

QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES REPORT

FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 June 2026

Corporate

- Metgasco remains in active discussions with a number of parties for potential farm-in /acquisition of new oil and gas assets and/or other corporate opportunities with a view to recapitalise the Company.
- On 20 May a \$500,000 bridging loan facility at 10% interest rate was agreed with Glennon Small Companies.
- In May Metgasco repaid Vintage the interest free loan for the Dec 25 and Jan & Feb 26 ATP2021 and PRL211 cash calls totalling \$255,000 pursuant to the terms of the Petroleum Title Sales Agreement which was terminated on 1 April 2026.
- On 2 July Metgasco's loans with Glennon Small Companies Ltd were extended to 30 December 2026, with all other terms remaining unchanged.

Odin & Vali:

- The joint venture signed agreements with the SA government and received the funds for \$5 million of grants to provide cornerstone funding for the drilling of two gas production wells.
- Odin Field average online gross raw gas production during the quarter of 1.29 MMscfd.
- Vali Field average online gross raw gas production during the quarter of 0.4 MMscfd.

Revenue and Production:

- Quarterly sales revenue was \$292,450, 20% down from the March FY26 quarter.
- Quarterly Production was 0.025 PJe, 17% down from the March FY26 quarter.

Metgasco MD Ken Aitken commented:

"Metgasco was active during the quarter in data rooms reviewing and progressing discussions on farm-in and asset acquisition/corporate opportunities. During the quarter the joint venture finalised the agreements with the SA government to receive the gross \$5M of grant funding to assist drilling the Odin-3 and Vali- 4 appraisal wells. The Company is working with the joint venture to finalise the well activity schedule in FY27 to optimise gas production and revenue. Metgasco would like to acknowledge Glennon Small Companies continued support in providing a bridging loan and extending the re-payment date of the company's loans".

Key figures	3 months to 30 Jun'26	Prior Qtr Mar '26	Qtr on qtr change %	FY26	FY25	YTD Change
Sales revenue \$'000	292.45	367.6	-20%	1503.3	2329.85	-35%
Sales gas ¹ PJ	0.021	0.025	-17%	0.116	0.188	-38%
Production PJ ²	0.025	0.03	-17%	0.12	0.195	-38%

¹ Sales gas volume and revenue is inclusive of ethane

² Petajoule equivalent: comprises sales gas and gas liquids.

Sales

Sales Data	3 months to 30 Jun 26	Prior Qtr Mar '26	Qtr on qtr change %	FY26	FY25	YTD Change
Sales revenue \$'000	292.45	367.6	-20%	1503.3	2329.85	-35%
Sales volume						
Sales Gas TJ	21.35	27.4	-22%	115.95	188.5	-38%
LPG tonne	-	16.0	-100%	33.25	29.15	14%
Condensate bbls	210.3	149.15	41%	627.0	56.3	13%

Net Sales revenue of \$292,450 was recorded for the quarter, 20% lower than the prior quarter revenue of \$367,600

The reduction in revenue is chiefly attributable to lower gas production. Discussion of factors contributing to the quarter's production is provided following under the headings 'Production' and 'Operations'.

As previously advised, sales revenue reported in respect of supply from the Vali gas field comprises sales attracting cash payment and sales for which cash payment has been prepaid. From 1 July 2023, production and sales figures include gas produced under contractual agreement towards consideration for processing and transportation. The financial value of this gas is accounted as non-cash generating sales revenue.

Production

Production data	3 months to 31 Jun 26	Prior Qtr Mar '26	Qtr on qtr change %	FY26	FY25	YTD Change
Total production PJe	0.025	0.03	-17%	0.12	0.195	-38%
Sales gas TJ	22.6	27.35	-17%	116.4	187.9	-38%
LPG tonne	8.0	9.4	-15%	34.7	40.25	-14%
Condensate bbls	97.35	119.0	-18%	403.25	412.7	-2%

Metgasco's share of production for the quarter was 0.025 PJe, compared with 0.03 PJe in the prior quarter. Production of sales gas accounted for 90% of total production.

Further discussion of the performance of the Vali and Odin gas fields during the quarter is provided under the heading 'Operations' following.

Operations - Southern Flank gas fields

Cooper / Eromanga Basins, Queensland and South Australia

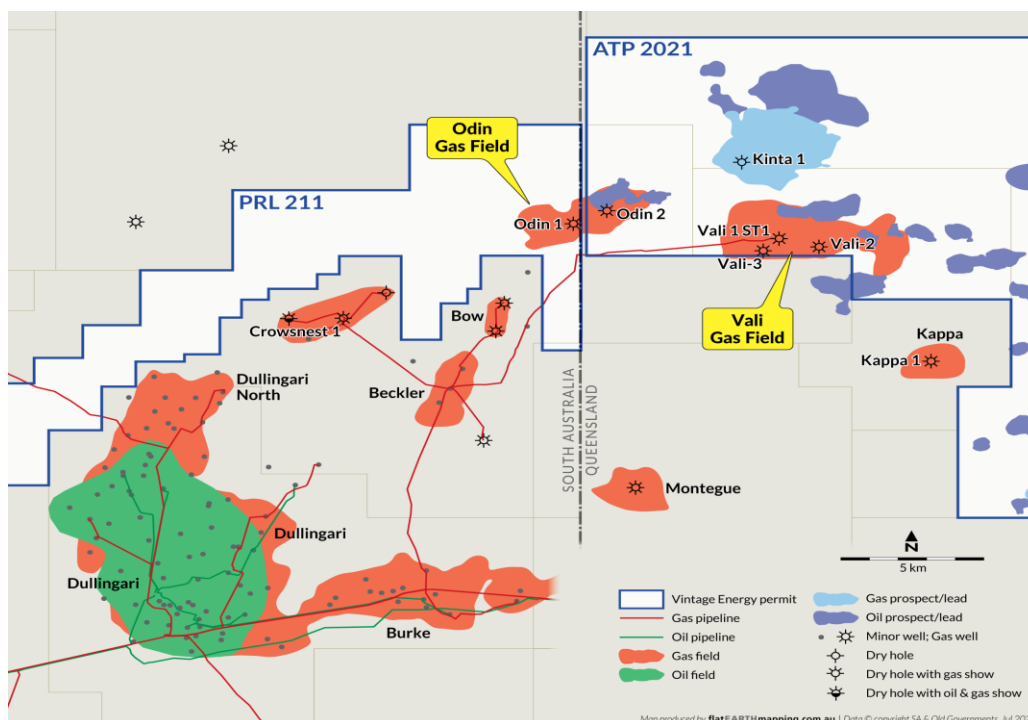


Figure 1: Cooper Basin permits PRL 211 and ATP 2021 including well locations Odin-1, Odin-2, Vali-1 ST1, Vali-2 and Vali-3.

Odin Gas Field

PRL 211 & ATP 2021 (Metgasco Ltd 25%, Vintage Energy Ltd 50% and operatorship, Bridgeport (Cooper Basin) Pty Ltd 25%)

Asset Overview

The Odin gas field straddles the South Australian – Queensland border, falling within PRL 211 in South Australia and ATP 2021 in Queensland (See Figure 1). ATP 2021 has identical joint venture composition to PRL 211.

Odin is located in close proximity to the South Australian Cooper Basin Joint Venture's gas production infrastructure at Beckler, Bow and Dullingari. The field was discovered by the PRL 211 joint venture in 2021 and commenced appraisal production from Odin-1 in September 2023. Odin-1 initially was completed to produce from the Epsilon and Toolachee formations. In September 2024 perforations were added in the deeper Patchawarra Formation to enable appraisal of unstimulated gas flows from this formation.

A second well, Odin-2, successfully appraised the north-eastern section of the field in ATP 2021 in June 2024. Odin-2 was completed and connected in October 2024.

The Odin-1 and 2 wells are supplying gas to Pelican Point Power, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ENGIE Australia under contract to December 2026.

Activity

Odin-1 and Odin-2 produced for 83.2 and 72.0 days respectively during the quarter, compared with 90 days in the March quarter for Odin field. Time offline in the quarter is attributable to flow and buildup cycling of Odin-2 and well maintenance activity at Odin-1 in April. Average daily metered raw gas production for the quarter for days online was 1.29 MMscf/d compared with 1.48 MMscf/d for the prior quarter.

Vali Gas Field

ATP 2021 (Metgasco Ltd 25%, Vintage Energy Ltd 50% and operatorship, Bridgeport (Cooper Basin) Pty Ltd 25%)

Asset Overview

The Vali gas field is located in Queensland, adjacent to the Queensland-South Australia border. Vali is undergoing a long-term production appraisal program with gas produced being supplied to AGL Energy under a supply agreement to December 2026.

Vali was discovered by Vali-1 ST1 in January 2020 and successfully appraised by Vali-2 and Vali-3.

The field has three wells, completed and connected to the Moomba gas gathering network for supply to the eastern Australian domestic energy market.

Activity

Vali-1 produced for 65.3 days during the quarter, flowing from the Patchawarra Formation. Downtime related predominantly to well cycling brought about by downstream infrastructure operations not operated by Vintage. The Vali facility performed reliably, recording availability of 100%.

Operations at Vali-2 and Vali-3, deferred during the March quarter, were further delayed throughout the June quarter, as the field continued to be inaccessible by road due to persisting wet weather events. As a consequence, employment of surfactant injection at Vali-3 to aid dewatering and facilitate increased gas flow did not occur. It is expected to occur once vehicular access is re-established.

The average raw gas production rate from Vali for the days online was 0.40 MMscf/d compared with 0.39 MMscf/d for the March quarter.

South Australia Government Grant

Grant agreements with the Government of South Australia for the two grants announced 20 February were executed. The \$2.5 million grants, to the PRL 211 and ATP 2021 Joint Ventures (Metgasco share 25%), have been made to provide cornerstone funding for the drilling of the Odin-3 and Vali-4 gas appraisal wells. It is expected the grants will be sufficient to fund up to 50% of the cost of drilling the wells. The timing of the drilling is subject to JV approvals and rig availability.

The total grant of \$5 million was received on 24 June and Metgasco's total cash and cash equivalents at quarter-end includes its \$1.25M share of the grant funds. The funds are recognised as restricted cash, as the grant funds are reserved for the purpose of drilling Odin-3 and Vali-4.

Corporate Activities

Refund of Vintage Loan

Metgasco entered into a conditional Heads of Agreement on 17 November 2025 followed by a Petroleum Title Sale Agreement (PTSA) on 12 December 2025 to sell the Company's 25% non-operated interest in licences at the Odin Gas Field (PRL 211 & ATP 2021) and Vali Gas Field (ATP2021) for \$5.9 Million (**Proposed Transaction**) to Vintage.

Under the key terms of the **PTSA**, **Vintage** Energy funded Metgasco's December 2025 January and February 2026 ATP2021 and PRL211 Asset Cash Calls (Total \$255,000 net MEL). On 1 April 2026 the PTSA agreement was terminated by Vintage and consequently the interest free loan of \$255,000 was repaid to Vintage in May 2026. The refund resulted in higher June quarterly costs in production and oil and gas properties categories.

New Business Opportunities

Metgasco remains in active discussions with a number of parties for potential farm-in /acquisition of new oil and gas assets and/or other corporate opportunities with a view to recapitalise the Company.

Debt Facility Update

In May 2026 the company agreed a bridging loan with Glennon Small Companies (GSC) at an interest rate of 10%. As of 30 June 2026, the total outstanding debt related to the \$5,180,000 GSC loans, including capitalised interest, was \$7 Million. This was due to accruing interest on the \$3.18M loan capital (calendar year 2024 loan tranches) for the June 2026 quarter of \$200k. Note that the Glennon Small Companies March quarterly loan interest on the CY2023 loan was paid on 1 April 2026. The June quarterly GSC Debt Interest payment relating to the CY2023 and bridging loan debt was paid on 1 July 2026 and therefore not included in this report.

Cash position:

The Company ended the quarter with available cash for operating use of \$366,000. The company also has restricted funds of \$1,250,000 resulting in a total cash and cash equivalents of \$1,616,000

The following is a reconciliation of the Company's cash position from 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026:

	\$A'000
Cash at 1 April 2026	254
Overhead and administrative	(182)
Production (net) *	(111)
Proceeds from Borrowings (Net of Costs)	490
Interest payments on debt facility**	(49)
Development assets expenditure*	(36)
Exploration and evaluation expenditure	0
Unrestricted Cash and Cash equivalents at 30 June 2026	366
SA Government Grant Restricted Capital***	1,250
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June 2026	1,616

* **Net Production= Revenue – Production Costs (Gas Sales receipts are received the month after production).** Under the key terms of the PTSA, Vintage Energy funded Metgasco's December 2025 January and February 2026 ATP2021 and PRL211 Asset Cash Calls (Total \$255,000 net MEL) . .On 1 April 2026 the PTSA agreement was terminated by Vintage and consequently the interest free loan of \$255,000 was repaid to Vintage in May 2026. The production costs

** March quarterly interest on the CY2023 loan was paid to GSC on 1 April 2026. The June quarterly GSC Debt Interest payment relating to the CY2023 and bridging loan debt was paid on 1 July 2026 and therefore not included in this report.

***The total grant of \$5 million was received on 24 June 2026 and MEL's total cash and cash equivalents at quarter-end includes its share of the grant funds, being \$1.25 million. The funds are recognised as restricted cash, as the grant funds are reserved for the purpose of drilling Odin-3 and Vali-4.

Notes Pertaining to Quarterly Cashflow Report (Appendix 5B):

Item 6.1: The aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates of \$45,000 relates to remuneration payments made to Directors. There was \$49,000 in the quarter paid to related parties and their associates due to interest payments to Glennon Small Companies Ltd. (See note** above).

Shareholder base:

At 30 June 2026, Metgasco had 36,742,276 shares on issue and 2,010 shareholders.

The Company's top 20 shareholders held approximately 56.6 % of the Company's issued capital.

Glossary:

MMscfd = Million standard cubic feet per day.

FWHP = Flowing wellhead pressure.

Bcf= Billion Standard Cubic feet.

PJ= Petajoule.

PJe=Petajoule equivalent comprises sales gas and gas liquids.

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Tenement Listing

Tenement Reference	Location	Nature of Interest	Interest at 30 June 2026	Interest at 31 March 2026
ATP2021	QLD	25% working interest in Licence	25%	25%
PRL211	SA/QLD	25% working interest in Licence	25%	25%

Forward Looking Statements:

This document may contain forward-looking information.

Forward-looking information is generally identifiable by the terminology used, such as "expect", "believe", "estimate", "should", "anticipate" and "potential" or other similar wording.

Forward-looking information in this document includes, but is not limited to, references to: well drilling programs and drilling plans, estimates of potentially recoverable resources, and information on future production and project start-ups.

By their very nature, the forward-looking statements contained in this document require Metgasco and its management to make assumptions that may not materialise or that may not be accurate. Although Metgasco believes its expectations reflected in these statements are reasonable, such statements involve risks and uncertainties, and no assurance can be given that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements.

Appendix 5B

Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

Name of entity

Metgasco Ltd

ABN

24 088 196 383

Quarter ended ("current quarter")

30 June 2026

Consolidated statement of cash flows	Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (12 months) \$A'000
1. Cash flows from operating activities		
1.1 Receipts from customers	306	1,579
1.2 Payments for		
(a) exploration & evaluation (if expensed)	(7)	(19)
(b) development	-	-
(c) production**	(417)	(1,100)
(d) staff costs	(45)	(266)
(e) administration and corporate costs	(130)	(542)
1.3 Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
1.4 Interest received	-	-
1.5 Interest and other costs of finance paid	(49)	(235)
1.6 Income taxes paid	-	-
1.7 Government grants and tax incentives *	1,250	1,250
1.8 Other	-	-
1.9 Net cash from / (used in) operating activities	908	667
* Govt Grant amount is restricted, for use only on drilling projects specified in the grant agreements. Refer item 5 below.		
**Production costs include \$236,454 for Dec 25, Jan and Feb 26 due to re-payment of PTSA loan to Vintage in May 2026		

2. Cash flows from investing activities		
2.1 Payments to acquire:		
(a) entities	-	-
(b) tenements	-	(125)
(c) property, plant and equipment	-	-
(d) exploration & evaluation (if capitalised)	-	(125)
(e) investments	-	-
(f) oil and gas properties*	(36)	(373)

Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (12 months) \$A'000
2.2	Proceeds from the disposal of:		
	(a) entities	-	-
	(b) tenements	-	-
	(c) property, plant and equipment	-	-
	(d) investments	-	-
	(e) other non-current assets	-	-
2.3	Cash flows from loans to other entities	-	-
2.4	Dividends received (see note 3)	-	-
2.5	Other – Working capital loan to Patriot Hydrogen Limited	-	-
2.6	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities	(36)	(623)

* Oil & Gas properties include \$18,546 for Dec 25, Jan and Feb 26 due to re-payment of PTSA loan to Vintage in May 2026

3.	Cash flows from financing activities		
3.1	Proceeds from issues of equity securities (excluding convertible debt securities)	-	9
3.2	Proceeds from issue of convertible debt securities	-	-
3.3	Proceeds from exercise of options	-	-
3.4	Transaction costs related to issues of equity securities or convertible debt securities	-	(45)
3.5	Proceeds from borrowings	500	500
3.6	Repayment of borrowings	-	-
3.7	Transaction costs related to loans and borrowings	(10)	(10)
3.8	Dividends paid	-	-
3.9	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
3.10	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities	490	454

4.	Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents for the period		
4.1	Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	254	1,118
4.2	Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (item 1.9 above)	908	667
4.3	Net cash from / (used in) investing activities (item 2.6 above)	(36)	(623)
4.4	Net cash from / (used in) financing activities (item 3.10 above)	490	454

Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

Consolidated statement of cash flows		Current quarter \$A'000	Year to date (12 months) \$A'000
4.5	Effect of movement in exchange rates on cash held	-	-
4.6	Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	1,616	1,616

5.	Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents at the end of the quarter (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts	Current quarter \$A'000	Previous quarter \$A'000
5.1	Bank balances	366	254
5.2	Call deposits	-	-
5.3	Bank overdrafts	-	-
5.4	Other (restricted cash)*	1,250	-
5.5	Cash and cash equivalents at end of quarter (should equal item 4.6 above)	1,616	254

*Amount is restricted. Item 5.4 includes \$1,250,000 (per item 1.7 above), being the Company's 25% share of the \$5,000,000 government grants received (refer ASX announcement dated 15 June 2026) and held in separate bank accounts that can only be used on drilling projects specified in the grant agreements once matching funds have been sourced and joint venture approvals and other necessary approvals are obtained. The grant amount has been excluded from the calculation at item 8.1 below, as the funds are quarantined and cannot be utilised for operating activities except as specified in the grant agreements.

6. Payments to related parties of the entity and their associates

- 6.1 Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 1
- 6.2 Aggregate amount of payments to related parties and their associates included in item 2

**Current quarter
\$A'000**

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Note: if any amounts are shown in items 6.1 or 6.2, your quarterly activity report must include a description of, and an explanation for, such payments

Amounts included in 6.1 are remuneration payments made to Directors and interest payments to Glennon Small Companies Limited.

Mining exploration entity or oil and gas exploration entity quarterly cash flow report

7. Financing facilities

Note: the term "facility" includes all forms of financing arrangements available to the entity.

Add notes as necessary for an understanding of the sources of finance available to the entity.

	Total facility amount at quarter end \$A'000	Amount drawn at quarter end \$A'000
7.1 Loan facilities	5,680	5,680
7.2 Credit standby arrangements	-	-
7.3 Other (please specify)	-	-
7.4 Total financing facilities	5,680	5,680

7.5 Unused financing facilities available at quarter end

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7.6 Include in the box below a description of each facility above, including the lender, interest rate, maturity date and whether it is secured or unsecured. If any additional financing facilities have been entered into or are proposed to be entered into after quarter end, include a note providing details of those facilities as well.

The Company's senior secured debt facility with Glennon Small Companies Ltd, first announced on 13 March 2023, remains fully drawn at A\$2.0 million. The loan carries a 10% cash coupon payable quarterly, a 1% establishment fee on drawn funds and a 5% early-repayment fee and is secured by a general security deed over all present property of the Company. No interest has been capitalised under this facility and the outstanding balance at 30 June 2026 therefore equals the original principal of A\$2.0 million. The interest payment for the quarter ended 31 March 2026 was paid on 1 April 2026 and amounted to A\$49k. Interest for the quarter ended 30 June 2026 was paid on 1 July 2026.

As previously disclosed on 19 August, 27 September and 27 November 2024, the Company also has a series of unsecured facilities totalling A\$3.18 million (Convertible Loan Agreement) with Glennon Small Companies Ltd, originally maturing on 31 December 2025. On 24 December 2025 the re-payment date of the Glennon Small Companies Ltd Convertible Loan Agreement was extended to 30 June 2026 and has since been extended to 31 December 2026. These loans accrue interest at 20% p.a., which – with the exception of a payment of A\$37k in December 2025 – has been capitalised until the end of the June 2026 quarter. Including A\$1.3million of capitalised interest to date, the amount owing under the unsecured facilities at 30 June 2026 is A\$4.5 million. Subject to shareholder approval, the lender may convert all or part of this debt into equity at the lower of (i) a 50 % discount to any takeover offer price, (ii) 50 % of the closing price immediately prior to such offer, or (iii) a 50 % discount to the price of any capital raise completed in the preceding six months.

As announced on 20 May 2026, the Company received a bridging loan facility of \$500,000 from Glennon Small Companies Limited. The Facility provided for an interest rate of 10% per annum. Interest of \$6k was paid in relation to this facility on 1 July 2026.

Accordingly, the aggregate debt outstanding (including interest) at 30 June 2026 is A\$7 million, and there were no undrawn amounts available under any of the Company's financing facilities at the quarter-end date.

8. Estimated cash available for future operating activities	\$A'000
8.1 Net cash from / (used in) operating activities (Item 1.9)*	(342)
8.2 Capitalised exploration & evaluation (Item 2.1(d))	-
Capitalised development expenditure for oil & gas properties (Item 2.1(f))	(36)
8.3 Total relevant incomings / (outgoings) (Item 8.1 + Item 8.2)	(378)
8.4 Cash and cash equivalents at quarter end (Item 4.6)	366
8.5 Unused finance facilities available at quarter end (Item 7.5)	-
8.6 Total available funding (Item 8.4 + Item 8.5)	366
8.7 Estimated quarters of funding available (Item 8.6 divided by Item 8.3)	0.96

* The net cash amount at 8.1 (342k) is the figure before the restricted cash of \$1.25M is taken into account.

8.8 If Item 8.7 is less than 2 quarters, please provide answers to the following questions:

1. Does the entity expect that it will continue to have the current level of net operating cash flows for the time being and, if not, why not?

Answer:

As set out in note 5 above, MEL's total cash and cash equivalents at quarter-end includes its share of the South Australia grant funds which were received on 24 June 2026, with MEL's share amounting to \$1.25 million. The Company recognised these funds as restricted cash, as the grant funds are not available for general use by the Company and are reserved for the purpose of drilling Odin-3 and Vali-4. The Company have accordingly excluded these funds for the purposes of the calculations and additional commentary under item 8.

During the June quarter, the Company received a \$500,000 bridging loan facility from Glennon Small Companies ("GSC"). This provided working capital for the business as well as assisting the re-payment in May of the \$250,000 Vintage loan related to the termination of the Petroleum Title Sale Agreement. The Vintage loan re-payment increased the expenditure in the current quarter above ordinarily anticipated levels.

The Company continues to receive production revenues and will be required to make payments for current monthly cash calls during the quarter as part of its normal business operations. The Company is currently in discussions relating to the FY27 budget for the ARP2021 and PRL211 joint ventures' capital expenditure and the phasing of expenditure. Subject to finalisation of the FY27 budget, the Company expects to otherwise have similar levels of net operating cash flows for the time being (with the exception of the grant funding which is a one-off item).

2. Has the entity taken any steps, or does it propose to take any steps, to raise further cash to fund its operations and, if so, what are those steps and how likely does it believe that they will be successful?

Answer:

The Company has extended the re-payment date of the GSC loan agreements to 31 December 2026 on the same terms which provide flexibility to capitalise the interest payments on the GSC convertible loan (refer ASX announcement 2 July 2026).

The Company is actively reviewing a range of business development opportunities and/or other corporate opportunities with a view to re-capitalise the business, including options to raise additional capital.

3. Does the entity expect to be able to continue its operations and to meet its business objectives and, if so, on what basis?

Answer:

Yes, based on answers to Q1 and Q2 above.

Compliance statement

- 1 This statement has been prepared in accordance with accounting standards and policies which comply with Listing Rule 19.11A.
- 2 This statement gives a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.

Date: 31 July 2026

Authorised by: **The Board**

Name of body or officer authorising release – see note 4)

Notes

1. This quarterly cash flow report and the accompanying activity report provide a basis for informing the market about the entity's activities for the past quarter, how they have been financed and the effect this has had on its cash position. An entity that wishes to disclose additional information over and above the minimum required under the Listing Rules is encouraged to do so.
2. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the definitions in, and provisions of, *AASB 6: Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources* and *AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows* apply to this report. If this quarterly cash flow report has been prepared in accordance with other accounting standards agreed by ASX pursuant to Listing Rule 19.11A, the corresponding equivalent standards apply to this report.
3. Dividends received may be classified either as cash flows from operating activities or cash flows from investing activities, depending on the accounting policy of the entity.
4. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the board". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a committee of your board of directors, you can insert here: "By the [name of board committee – e.g. Audit and Risk Committee]". If it has been authorised for release to the market by a disclosure committee, you can insert here: "By the Disclosure Committee".
5. If this report has been authorised for release to the market by your board of directors and you wish to hold yourself out as complying with recommendation 4.2 of the ASX Corporate Governance Council's *Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations*, the board should have received a declaration from its CEO and CFO that, in their opinion, the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained, that this report complies with the appropriate accounting standards and gives a true and fair view of the cash flows of the entity, and that their opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.