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# Successful bid for blocks in Santos Basin and guidance update

Karoon participated (17 June Brazil time) in the ANP 5<sup>th</sup> Permanent Offer Bid Round for Concession Contracts and was successful in its bid to secure 100% interests in six blocks in the Santos Basin, offshore Brazil.

Two of the blocks, S-M-974 and S-M-1038, are located approximately 17 kilometres from the Neon field, and contain the Piracucá discovery. In addition, Karoon was successful in its bid for four deepwater blocks (S-M-1484, S-M-1605, S-M-1358, S-M-1603), located adjacent to Karoon's existing deepwater exploration acreage in the Santos basin. These deepwater blocks are around 80 kilometres southeast of Baúna field.

Formal granting of the blocks is expected to occur in the fourth quarter of 2025, subject to meeting certain qualification conditions, the payment of a bid bonus of approximately US\$14.8 million<sup>1</sup> and providing a financial guarantee for approximately US\$6.1 million<sup>1</sup>, equivalent to 30% of the minimum work program.

## Dr Julian Fowles, Karoon's CEO and Managing Director said:

"Karoon is pleased with the successful bid for the six blocks in the latest Brazilian permanent offer bid. The newly acquired blocks further strengthen Karoon's presence in the offshore Santos Basin.

Two of the blocks, S-M-974 and S-M-1038, contain the Piracucá discovery. Initial technical studies suggest the Piracucá discovery could be an attractive tie-back candidate into a potential Neon FPSO, subject to the proposed Neon development achieving a Final Investment Decision as well as necessary regulatory approvals.

The four deepwater blocks (S-M-1484, S-M-1605, S-M-1358, S-M-1603) were acquired in a strategic move to consolidate our position in the area at low entry cost.

The terms of the bid included a bonus payment of approximately US\$14.8 million in total plus a minimum work program of US\$20.2 million, to be undertaken within seven years of the formal award of the blocks. The bids did not include well commitments on any of the blocks."

### 2025 Capex Guidance

Karoon's 2025 capex guidance has increased to US\$120 -140m to incorporate the signature bonus payments and work programme guarantees associated with the successful participation in the bid round.

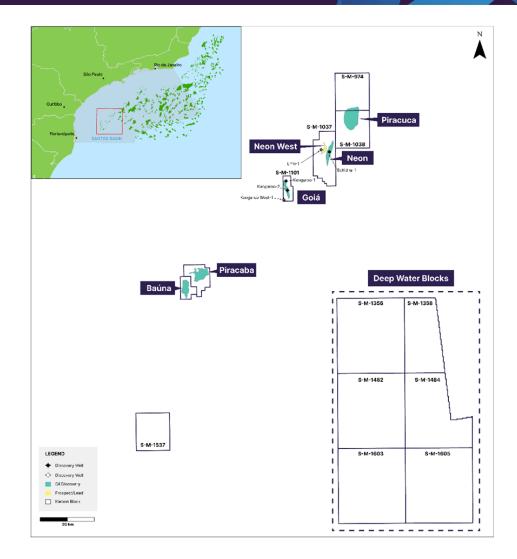
Guidance for Calendar Year 2025 <sup>1</sup>		Prior	Revised
Investment Expenditure			
Neon <sup>2</sup>	US\$m	8 – 11	Unchanged
Other Capex <sup>3</sup>	US\$m	39 – 47	54 - 62
Who Dat <sup>4</sup>	US\$m	58 - 67	Unchanged
Total Capex	US\$m	105 - 125	120 - 140

- . Guidance is subject to various risks (including "Key Risks" set out in 2024 Annual Report)
- 2. Neon capex includes first stage of Neon Define costs. It does not include spend for the next two stages for Neon Define phase
- Includes capex for Bauna including costs for the SPS-88 well intervention and signature bonus for the new blocks in the Santos Basin.
- 4. Includes Who Dat West exploration well which has been expensed.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on USD:BRL exchange rate of 5.50





This announcement has been authorised by the CEO and Managing Director of Karoon Energy Ltd.

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