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Commencement of Farm-Out Process for EP 494

Highlights:

- **Farm-out process has commenced to identify and secure a strategic partner to participate in the EP 494 exploration drilling campaign**
- **Strong interest received to date with multiple parties executing confidentiality agreements and active in the data room**
- **MNE is seeking a partner to contribute toward drilling costs of up to two wells by end 2027**
- **Farm-out processes are common industry practice to advance exploration programs and share risk and costs while preserving and maximising shareholder value**

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Macallum New Energy Limited (ASX:MNE) (**MNE** or the **Company**) is pleased to announce that it has commenced the process of finding a strategic joint venture partner to unlock the high-value exploration potential of its exploration permit EP 494. MNE currently holds 100% of EP 494 and is seeking a qualified joint venture partner to participate in the next phase of exploration and appraisal of the permit.

Through a farm-in arrangement, the Company is seeking to create a joint venture with a top-tier oil and gas operator, developer or end user who will earn an interest in the permit by contributing to the drilling costs of up to two exploration wells in the permit in the second half of 2027.

The Company is pleased to report that it has already received strong industry interest in the permit following the recent Prospective Resource update announced on 6th October 2026. Multiple qualified parties have executed confidentiality agreements and are currently active in the process.

Macallum New Energy's CEO, Andy Furniss, commented:

"Our 2026 seismic exploration campaign has delivered a significant boost to the exploration potential of EP 494. The potential of the permit has been recognised by our industry peers and we are receiving great interest in the farm-out process.

"A farm-out process is common practise in the oil and gas industry and prudent operators use the process to bring in highly credible business partners to share technical and commercial skills and spread the risk and costs of an expensive drilling program.

"Finding the right partner is critical to building an aligned joint venture with common goals that will ultimately deliver value to MNE shareholders."

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Following execution of confidentiality agreements, interested parties have been granted access to a virtual data room containing key commercial and technical information to enable detailed evaluation of the EP 494 Prospective Resources. The Company is continuing discussions with numerous other potential partners and expects additional interested parties to enter the process this week.

The farm-out process is expected to run until the end of 2026 but may be extended if there is additional demand.

As previously announced, to maintain a planned drilling schedule of late 2027, MNE continues to execute the work program to deliver the wells on schedule. This includes progressing preliminary well planning studies and regulatory approvals for multiple locations to target the most mature prospects, Aberfeldy, Gadee East, Gadee West, and Barberton Terrace Deep, to enable drilling of the most commercially viable opportunities in the second half of 2027.

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This announcement was approved for release to the ASX by Macallum New Energy's Board of Directors.

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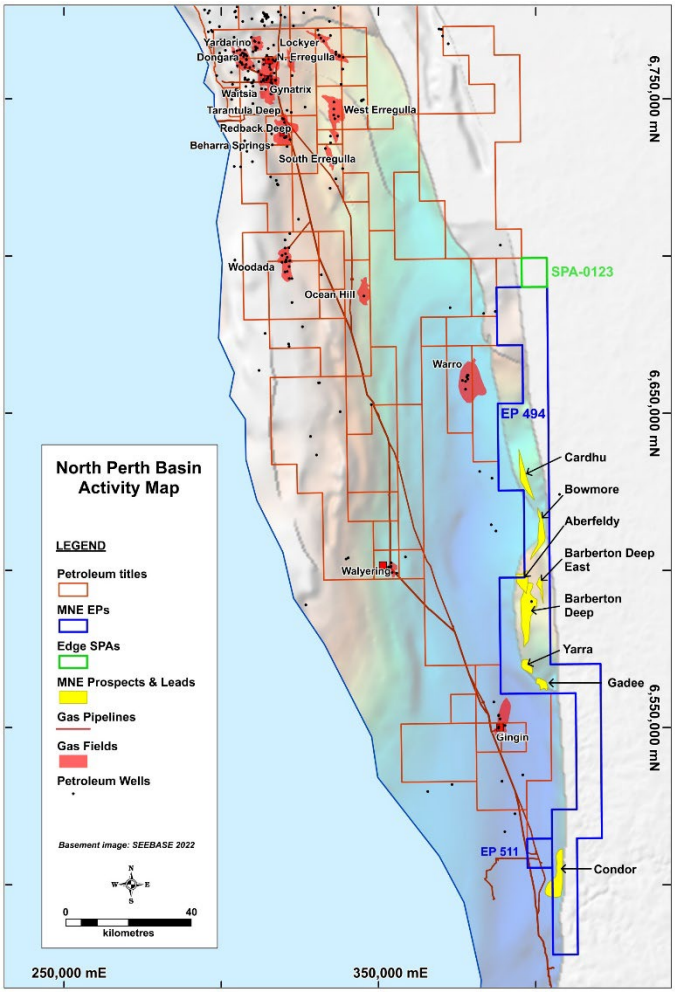
About Macallum New Energy

Macallum New Energy is an oil and gas exploration company focused on the assessment and future development of its 100% owned exploration permits located in the onshore North Perth Basin in Western Australia, being EP 494 and EP 511 (the **Projects**).



MNE offers investors a rare opportunity to participate in the exploration for gas in the multi-Tcf onshore Perth Basin Kingia play as well as oil in the proven Jurassic play. The Projects host a portfolio of mature prospects that have been de-risked through new seismic data and the execution of a technically focussed work program.

With a strong management team and funding for short-term activities, MNE are set to explore some of the largest undrilled gas prospects in the Perth Basin and are strategically positioned to address Western Australia's tightening domestic gas market.

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