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Noble Helium secures rig for North Rukwa Project drilling campaign

Highlights

- Contract executed with UK's Marriott Drilling Group for Drillmec HH102 rig
- Rig to mobilise from UK to Tanzania late July 2023
- Maiden drilling campaign at North Rukwa Project on track for Q3 2023

Noble Helium Limited (ASX:NHE) (“Noble Helium” or “the Company”) has secured another Drillmec HH102 drilling rig from Marriott Drilling Group (“Marriott”) of the UK, ensuring its first campaign at its North Rukwa Project in Tanzania proceeds as planned in Q3 2023.

The Company has executed a contract with Marriott for a Drillmec HH102 rig, which has just completed a drilling program in the UK and will mobilise to Tanzania in late July 2023.

The Company has withdrawn from the non-binding Letter of Intent with Sofori for its Drillmec HH102, due to ongoing delays.

Noble Helium remains on track to drill its first wells in Q3 2023¹. The Marriott rig will mobilise to the Company's well location in the North Rukwa and is expected to be on-site and ready to spud in September 2023. At this point, Helium One (AIM:HE1) have elected not to use the Marriott rig.

Noble Helium Chief executive and Co-founder, Mr Justyn Wood commented:

“The ongoing delays with Sofori’s rig forced us to consider other options, and fortunately an identical Drillmec HH102 became available with Marriott, a highly experienced UK based drilling company. Marriott bring significant expertise in oil and gas exploration, appraisal and development drilling, including recent exploration drilling in Northern Kenya. The rig will immediately mobilise to our first site to start drilling at North Rukwa as planned in September.”

¹ Refer ASX release dated 23 March 2023 *Noble Helium to test two “company-making” targets in maiden drilling program in Q3 2023*

“We haven’t lost any time or momentum, the well locations have been finalised, landholder compensation is completed, and SLB (formerly Schlumberger) is also now signed up for integrated third-party services. We’re ready to go.”

This announcement has been authorised for release on ASX by Noble Helium's Board of Directors.

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Competent Persons Statement

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

Mr Howlett is a qualified geologist with over 20 years technical, and management experience in exploration for, appraisal and development of, oil and gas resources. Mr Howlett 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.

Cautionary Statement for Prospective Resource Estimates

With respect to the Prospective Resource estimates contained within this report, it should be noted that the estimated quantities of gas that may potentially be recovered by the future application of a development project relate to undiscovered accumulations. These estimates have an associated risk of discovery and risk of development. Further exploration and appraisal is required to determine the existence of a significant quantity of potentially moveable helium.

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Noble Helium is answering the world’s growing need for a primary, ideally carbon-free, and geo-politically independent source of helium. Located along Tanzania’s East African Rift System, the Company’s four projects are being advanced according to the highest ESG benchmarks to serve the increasing supply chain fragility and supply-demand imbalance for this scarce, tech-critical and high-value industrial gas.

Our flagship North Rukwa Project has an independently certified, summed unrisked mean Prospective Helium Resource of 176 billion cubic feet (equivalent to approximately 30 years’ supply). The project lies within the Rukwa Basin, which has the potential to be the world’s third largest helium reserve behind USA and Qatar.

Priced at up to 50 times the price of LNG in liquid form, helium is now essential to many modern applications as an irreplaceable element in vital hi-tech products such as computer and smartphone components, MRI systems, medical treatments, superconducting magnets, fibre optic cables, microscopes, particle accelerators, and space rocket launches – NASA is a major consumer. Rising demand and constrained supply are fuelling growth prospects within the global marketplace, particularly for cleaner “green helium” sourced from non-carbon environments. At present, more than 95% of the world’s helium is produced as a by-product of the processing of hydrocarbon-bearing gas.

Additionally, Noble Helium has commissioned the first ever Helium Atlas, with an exclusive five-year agreement allowing the Company to identify additional prospective areas to target for diversification. The Atlas uniquely positions Noble Helium as a world leading helium explorer.

