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## Well 3.5B Spudded: First Commercial Production Well in Botala's 100%-owned Serowe CBM Project, Botswana.

### Highlights:

- Spudded to become Central Production Well of Project Pitse's first commercial well cluster.
- Designed to deliver commercial gas flow rates following extensive review of reservoir data.
- Key step to unlocking the Serowe CBM Project's multi-billion cubic feet (bcf) gas potential.
- First well designed to demonstrate scalable CBM production for future development.

**Botala Energy Ltd (ASX/BSE: BTE) (Botala)** has spudded principal production well 3.5B at its flagship 100%-owned Serowe CBM Project in Botswana.

Well 3.5B is a key well in Project Pitse, Botala's multi-well pilot designed to progressively de-risk reservoir performance and establish a production pathway towards a commercial LNG development targeting up to 3.5 petajoules (PJ) per year. It is expected to provide important data for flow-rate analysis, reserves determination and reservoir performance for the Bankable Feasibility Study (BFS).



**Figure 1.** Serowe-3.5B Spudding (Source: Botala)

The spud follows encouraging recent results from Pitse well 3.3, where stimulation and step-rate testing confirmed a strong reservoir response, measurable permeability and evidence that the Upper Morupule coal seam, in addition to the Serowe coal seam, may contribute to future production.

**Botala Energy’s Chief Executive Officer, Mr Kris Martinick, said:**

***“The spudding of well 3.5B is a major step forward for the Pitse Pilot and broader Serowe CBM Project. The well could be transformative, by unlocking the multi-BCF potential of Botala’s 4,200km<sup>2</sup> acreage position over one of Botswana’s sweetest known gas spot. It is the principal production well in this phase of the project and is expected to deliver critical data on flow performance and provide further confidence in our pathway toward commercial gas production.***

***Importantly, the well design has benefited from the strong technical results achieved at our first stimulated well, 3.3. With drilling now underway, we look forward to completing the well and moving into stimulation and flow testing as we continue to de-risk the Serowe Project and head to production.”***

A purpose-built dewatering network of four support wells (Serowe-3-1, 3-3, 3-4 and 3-5A) has been completed. The wells are designed to depressurise the surrounding coal seam to enhance gas production from well 3-5B. All infrastructure is installed and operational.

The Serowe CBM Project is positioned to supply new domestic gas into a Southern Africa region facing a forecast energy shortfall.



**Figure 2.** The Phase-1 Pitse Pilot at Botala’s Serowe CBM Project in Botswana is a “proof-of-concept” to establish a production pathway to 3.5 petajoules of LNG per year. (Source: Botala)

**Next steps**

- Complete drilling of well Serowe-3.5B.
- Perform stimulation utilising data gained from the recent 3.3 well.
- Commence flow testing and production evaluation.
- Incorporate results into reserves determination and the BFS for the Serowe CBM Project.



**Figure 3.** Pitse Pilot well 3.5B being spudded. (Source: Botala)

**Approved by the Board of Botala Energy Ltd.**

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Botala Energy Ltd (ACN 626 751 620) is an ASX-listed Coal Bed Methane (**CBM**) exploration and development company focused on developing production from its 100% owned Serowe CBM Project located in a high-grade CBM region of Botswana (and related early-stage renewable energy opportunities). Botala (as Operator) is focused on developing the Serowe CBM Project and believes that there is a considerable opportunity for it to commercialise the project due to the demand for stable power supply in Botswana and elsewhere in Southern Africa. Botala is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange and the Botswana Stock Exchange.

