Comet Ridge

ASX Announcement

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Acquisition of Mahalo Gas Project completes

Key points:

- Comet Ridge and Santos have completed the transaction for Comet Ridge to purchase Santos' 42.86% share of the Mahalo JV area
- Comet Ridge now holds 100% of the entire Mahalo Gas Hub area and is the Operator

Comet Ridge Limited advises that all remaining conditions precedent to the acquisition of Santos QNT Pty Ltd's 42.86% interest in the Mahalo Gas Project have recently been satisfied. The parties have completed the transaction in accordance with the agreement announced in December 2025 and amended in May 2026.

Managing Director, Tor McCaul said: "Completing this acquisition puts us in control of one of the few development-ready gas positions on the east coast. There is a lot of noise in the market about reservation policy at the moment, and it has weighed on sentiment right across the sector — but the underlying fundamentals haven't changed. East coast gas supply tightens from later this decade, and Mahalo sits in a very supportive jurisdiction for gas (i.e. Queensland), within easy reach of both the domestic market and the Gladstone LNG precinct. Recently, Jemena achieved a key project milestone, awarded with a Pipeline Licence to connect us into the existing network infrastructure. Optionality over where molecules can go is worth more in an uncertain policy environment, not less."

Cash consideration of $24.42 million[1] has been paid to Santos and 83.78 million Comet Ridge shares issued to Santos as part of the up-front consideration. The share component was priced on a 10-day volume weighted average price prior to settlement, per the December 2025 agreement.

A further $30 million in future contingent payments is payable to Santos in three equal tranches on the Mahalo Gas Project achieving 10 PJ, 20 PJ and 30 PJ of cumulative sales gas thereby deferring the balance of consideration until the project is in production and generating strong positive cash flow.

Comet Ridge now holds 100% ownership and operatorship of the entire Mahalo Gas Hub, comprising approximately 1,850 square kilometres across the Mahalo Gas Project, Mahalo North, Mahalo East, Mahalo Far East and Mahalo Far East Extension permits, with 361 PJ of 2P Reserves and 676 PJ of combined 2P Reserves and 2C Contingent Resources. See ***Figure 1***. Sole ownership removes the joint venture structure that Comet Ridge has previously identified as a constraint in funding and offtake discussions, and gives Comet Ridge full control over development timing, sequencing and capital allocation as Comet Ridge progresses a Final Investment Decision. Comet Ridge is optimising the project economics based on 100% ownership and in combination with our adjacent assets.

[1] The final cash consideration of $24.42 million was determined after including agreed past costs, licence fees, interest and other adjustments in accordance with the agreements executed in December 2025 and amended in May 2026.

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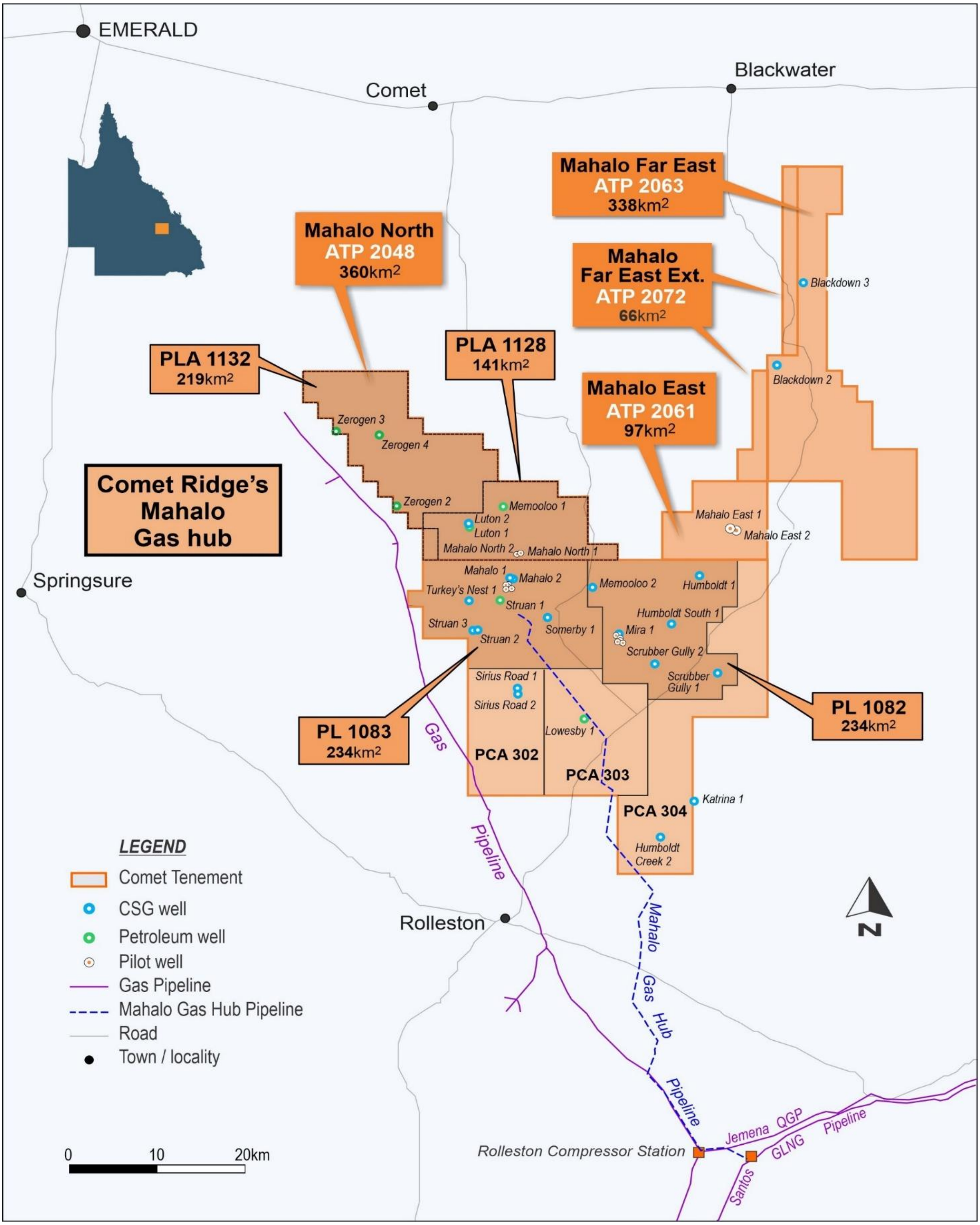

Figure 1: Mahalo Gas Hub (inland from Gladstone in Central Queensland) near pipeline infrastructure and gas market access where Comet Ridge now holds a 100% equity position over the entire area.

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About Comet Ridge

Comet Ridge Limited (ASX: COI) is a publicly listed Australian energy company focused on the development of natural gas resources for the strained east coast Australian market. The company has tenement interests and a suite of prospective projects in Queensland and holds one block in NSW with Santos, just north of the main Narrabri project. Our flagship Mahalo Gas Hub project consists of low cost, sales spec natural gas blocks, close to Gladstone, containing very low CO_2 Gas Reserves. Our exploration assets include a large position in the Galilee Basin and offer further upside amid increasing domestic and international demand for natural gas as a source for cleaner energy and as a key manufacturing feedstock that makes thousands of products, used daily.

Comet Ridge plans to transition its Mahalo Gas Hub assets into meaningful gas supply into the east coast gas market. The initial development of the 100% held Mahalo Gas Project and the 100% held Mahalo North block can be further supplemented by sequential development of gas resources from Comet Ridge's other 100% held permits, Mahalo East, Mahalo Far East and Mahalo Far East Extension.

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