

## **OIL & GAS FLASHNOTE**

# Red Emperor Resources (RMP LN)

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#### **Stock Data**

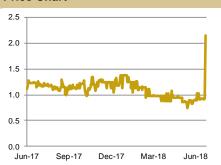
 Share Price:
 2.55p

 Market Cap (M):
 £10.8m

 EV (M):
 £5.0m

 Free float
 99.1%

#### **Price Chart**



#### 52 Week Range

1.375p 2.55p

#### **Company Summary**

Red Emperor is an oil and gas exploration company with assets in Alaska and the Philippines.

# Alaska farm-in targets giant potential

#### **Event**

Red Emperor Resources ("Red Emperor" or "the Company"), together with Otto Energy and 88 Energy, has announced that it has agreed to farm-in to a large acreage position on the prolific Alaska North Slope from Great Bear Petroleum.

Red Emperor will acquire a 31.5% working interest in the acreage in consideration of US\$350,000 and contributing a 35% share of a performance bond (US\$1.05m net to the Company) and paying a 10% carry on the costs of an exploration well (estimated at US\$5.25m net to Red Emperor). Following completion of the transaction, 88 Energy will have a 36% interest, Otto Energy 22.5% and Great Bear Petroleum 10%. Great Bear Petroleum has an option to increase its interest by 10%.

The JV are planning to drill an exploration well in early 2019 targeting the Nanushuk oil play fairway. The target is adjacent to and a direct analogue of the large Horseshoe-1/1A discovery made by a Repsol-led group in 2017. Prospective resources on Red Emperor's acreage are estimated at 400mmbbl (126mmbbl net to Red Emperor) and the well has a 25-30% geological chance of success. The play is de-risked by amplitude anomalies identified on modern 3D seismic. 88 Energy will manage drilling operations.

## Comment

We consider the Great Bear Petroleum acreage on the Alaskan North Slope an exciting and high impact opportunity for Red Emperor. Red Emperor is already fully funded for drilling, which in a success case, could be worth nearly US\$400m net to the Company based on the US£3.1/bbl acquisition multiple reported by Oil Search for a selection of assets acquired on the Alaskan North Slope in 2017. We believe shareholders should welcome the moderate geological risks, large upside and short timetable to the first well.

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