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Company: Blue Energy Limited (BUL)

Recommendation: not rated Last price: \$0.0425
Target price: n/a

#### **Key points:**

- Bowen Basin CSG (ATP 814P): an updated reserves assessment is expected in the June quarter, based on data provided by Blue and Arrow Energy, who has been active in adjoining acreage.
- Galilee Basin CSG (ATP 813P): mandatory partial relinquishment. Analysis of Stagmount-1 corehole data continues.
- Cooper Basin conventional: environmental authorities granted for ATPs 656A, 657A, 658A and 660A.
- Wiso Basin unconventional: new gravity, magnetic and seismic data has extended the underlying McArthur Basin sequences, which are prospective to the east for unconventional oil and gas, into Blue's permit areas.
- Southern Georgina Basin unconventional: Statoil has commenced drilling the first of five planned wells ~50 km SSW of Blue's tenement and Total/Central Petroleum are expected to commence drilling four wells to the south in May.
- Maryborough Basin unconventional: Blue secured 100% interest in these three tenements from Beach Energy and eliminated the original farm-in program obligations.
- Cash balance of \$9.2m, down \$4.7m on the prior quarter. Zero debt.

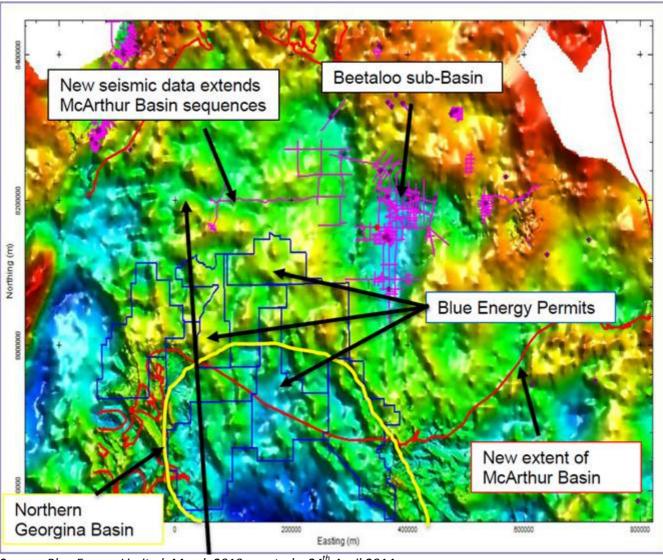
#### **Outlook:**

- Continued focus on conserving cash. Planned expenditure of \$1.2m for the next quarter (\$0.7m admin, \$0.5m exploration).
- Acquisition and evaluation of small 2D seismic surveys in three of the Wiso Basin permits and ATP 733P (Maryborough Basin).
- Seeking farm-out agreements for one or more of the frontier acreage permits.

#### Investment view:

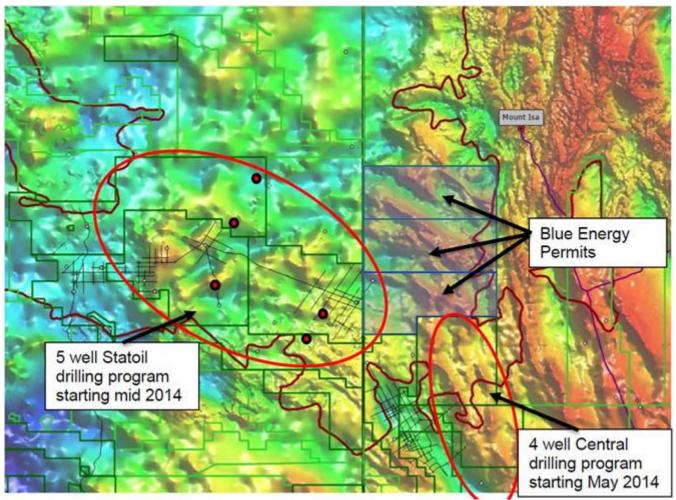
- CSG: We expect further increases in Bowen Basin 2P and 3P reserves in the next assessment. However, in the current climate this is unlikely to drive significant share price movement. Price rerating will be dependent upon progress of gas monetization, either via gas sales agreements or full or partial asset divestment. Blue currently has 55 PJ of uncontracted 2P reserves and 200 PJ of uncontracted 3P reserves, and over 800 PJ of 2C contingent resources.
- Unconventional: the significant planned drilling activity in the coming year (nine wells led by Statoil and Total) should increase industry attention on the Lower Arthur Creek shales in the Southern Georgina Basin and further derisk Blue's adjoining acreage at zero cost to Blue.
- Other: significant activity in the Cooper and Maryborough basins is still some way off, requiring award of permit applications and, in the Maryborough Basin, gaining a social licence to operate.
- Corporate: Planned farm-out of frontier acreage needs to proceed promptly given Blue's previously healthy cash position is steadily declining with ongoing working capital requirements. Admin costs have been cut to ~\$700k/quarter, but will still consume ~\$2.5-3m per year, leaving little cash for field work.

Figure 1: Wiso Basin permit areas



Source: Blue Energy Limited, March 2013 quarterly, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

Figure 2: Southern Georgina Basin permit areas and nearby drilling activity



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Figure 3: Reserves and resources position (net to Blue)

| Permit      | Block     | Assessment<br>Date | Announcment<br>Date | 1P (PJ) | 1C (PJ) | 2P (PJ) | 2C (PJ) | 3P (PJ) | 3C (PJ) |
|-------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| ATP854P     |           | 30-06-12           | 19-03-13            | -       | 22      |         | 47      |         | 101     |
| ATP813P     |           | 31-12-10           | 29-06-11            | - 4     | 22      |         | 42      | -       | 548     |
| ATP814P     | Sapphire  | 31-12-12           | 26-02-13            | - 3     | 75      | 50      | 127     | 178     | 224     |
| ATP814P     | Central   | 31-12-12           | 19-03-13            | -       | 27      | *       | 81      |         | 438     |
| ATP814P     | Monslatt  | 31-12-12           | 19-03-13            | - 4     | 20      | 120     | 476     | -       | 1,693   |
| ATP814P     | Lancewood | 30-09-13           | 30-10-13            | 2       | 7       | 5       | 11      | 15      | 421     |
| ATP814P     | South     | 30-06-13           | 29-07-13            | *       | 15      | (*)     | 27      | 6       | 30      |
| Total (PJ)  |           |                    |                     | -       | 146     | 55      | 811     | 200     | 3,454   |
| Total (bcf) |           |                    |                     |         | 146     | 55      | 811     | 200     | 3,454   |

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