mbelele-1 in 2023.

Two new drill locations have been selected in North Rukwa's southern area, on trend with helium gas bubbles recently detected at surface<sup>1</sup>. Both of these locations have 3D seismic cover, complemented with shallow seismic and have potential for stacked pay, meaning there is evidence of potential gas bearing sands at multiple levels at these locations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer ASX release dated 29 August 2024 First stage of the shallow free gas helium exploration program completed.



Work continues to interpret and integrate the data acquired by the shallow geophysics program. To date, 271 individual mini-refraction and reflection surveys have been acquired.



*Figure 1.* Western Lake Bed Zone – additional potential free gas helium targets

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Alexander Karpov is an employee of Netherland, Sewell & Associates, Inc. Alexander Karpov attended Texas A&M University and graduated in 2001 with a Master of Science Degree in Petroleum Engineering, and attended the Moscow Institute of Oil and Gas and graduated in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Petroleum Geology. Alexander Karpov is a Licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Texas, United States of America and has in excess of 26 years of experience in petroleum engineering studies and evaluations. Alexander Karpov has sufficient experience to qualify as a qualified petroleum reserves and resources evaluator as defined in the ASX Listing Rules.

Zachary Long is an employee of Netherland, Sewell & Associates, Inc. Zachary Long attended Texas A&M University and graduatedin2005 with a Master of Science Degree in Geophysics, and attended the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and graduated in 2003 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology. Zachary Long is a Licensed Professional Geoscientist in the State of Texas, United States of America and has in excess of 16 years of experience in geological and geophysical studies and evaluations. Zachary Long has sufficient experience to qualify as a qualified petroleum reserves and resources evaluator as defined in the ASX Listing Rules.

Alexander Karpov, Zachary Long and Netherland, Sewell & Associates, Inc. have each consented to the inclusion in this presentation of the matters based on this information in the form and context in which they appear.

The technical information provided in this announcement has been compiled by Professor Em. Andrew Garnett, Non-Executive Chairman, and Mr. Justyn Wood, Executive Director, all of Noble Helium Limited. Any resource estimates have been prepared in accordance with methodologies and where appropriate the definitions and guidelines set forth in the Petroleum Resources Management System, 2018, approved by the Society of Petroleum Engineers.

Mr Wood is a qualified geoscientist with over 30 years technical, and management experience in exploration for, appraisal and development of, oil and gas resources. Mr Wood qualifies as a Competent Person in



accordance with the ASX listing rules and has reviewed the results, procedures and data contained in this announcement and consents to the inclusion in this announcement of the matters based on the information in the form and context in which it appears.

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