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# American Energy Group, Ltd. (OTC BB: AEGG)

The American Energy Group, Ltd. (American Energy), headquartered in Westport, Connecticut, has engaged in acquisition of oil and gas properties since 1995. It owns an 18% overriding royalty interest in the Yasin Concession Block (2768-7) in Pakistan, located approximately 230 miles northeast of the port city of Karachi, and a non-producing working interest in an oil and gas lease in Galveston County, Texas. Experts view Pakistan as a country with a realistic potential for the discovery of large oil and gas reserves. Based on geological data gathered in recent years, which suggest nearly identical structures with those of other Arabian Peninsulacountries, and based upon a favorable regulatory environment for foreign energy investment, a significant number of well known international oil and gas operators have moved into Pakistan.

**BASIS FOR RATING** On January 30, 2009, American Energy Group, Ltd. (American Energy) announced the release of an independent reserve study for a gas field within its Yasin Concession. In our opinion, the study confirms that the value of the 18% royalty interest in this concession could be many times the current market price of the shares. We believe past delays and concerns about the location of this concession, in south-central Pakistan, have held back the shares from more fully reflecting the concession's value. In our opinion, the imminent pipeline tie-in of its gas property which will result in meaningful revenues may allay investor concerns about this project's likelihood of commercial success. Understanding that there will be continuing headwinds from reported billion cubic feet of reserves at gas concesdevelopments in Pakistan, we believe the underlying stability of sion for which it has an 18% royalty interthat country's business environment, particularly within the oil and est. gas sector, is underappreciated.

While production from the first well alone should enable American Energy to turn profitable, we have focused on reserve values rather than cash flow projections in assigning near-term target levels for the stock as any start-up delays or product price fluctuations may have a significant affect on near-term earnings while having only modest relevance to the long-term underlying value of the company. Our initial target price for the shares of \$3.78 is based on proven reserves (\$1.25), the current net cash position (\$0.03), and a discounted value of 2009 drilling prospects (\$2.50).



**CURRENT PRICE: \$0.78** 52-WEEK RANGE: \$0.40 - \$1.17 AVG DAILY VOLUME (90-DAY): 16,952 **OUTSTANDING SHARES: 30.9 million** FLOAT: 27.3 million MARKET CAPITALIZATION: \$24.1 million

TARGET PRICE: \$3.78

## SELECTED INCOME STATEMENT DATA

REVENUE: Nil NET INCOME: (\$383,708) Basic & Diluted EPS: (\$0.01)

All income statement figures six months ended as of December 31, 2008

#### SELECTED BALANCE SHEET DATA

CASH: \$1,431,347 WORKING CAPITAL: \$959,063 TOTAL ASSETS: \$1,495,579 LONG TERM DEBT: Nil NET WORTH: \$1,023,295

All balance sheet figures as of December 31, 2008

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

- ◆Recently announced results from independent reserve study that estimates 217
- Expected to tie-in gas field to pipeline and commence sales of up to 28 million cubic feet per day, starting in the second quarter of 2009.
- ◆Spudded exploratory well in November 2008, with results expected to be announced in the second quarter of 2009.

## STOCK CHART

Following the announcement of the independent reserve study findings, the shares rallied approximately 20% from their January 29, 2009 close of \$0.65. While the shares remain below their 52week high of \$1.17 reached on November 28, 2008, and have pulled back from the recent high of \$0.99, they are holding near their 200-day moving average, of \$0.79.

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#### **CORPORATE HISTORY**

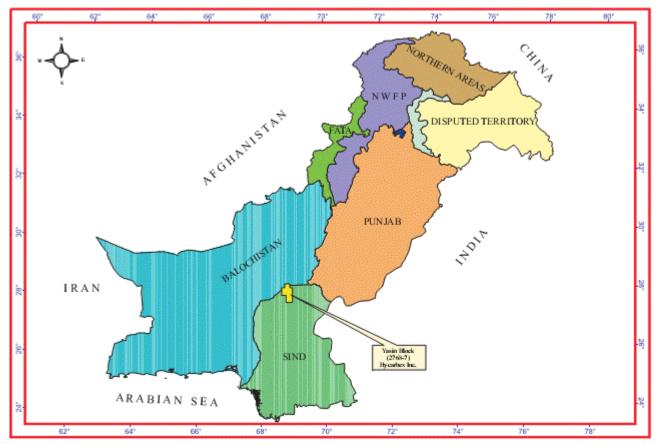
ness of acquisition, exploration and development of oil and cial and continuous drilling requirements imposed under gas properties since 1995 when its then wholly owned sub- the terms of the license by the Pakistan Government. sidiary, Hycarbex-American Energy, Inc. ("Hycarbex"), In November 2003, after American Energy management acquired an exploration license for the Jacobabad (2768-4) concluded negotiations with several interested prospective Block in the Sindh Province of the Middle Indus Basin of purchasers, American Energy reached an agreement with Pakistan, approximately 230 miles northeast of the port Turkey-based Hydro Tur (Energy) Ltd. to sell to Hydro city of Karachi.

Early drilling efforts on the Jacobabad (2768-4) Block sidiary with the approval of the Bankruptcy Court. Hydro were unsuccessful but critical, together with extensive Tur (Energy) Ltd. was selected as the purchaser due to its seismic, in identifying potential targets on the Jacobabad strong financial background, its commitment to implement Block (2768-4). Hycarbex relinquished some of its Jacoba- a multiple well development of the Yasin concession, and bad Block (2768-4) acreage to the Pakistan Government its willingness to assign to American Energy an 18% gross and the remaining acreage was redesignated the Yasin royalty on oil and gas production, which is a high royalty Block (2768-7) and awarded to Hycarbex as a new explo- by industry standards. ration license on August 11, 2001.

On June 28, 2002, involuntary bankruptcy proceedings with new management (Pierce Onthank became CEO) were initiated against American Energy in the Southern virtually debt-free and with its common stock restructured. District of Texas, which were converted to Chapter 11 A leaner American Energy emerged from bankruptcy fodebtor-in-possession proceedings in December 2002. In cused upon acquiring and developing new oil and gasthe first quarter of 2003, American Energy's primary se- based projects through prudent management of its two cured lender obtained the approval of the Bankruptcy assets, an 18% royalty in the Yasin Block (2768-7) license Court to foreclose all of the Texas-based oil and gas leases in Pakistan and the Galveston County, Texas leases. Focus

the status of the Pakistan Yasin exploration license was American Energy has been principally engaged in the busi- also in jeopardy despite its high potential, due to the finan-Tur all of American Energy's interest in its Hycarbex sub-

American Energy emerged from bankruptcy in early 2004 except the leases in Galveston County, Texas. At the time, has been placed on the Pakistan assets which management



Location map of Yasin Block (2768-7) in Jacobabad and Shikarpur Districts, Sind and Balochistan Provinces, Pakistan

believes will generate the necessary resources to exploit these opportunities.

#### **PAKISTAN CONCESSION**

Martin Petroleum and Associates, a recognized engineering firm specializing in technical and economic evaluation of oil and gas properties with considerable experience in Pakistan evaluations, conducted an evaluation of the Jacobabad concession in 1998. Martin Engineering assigned gross Probable gas reserves of 5.2 trillion cubic feet (TCF) and an additional 2.2 TCF of Possible reserves to the structure encompassing a portion of the concession. However, these figures were estimates based upon geologic analysis and also needed to be verified by further scientific data and drilling.

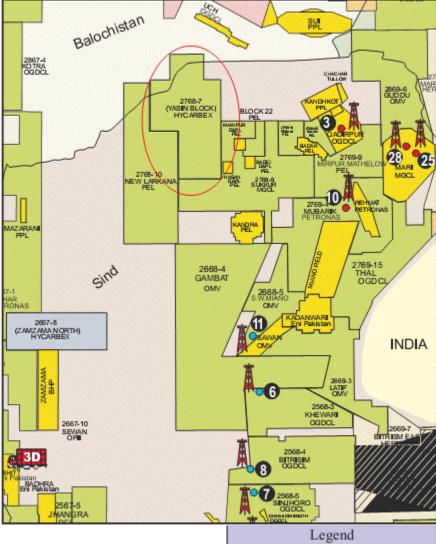
#### **INDUSTRY**

Neighboring wells drilled by other companies near concession acreage have become successful producers of gas, providing further evidence that commercial discoveries can be drilled on the Yasin concession itself. Block 22 directly adjacent and east of the Yasin Block has had three commercial discoveries: the Hamza X-1 well in 1998 tested gas at 8.0 MMCFD (million cubic feet per day), the Hasan X-1 tested 13.4 MMSCFD from a separate structure,

and the Sadiq X-1 tested 12.4 MMSCFD. Finally, the Has- and Yasin Consan #1 well to the southeast was completed as a producing cessions in the gas well in the Sui Main Limestone formation in Decem- Republic of Pakiber, 2000. During calendar 2004, the Hassan #1 well pro- stan. The current duced an average of 14 million cubic feet of gas per day. Yasin Concession The operator of the Hasssan #1 well commenced the Has- is 70 miles long san #2 well less than one mile from the Hassan #1 well in and 40 miles wide January of 2005.

of \$10 million on drilling and seismic on the Jacobabad locations which are likely to enhance drilling success.

## Petroleum activities map showing Yasin Block (2768-7)



Active Exploratory Well Location Active Development Well Location Active Rig Location Current 3D Seismic Location

(approximately 539,000 acres; roughly 80% of the size of Large gas reserves exist in other producing fields sur- Rhode Island). Efforts by Hycarbex (now a fully-owned rounding the Yasin concession. The Sui field, approxi- subsidiary of Hydro Tur) to substantially expand the seismately 40 miles to the northeast contains 9.6 TCF of re- mic database in 2004 resulted in approximately 85 miles of coverable gas. The Uch field just over 10 miles from the additional seismic being shot on the concession. This new concession contains 3.3 TCF; and the Mari field, approxi-seismic raw data and the old seismic data have been procmately 75 miles to the east is estimated to contain reserves essed using current techniques and all of the seismic has been reinterpreted and analyzed.. The results verified geo-Through the former Hycarbex subsidiary (before the sale logic structures in Yasin Concession with high likelihood of that subsidiary), American Energy expended in excess of gas productivity and delineated a number of drill site



World Petroleum Congress reserve classifications. The summary within the report of all proved, probable and possible reserves is as follows:

Reserve Classification	P-90	P-50	P-10
Total Gas in Place (BCSF)	217	230	261
Recovery Factor	80%	77%	75%
Recoverable Gas (BSCF)	174	177	196

P-90 represents proved reserves based on well data and other reservoir parameters.

P-50 represents probable reserves based on engineering and reservoir modeling of pertinent data and are considered to have a high degree of certainty.

P-10 represents possible reserves where investigations support further economic investment.

In the fourth fiscal quarter of 2005, American Energy suc- The United States Securities and Exchange Commission awaited a comprehensive reserve study by a third party.

## **RECENT REPORT ON RESERVES**

18% gross royalty in the Yasin Block (2768-7) Conces- by the exploration company. sion, including the Haseeb #1 well. The working interest is IPC notes in the report that a quick stabilization of shut-in co-owned by Hycarbex (85%), Hypak Asia (Pvt) Ltd. pressure and a small difference between the last flowing (10%) and Government Holdings (Pvt) Limited (5%). A pressure and the shut-in pressure indicate a very high percopy of the independent third party reserve study has been meability reservoir. This as well as a high degree (23%) of made available on the American Energy website porosity, is the basis for the high recovery factors indicated www.aegg.net.

proved, probable and possible ultimate recoverable gas are the people to have in there doing it. reserves from the formation. The study concludes that the Also, on January 30, 2009 American Energy announced

cessfully drilled the Haseeb #1 well (the Haseeb Field is (SEC) permits oil and gas companies to disclose in their only one of 18 structures in the Yasin Block (2768-7 acre-filings with the SEC only "proved" reserves that the comage. Based upon all available test results, as well as the pany has demonstrated by actual production or conclusive completion of 110 kilometers of additional seismic by Hy- formation tests to be economically and legally producible carbex which provided data for selection of future wells, under existing economic and operating conditions. Disclo-American Energy believed that the concession acreage sure in SEC filings of other categories of reserves is procontained oil and gas prospects producing physical struc- hibited. American Energy uses in its release the terms tures worthy of further exploration. However, confirmation "probable" reserves and "possible" reserves. Probable of the commercial potential of the Yasin Concession reserves are unproved reserves which are more likely than not to be recoverable. Possible reserves are unproved reserves which are less likely to be recoverable than probable reserves. Estimates of probable and possible reserves On January 30, 2009, American Energy announced that which potentially may be recoverable through additional Hycarbex had released to American Energy an independ- drilling or recovery techniques are by their nature more ent third party reserve study covering the Haseeb Gas uncertain than estimates of proved reserves and thus are Field, Yasin Block (2768-7). American Energy owns an subject to substantially greater risk of not being realized

in the report. The report contains engineered recoverable The independent third party reserve study is titled reserve estimates which are actually higher than the pre-"Volumetric Reserve Evaluation and Third Party Certifica- liminary reserve estimates originally made by the Pakistan tion Haseeb Gas Field Yasin Block (2768-7)" and is au- Government after the completion of the Haseeb #1 well. thored by GSM, Inc. of Amarillo, Texas, USA and its Accordingly, American Energy believes that this enhances Pakistan associate, Integrated Petroleum Consultants (Pvt.) the likelihood that multiple wells will be drilled on the Limited (IPC). The study is a third party assessment, structure by Hycarbex. In reviewing the study, we were evaluation and certification of the geological and reservoir particularly heartened to see the quality of the participants engineering work performed in Pakistan by IPC. The study involved in the drilling process: Schlumberger (electrical provides estimates of proved, probable and possible total logging and testing), Halliburton (cementing services) and gas reserves in place in the Sui Main Limestone geologic Baker Oil Tools (completion services). If one wanted to do formation in the Yasin gas field and estimates of the one's best to get a project done right, then we believe those

Haseeb Gas Field contains proved, recoverable gas re- that Hycarbex had been notified by the Pakistan Ministry serves of 174 Billion Standard Cubic Feet (BSCF) using of Petroleum and Natural Resources that the provisional

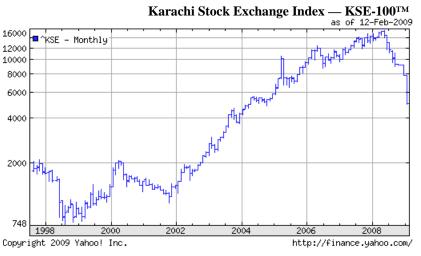
gas allocation for the extended well test (EWT) period for the Haseeb #1 well has 16000 ASE - Monthly been assigned pursuant to Hycarbex's application dated February 27, 2008. The 10000 allocation authorizes the sale of up to 28 8000 million cubic feet of gas per day 6000 (MMCFD) to the Sui Southern Gas Company.

## THE PAKISTAN OPPORTUNITY

We believe Pakistan is a country with real- 2000 istic potential for the discovery of large oil and gas reserves, with a need for meaningful production for domestic needs. Perceived as containing far less oil and gas potential than the Arabian Peninsula coun-Copyright 2009 Yahoo! Inc. tries, Pakistan has never received the ex-

comparatively few exploration undertakings an above- business in Pakistan are not as great as perceived. average number have succeeded and support the position that Pakistan represents a very opportune country in which **PAKISTAN** to focus exploration efforts. About 25 companies, 15 of Economic Overview oil exploratory wells to be drilled this year.

runs through the southern portion of the concession. The English proficient and includes a growing middle class. of continued success on the Yasin concession.



tensive exploration efforts required to fully explore the generating assets or business activities. The financial risks vast and numerous structures warranting such attention. inherent in oil and gas drilling in Pakistan will not be However, in recent years, a significant number of well borne by American Energy because an overriding royalty known international oil and gas operators have moved into interest is not subject to such costs. While financial risks Pakistan, and their efforts have met with a high degree of are substantially reduced by the royalty arrangement, we success. A number of new commercial discoveries have believe the perceived political risk has colored investor been announced in recent years. Boosting investors' confi-sentiment regarding American Energy shares. We believe dence is geological data which suggest nearly identical the following discussion of Pakistan's business and politistructures with those of the Arabian Peninsula. Of the cal trends indicate that the risks associated with doing

Although Pakistan's coverage them foreign (including BHP Billiton, BP, Eni, and Shell in the press has understandably focused on the political Oil), are engaged in oil and gas exploration in Pakistan. issues of Moslem fundamentalist strength in the Northern The advisor to the prime minister on petroleum, Dr. Asim Tribal Frontier sector bordering Afghanistan, the 60-year Hussain, has indicated a government goal of 100 gas and dispute with India over the Kashmir region, the country's nuclear capabilities, and challenges to its new democratic With regard to American Energy's Pakistan endeavors, we government, there is a broader, more constructive untold note that the Yasin concession has ready access to pipeline story. Pakistan, situated in the heart of Asia, is a gateway infrastructure. The 12-inch Quetta gas line runs NW-SE to the energy-rich Central Asian States, the financiallythrough the concession and connects to the 20-inch Sui- liquid Gulf States, and the economically-advanced Far Karachi gas line. The Karachi-Muzaffargarh oil line also Eastern countries. Its 160 million population is mostly capital costs and time delays inherent in connecting to gas Its economy is one of the fastest growing in the world; pipelines will not affect the Yasin concession. (In any annual Gross Domestic Product growth has exceeded 5% event, all expenses for the surface gas treatment facility in each of the past five years (5.8% in the July 2007-June and the connecting pipeline are incurred by concession 2008 year). Despite the well-publicized political issues, owners, not the royalty holder). In sum, we believe the foreign direct investment (FDI) has grown steadily; from proximity of a pipeline for gas sales and the additional an average of \$400 million a year in the 1990s to \$5.2 bilseismic and technical data collected enhance the chances lion in 2007/08. In the six months ended December, 2008, FDI rose to \$2.3 billion from \$2.1 billion in the year ear-If successfully exploited, American Energy's reserved lier period. Of note, FDI in the oil and gas sector more 18% overriding royalty interest will likely be a good than tripled from \$194 million in 2004/05 to \$635 million source of cash revenues because the royalty, by its nature, in 2007/08 and rose from \$331 million in the 7/07 - 12/07 entitles the Company to share in gross, rather than net, period to \$372 million in the 7/08 - 12/08 period. The risproduction. American Energy expects to use these anticiing trend in FDI reflects government policies that, despite pated revenues for further investment in other revenue ruling party changes, have consistently been focused on

alization).

markets during the period 2000-2007.

40% of total imports. This underscores the need for the wife. cial aid to Pakistan in recent years.

leum Exploration & Production Policy, issued in 2007, his wife's first term in office CNN and BBC were allowed argues that "the importance of the domestic petroleum broadcasting rights in Pakistan and mobile telephone serindustry to the economy of Pakistan cannot be over-vices were introduced at Mr. Zardari's initiative (cell emphasized as an issue of national security, national self phone subscribers as of June 2008 totaled 88 million up reliance and as a major source of government revenue." from 2 million five years earlier). During her second term The policy document points out that "Pakistan's current in office, in addition to the independent power producers crude oil production meets only 17% of the total demand being allowed in, Mr. Zardari encouraged the introduction for domestic consumption. The balance requirement is of FM radio in the private sector. imported involving large expenditures of foreign ex- Mr. Zardari was asked by the Central Executive Commitchange. Domestic gas production and supply presently tee of the PPP to serve as Chairman of the Party after his fails to meet the demand of domestic users, the industrial wife's assassination. Although he was elected unopposed. sector and power generation. Furthermore, gas supply may he nominated his son Bilawal Bhutto Zardari for that role soon become insufficient due to increasing demand and instead accepted the job of Co-Chairman. Under Mr.

depletion of present reserves. This, in turn, will force Pakistan to soon begin importing large volumes of gas at international prices to feed the domestic market. The Government of Pakistan is committed to accelerate an exploration and development programme in order to reverse the decline in crude oil production, to increase the domestic gas production and supply and to reduce the burden of imported energy which otherwise will have adverse effect on the balance of payments & trade."

**Political Overview** Although the country's record with parliamentary democracy has been mixed, Pakistan, after lapses, has returned to this form of government. The constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan (1973) provides for a federal parliamentary system with a president as head of state and a popularly elected prime minister as head of government.

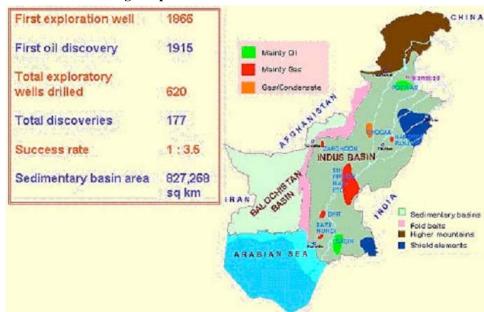
The President of Pakistan is Asif Ali Zardari, Co-Chairman of the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP). He was married to Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto in 1987 and was widowed on December 27, 2007 when she was assassinated in a terrorist attack. Ms Bhutto

liberalization, deregulation, and privatization (not nation- was PPP Chairperson from 1979 until her assassination and was twice elected Prime Minister of Pakistan. Mr. In addition, Pakistan has modernized its capital markets Zardari served as a Member of the National Assembly and under the auspices of a national Securities and Ex- twice (1990-93 and 1993-96), as Federal Minister for the change Commission has improved the regulatory environ- Environment (1993-1996) and as Federal Minister for Inment and transparency for its stock exchange. The Karachi vestment (1995-96). He was the principal architect of the 100 Index was one of the world's best performing stock Benazir Bhutto government's efforts to transform Pakistan's energy power sector by encouraging major invest-One negative factor in Pakistan's economic picture is its ment opportunities in power generation. He was also the growing trade deficit. Although exports more than doubled initiator of the Iran-Pakistan natural gas pipeline project. from \$9.1 billion to \$19.2 billion in the 2001/02 - 2007/08 Mr. Zardari was elected Senator in 1997 and served in that period, imports almost quadrupled from \$10.3 billion to capacity until the dissolution of the Senate following the \$40.0 billion. An important part of this problem comes military coup of 1999. He was elected Co-Chairman of the from petroleum group imports which account for about PPP in January 2008 following the assassination of his

rapid development of indigenous natural gas reserves. The During Mr. Zardari's political career, working closely with United States has provided a substantial amount of finan- his wife, he helped formulate policies that expanded the freedom of the media, revolutionized telecommunications The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources' Petro- and opened Pakistan for foreign direct investment. During



## Overview of oil and gas exploration in Pakistan



this well, which is taking longer than expected to complete, to be announced in the second quarter. Hycarbex is expected to drill Haseeb #2, a confirmation well, this summer. Two more wells, one exploratory and one a confirmation well, could be completed by the end of calendar 2009.

Concurrent with the third party Yasin Block exploration activities, management will be investigating other upstream oil and gas royalty opportunities that fit the Company's investment criteria, utilizing the hopefully replenished \$2.1 million escrow fund.

Zardari's leadership of the Party, the PPP's candidate for GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS LEASES Prime Minister Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani was elected In 1997, American Energy purchased interests in two oil norities in all government policy making.

6, 2008.

We believe Pakistan's history of above-average economic occurred. growth and pressing need for greater domestic natural gas On April 20, 2006, American Energy executed a Comprofor the American Energy/Hycarbex project in Pakistan.

## **FUTURE PLANS IN PAKISTAN**

Hycarbex has indicated its belief that there are several drill right to review 3D seismic sites with over 1 TCF potential in the Yasin concession. data covering the leases. On one of these drill sites a new exploratory well, Yasin 1, American Energy also acwas spudded in November, 2008. It should be noted that quired from Smith Energy another exploration and production company had a discov- affirmation of American Enery well in the same Sui Main Limestone formation only 9 ergy's right to operate the oil miles away from the Yasin #1 site. We expect results from and gas leases as to wells

Prime Minister of Pakistan unopposed. Mr. Zardari also and gas leases in Galveston County, Texas from Luck Pespearheaded the appointment of Dr. Fehmida Mirza as the troleum. The leases are situated in an area which is profirst female Speaker of Pakistan's National Assembly, and ductive in multiple zones or horizons and the leases themcontinues to support the empowerment of women and mi-selves have produced commercial quantities of oil and gas from both shallow and mid-range zones. Prior to this pur-The PPP government has coalition governments in all of chase, these mid-range zones (generally less than 10,000 Pakistan's four provinces. Most recently the PPP, under feet) were assigned to Smith Energy, with Luck Petroleum Mr. Zardari's leadership, removed General Pervez Mushar- maintaining an "after-payout" 15% back-in working interraf, the unconstitutional President of Pakistan, from office est. With regard to the mid-range zones, once "payout" through a series of negotiations and political diplomacy. had occurred, as defined in the conveyance by Luck Petro-Mr. Zardari united Pakistan's major political parties and leum to Smith Energy, the American Energy was entitled this act was accomplished without any violence. Mr. Zard- to receive 15% of the monthly working interest production ari was elected President of Pakistan with an overwhelm- from the existing Smith Energy wells on the leases. The ing majority in the presidential election held on September Company had initiated a lawsuit against Smith Energy to establish these rights based upon the belief that payout has

production together with Mr. Zardari's long history of sup- mise Settlement Agreement with Smith Energy 1986A porting the private sector in general and foreign investment Partnership and Howard A. Smith pertaining to the Galin particular and the broad support held by his coalition veston oil and gas leases. Under the terms of the Comprogovernment argue for a favorable operating environment mise Settlement Agreement, American Energy acquired all of Smith Energy's 3% overriding royalty interest in the

> deep zones greater 10,000 feet as well as the



**Galveston County, Texas** 

#### **MANAGEMENT**

alties on the output of another entity, American Energy oper- ally agreed terms to existing Smith Energy facilities in ates with modest staff; one officer, two other employees, and connection with American Energy's future operations, two independent directors.

Secretary, Treasurer and one of three Directors of the Com- agreement its claims to the 15% back-in interest in the pany. Mr. Onthank is currently the sole officer. Before be- zones above 10,000 feet. This settlement provides coming President of American Energy Group Ltd. he co- American Energy the opportunity to deal in the sale or founded Crary Onthank & O'Neill, an Investment Banking exploration of the deeper zones under the oil and gas Company, in 1998. He served as the investment broker for the leases. Company from 1998 until 2001. In addition to raising millions Based upon Company research, American Energy beof dollars for American Energy Group Ltd., he has specialized lieves that the deeper zones which it currently holds in oil and gas investments for his previous clients. With over may have development potential. It is exploring the 20 years of experience in the securities business, Mr. Onthank various opportunities to realize value from these deep has held senior positions in investment banking firms and has rights, including potential sale. American Energy has managed high yield net worth and institutional portfolios. Mr. not yet determined the best course for these assets. Onthank began his career in the Merrill Lynch and subsequently became a limited partner with Bear Stearns. Later he and, therefore, the leases do not require development of became a Senior Vice President at Drexel Burnham Lambert, these rights by a certain date. In any event, this propwhere his primary responsibilities were to manage the private erty is not a focus of the Company until new seismic client group, which was involved in both public and private can be shot and interpreted. investments for individual and institutional accounts. Mr. Onthank moved on to serve as a Senior Vice President at Paine Webber and later at Smith Barney Shearson where he Financial Position managed the investments of institutional and individual cli- After emerging from bankruptcy in 2004, American ents. Mr. Onthank received a BA in economics from Denison Energy funded its operations through private loans, all University located in Granville, Ohio. He is a member of the of which have been repaid, and through the private sale Pakistan-American Business Council in Washington, D.C.

**Dr. Iftikhar Zahid** serves as Director of the Company. He joined the Company as a Resident Director/Country Manager of the Pakistan Office of Hycarbex-American Energy, Inc. in 1996. In June 2001, he was promoted to Vice-President and Resident Director and joined the international board of tions of additional royalty interests in Pakistan. Based The American Energy Group Ltd. as a director. Since the sale of Hycarbex-American Energy Inc. by the Company, Dr. Zahid, who also serves as President of Hycarbex, has been managing the Company's 18% royalty interest in the Yasin Block and serves as liaison officer to American Energy for the region. Dr. Zahid was educated at The Dow Medical College, Karachi University in 1979. In 1981, he joined the police services of Pakistan. In 1988, he resigned from governmental services as a Superintendent of Police. Between 1988 and 1996, Dr. Zahid served as an advisor and consultant to several multi-national organizations doing business in Pakistan.

**Karl Welser**, who serves as Director of the Company, has been actively involved in private real estate and finance ventures since 1999. After attending business school in Zurich, Mr. Welser joined Bank J. Vontobel in 1971 which specialized in private financial management. In the late 1970s Mr. Welser attended the Zurich Management School where he obtained his Economist KSZH degree. From 1980 through 1998, while employed at Zürcher Kantonalbank, Bankinstitut and UBS in Zurich, Switzerland, respectively, Mr. Welser's primary activities included analysis of the securities markets.

drilled to depths greater than 10,000 feet. The agree-As a non-operating oil and gas company that will receive roy- ment also affords American Energy access under mutusuch as roads and salt water disposal facilities. Ameri-Pierce Onthank serves as Chairman, CEO, President, can Energy relinquished to Smith Energy under the

These leases are held in force by third party production

#### FINANCIALS AND OUTLOOK

of securities. During the fourth quarter of the June 2007 fiscal year, the Company sold \$3.95 million of units of a combination of common stock and warrants exercisable at \$1.70 per share. Of this amount, it deposited \$2.1 million with Hycarbex in trust for future acquisiupon prior estimates received from Hycarbex, American Energy previously anticipated that gas sales from the Haseeb #1 Well would begin by mid-calendar 2007, which did not occur. The most recent estimates for pipeline connection received from Hycarbex indicate a connection during the first six months of calendar 2009 after completion of contractual documents, gas allocation, and construction of surface facilities. While these contractual and construction matters have caused Hycarbex to modify its previous estimates as to the timing of pipeline connection, we believe that the pipeline connection may occur as soon as April.

The depletion of available cash on hand resulting from the delay in the royalty stream from gas sales has created the need for additional operating capital to meet future requirements. American Energy has met and expects to continue to meet these operating capital requirements in the near term by withdrawing a portion of the \$2.1 million deposit in escrow with Hycarbex in Pakistan which is sufficient to meet its needs. As of December 31, 2008, American Energy had withdrawn a from future royalty sales.

pacted American Energy's ownership of the overriding its income passing through directly to shareholders. royalty or the ongoing business practices within the coun- Peer Comparison try, including oil and gas exploration, development and As a non-producing company with its major asset, a roypipeline as early as April.

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#### **Earnings Projections**

expectation as: 1) a condition of a \$4-\$5 billion World basis, would value the reserves of OGDC at \$0.50/MCF. Bank loan to Pakistan would be the 70% reduction in gas Share Valuation subsidies which would result in higher prices for American There are numerous issues in ascertaining an appropriate

total of \$672,855 of the escrow deposit. The Company day in April, gradually rising to reach 28 MMCF per day expects to replenish the escrow deposit with funds derived by July, and about doubling from this level as the Haseeb #2 confirmation well hopefully begins production in Octo-The start-up of production was delayed by the recent po- ber. On this basis, we believe American Energy, receiving litical turmoil in Pakistan. On October 6, 2007, President an 18% royalty on revenues, net of a 12.5% excise tax, can Pervez Musharraf was reelected. On November 3, 2007, post revenues and earnings per share for the June 2009 President Musharraf declared a state of emergency in Paki- fourth fiscal quarter of approximately \$600,000 and \$0.01 stan. The declaration was accompanied by a suspension of (based on fully diluted shares of 34.7 million) and revethe constitution. The state of emergency was lifted and the nues and earnings per share for the June 2010 fiscal year constitution was reinstated on December 15, 2007. The of \$8.7 million and \$0.17. We are assuming that general Parliamentary elections originally slated for January, 2008, and administrative expenses continue at about the were postponed after the death of Benazir Bhutto on De-\$200,000/quarter level, approximately the same rate recember 27, 2007 until February 18, 2008, on which date, ported for the six months ended December 2008, and that Asif Ali Zardari succeeded Mr. Musharraf as President. American Energy pays Pakistani taxes at a 25% rate This change in the political party in power has resulted in (American Energy has a \$46 million tax loss carry forward numerous personnel realignments within the several gov- that would negate any US taxes for some time). We are not ernmental ministries. Of particular importance has been assuming any contributions from the two additional wells the vacancy in the position of Oil Minister. Other than expected to be drilled later in calendar 2009. It should also delays encountered by Hycarbex in obtaining governmen- be noted that as a non-operating company with income tal approval of a surface facility construction contract for derived from royalties, American Energy may eventually the Haseeb #1 well, these political events have not im- choose to restructure itself as a royalty trust with most of

production by Hycarbex and other major foreign and do- alty interest on potential gas production in Pakistan, mestic operators doing business in Pakistan. These delays American Energy shares are not easily compared to other now appear to be behind the Company, and we anticipate stocks. Recognizing the difference in size and nature of the that the Haseeb #1 well will be tied into the Sui Southern two companies, we still thought it may prove useful to review the metrics of Oil and Gas Development Company, American Energy has 3,607,326 warrants outstanding to Ltd. (OGDC), the company with the largest exploration purchase stock at an average price of \$1.31 with exercise and production operation in Pakistan. This company is prices and expiration dates as follows: 1,000,000 shares at 85%-owned by the government of Pakistan; its shares \$0.75, expiration December 2010; 500,000 shares at \$1.00, trade on the Karachi and London Stock Exchanges. During expiration December 2010, 500,000 shares at \$1.50, expi- the June 2008 fiscal year average total production was ration December 2010; and 1,607,326 shares at \$1.70, ex- 43,434 barrel/day of crude oil, 976 million cubic feet per day of gas, 339,000 tons/day of LNG and 72,000 tons per Balance sheet highlights as December 31, 2008 include: day of sulphur; total sales were reported at 125.4 billion cash and equivalents of \$1,431,347; working capital of rupees (about \$2.06 billion). OGDC holds 44 exploration \$959,063; no long-term debt; and shareholders' equity of licenses covering 85,101 acres, 32% of Pakistan's total exploration acreage. The proven reserves as of the end of the June 2008 fiscal year were reported as 800 million The initial \$2.45/MCF (\$3.06/MMBTU adjusted for the barrels of oil equivalent which equals 4.8 trillion cubic feet 805BTU per cubic foot heat content which is about 80% of gas. The company has 4.3 billion ordinary shares outstandard) price set by the Pakistani government should rise standing. On the London Stock Exchange, trading as after the initial six-month testing period when the well is Global Depository Receipts (each representing 10 ordinary classified as commercial. We anticipate that the price shares), the recent market price for the GDR was \$5.55 for could be revised upward to \$3.20/MCF (\$4.00/MMBTU a market capitalization of \$2.39 billion. Evaluating OGDC adjusted) by September. We believe this is a reasonable shares on a market capitalization/MCF of gas reserves

Energy and 2) the delivery price of gas to be supplied by share value: 1) the success or failure of individual wells; 2) pipeline from Iran may be as high as \$7.00/MMBTU. Our the ability to raise prices closer to world market levels; 3) estimates for June 2009 and June 2010 fiscal year revenues the possibility of acquisitions of additional royalty interand earnings assume production starting at 15 MMCF per ests; and 4) any adjustment for the political uncertainties in

tial Yasin #1 value by 50% to adjust for drilling risk, and viewed as a potential acquisition target. providing no value for the additional exploratory well, we add \$2.50 to our \$1.28 base value and generate a current Alan Stone, Managing Director price target of \$3.78. As the American Energy progresses Paul Resnik, CFA, Senior Analyst

Pakistan. If we ignore the potential for additional reserve Haseeb #2, additional exploratory wells and eventually additions and value only currently proven recoverable re- new royalty interest acquisitions, we believe the shares serves at \$0.50/MCF, project a price increase that will will not only move toward this target price but a basis will bring gross prices up to \$4.00/MCF (but not to world mar- be formed for the shares to reach significantly higher tarket levels), assume no royalty interest acquisitions but give get levels. This issue has the traditional risks of an OTCBB a value cash minus liabilities (approximately \$960,000), company which include limited liquidity and price volatiland assign a 50% valuation adjustment for country risk, we ity as well as the lack current profitability. Recognizing the generate a current value of \$44.0 million or \$1.28 per risks inherent in any drilling operation and the particular share. This figure is 64% above the current market price. risks of American Energy's dependence on another com-The success of Yasin #1 well, the outcome of which will pany to do the drilling and exclusive focus on a single exbe known in just months, could alone provide a value of ploration block in Pakistan, we nonetheless view the pofour times the \$1.25 per share thus far assigned to the tential valuation compelling and we have initiated cover-Haseeb drilling; and yet another exploratory well is ex- age with a Speculative Buy rating. Given the potential for pected to be completed by year end. Adjusting the poten- a steady stream of income, American Energy may also be

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