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AUCTUS PUBLICATIONS

Corcel (CRCL LN)[C]; Target price of 1.40p per share: Equity raise from blue chip new investors bolsters balance sheet ahead of busy 2026 – Corcel has raised £3 mm of new equity at a price of 0.35 p per share from two blue chip new investors. Following the raise, Corcel's cash balance is expected to reach ~£6 mm by YE25. In addition, Sintana Energy will pay Corcel ~US$2 mm in cash upon closing the acquisition of a 5% interest in KON-16. Together, the estimated cash position and receivable from Sintana represent ~25% of Corcel's post-raise market capitalization. The cash balance is significantly greater than the ~US$3 mm remaining commitment for the ongoing 2D seismic campaign, leaving Corcel with the financial flexibility to expand its position in Angola and/or pursue acquisitions. This could include a producing asset, which is core the Corcel's business development activities. Potential opportunities include increasing its stake in KON-11 (currently 18% WI) or KON-12 (currently 22.5% WI). Notably, KON-12 is particularly attractive, with four pre-salt prospects identified, each estimated at 50–150 mmbbl of prospective resources. The year ahead is pivotal, as Corcel will seek a farm-in partner for KON-16 to drill a high-impact exploration well by YE26. Our unrisked NAV for this well is ~6p per share, representing ~17x the current share price (assuming 71.5% interest).

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Pharos (PHAR LN)[C]; Target price of £0.50 per share: Production boost expected by mid 2026 – Year-to-date production to 30 November 2025 averaged 5,391 boe/d, comprising 4,074 boe/d in Vietnam and 1,317 boe/d in Egypt. Pharos expects FY25 production to be broadly similar, in line with guidance of 5.2–6.0 mboe/d. The TGT-H1 infill well was brought onstream on 20 November. Initial performance is above management's pre-drill expectations. While no rate has been disclosed, we note that in 2021 Pharos reported an initial gross rate of 2.2 mbbl/d from a prior TGT well. For modelling purposes, we assume an average gross production of 1.6 mboe/d over the first three months for the new TGT wells. This marks the start of a six-well programme across the TGT and CNV fields, with two rigs operating in parallel. The second TGT infill well (H5 fault block) spudded on 2 December and is expected to take ~28 days to drill and complete. The CNV-8P infill well commenced on 5 December with the second rig and is expected to take ~90 days. Following TGT-H5, the rig will drill the TGT-18X appraisal well (~40 days) targeting the underexplored western area, before moving to the final TGT-H4 infill well. Our unrisked NAV for the western area and remaining 2C resources at TGT is estimated at £0.21 per share. The CNV-5X appraisal well, designed to unlock the northern extension of the field, is scheduled to spud in 1Q26 and complete by mid-2026. Our unrisked NAV for the 2C contingent resources at CNV stands at £0.07 per share.

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Pulsar Helium (PLSR LN/CN)[C]; Target price of 1.40p per share: Pulsar Helium (PLSR LN/CN)[C]; Target price of £0.80 per share: Jetstream #5 – 3nd well with high pressure – Jetstream #5 has encountered high pressure gas at ~255 meters and ~ 451 meters depth, with a preliminary bottom-hole pressure reading of ~662 psi, indicating a strongly pressurized system even at this early stage of drilling. Gas was visibly seen bubbling through the drilling fluids at surface. This is consistent with the bottom-hole pressure of ~674 psi encountered at 444 m depth at Jetstream #4. We also note that Jetstream #5 was a much further step out (~3 km away) from the core area.

Serica Energy (EGY US/LN)[c]; Target price of £3.05 per share: Completing the acquisition of Prax – Serica has completed the acquisition of Prax. The cash balance held by Prax on completion amounts to US$34 mm. This is higher than the previous estimate of US$17 mm. The Lancaster field is currently producing ~5,900 boe/d (in line).

Vaalco Energy (EGY US/LN)[c]; Target price of US$10 per share: Commencement of drilling in Gabon – Vaalco has commenced the Phase Three Drilling Program offshore Gabon with the spudding of the ET-15 infill well on the Etame platform. The programme will start at the Etame platform with this infill well and the pilot holes. After drilling at the Etame platform, the rig will move to the SEENT and Ebouri platforms where several wells and workovers planned are expected to enhance production, lower costs and potentially add reserves.

IN OTHER NEWS

AMERICAS

Alvopetro Energy (ALV CN): Operating update – November production in Brazil and Canada was respectively 2,702 boe/d and 149 boe/d.

Gran Tierra Energy (GTE CN/LN/USA): 2026 Budget – FY26 production in Colombia, Ecuador and Canada is expected to be 42-47 mboe/d (including 21-24 mboe/d in Colombia, 6-7 mboe/d in Ecuador and 15-16 mboe/d in Canada) with capex of US$120-160 mm. Current production is 48-49 mboe/d.

Parex Resources (PXT CN): Halting further discussions with regards to the proposed acquisition of GeoPark – Parex has determined that there is no basis to increase its view on the value of GeoPark common shares relative to the proposal to acquire all GeoPark shares for US$9.00 per share in cash. Parex will halt discussions with GeoPark.

Rockhopper Exploration (RKH LN): FID in the Falklands – FID has been taken on the development of Phase 1 of the Sea Lion field.

ASIA PACIFIC

Eni (ENI IM): Large discovery in Indonesia – Eni has made a significant gas discovery in the Konta-1 exploration well, drilled in the Muara Bakau PSC, in the Kutei Basin. Estimates indicate 600 bcf of natural gas initially in place with a potential upside beyond 1 tcf. A well production test in one of the reservoirs has delivered up to 31 mmcf/d of gas and ~700 bbl/d of condensate. A multi-pool gas rate could reach up to 80 mmcf/d of gas and about 1,600 bbl/d of condensate.

Harbour Energy (HBR LN): Selling gas field in Indonesia – Harbour is selling its operated interests in the producing Natuna Sea Block A field and the Tuna development project to Prime Group for a cash consideration of $215 mm.

EUROPE

BlueNord (BNOR NO): Operating update in Denmark – November net production was 43.3 mboe/d. The Tyra hub delivered 20.6 mboe/d increasing to ~26 mboe/d in the beginning of December. The base assets Dan, Gorm, and Halfdan produced 22.7 mooe/d (net).

Harbour Energy (HBR LN): Acquisition in the UK North Sea – Harbour is acquiring Waldorf Energy and Waldorf Production, currently in administration, for US$170 mm. The acquisition is expected to add oil-weighted production of 20 mboe/d and 2P reserves of 35 mmboe.

Repsol (REP SM)/TotalEnergies (TTE FP): Merger in the UK – NEO NEXT Energy and TotalEnergies' are merging their UK offshore assets. The expected 2026 production of the combined group is expected to be over 250,000 boe/d. The combined business will be jointly owned by HitecVision (28.875%), TotalEnergies (47.5%), and Repsol (23.625%). TotalEnergies UK will also retain up to US$2.3 bn of the decommissioning liabilities related to its legacy assets.

Zenith Energy (ZEN NO/ZENA NO): Raising equity for Uranium in Italy – Zenith is raising ~£3.1 mm of new equity at a price of £0.0333 per share. The proceeds of the Financing will be utilised to progress two applications for exploration permits (Permessi di Ricerca) in respect of Italy's two largest identified uranium deposits.

FORMER SOVIET UNION

Block Energy (BLOE LN): Potential farm-out in Georgia – Block has received a non-binding indicative farm-in offer from a large energy that includes a full carry of the Patardzueli-Samgori appraisal programme. This includes (i) three historical well re-tests (two Lower Eocene and one Upper Cretaceous), (ii) Two highly-inclined sidetracks targeting the Lower Eocene; and (iii) full suite of reservoir data acquisition and well-testing operations. In addition to the appraisal carry, the offer includes an initial development carry covering the construction and hook-up of a 20 mmcf/d early-production facility. Block estimates the total gross cost of the proposed carry to be in the range of US$25-30 mm.

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

Gulf Keystone Petroleum (GKP LN): Operating update in Kurdistan – FY25 gross production was ~41.4 mbbl/d increasing to ~44 mbbl/d in December. The company held ~US$75 mm in cash as at 9 December.

Kistos Energy (KIST LN): Acquisition in Oman – Kistos is acquiring 20% of Blocks 3 and 4 and 5% of Block 9 from Mitsui E&P for US$148 mm. The transaction is expected to add 25.6 mmboe of 2P reserves net to Kistos and ~9,000-10,000 boe/d production.

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

BW Energie (BWE NO): Strategic entry in Angola - BW Energy, in a consortium with Maurel & Prom is acquiring a combined 20% non-operated interest in Block 14 and 10% in Block 14K offshore Angola from Azule Energy. Block 14 is a mature deepwater asset comprising nine producing fields, while Block 14K is a tie-back to the main block. The asset is operated by Chevron with gross production is ~40 mbbl/d, with net to BW Energy at 4 mbbl/d. Current producing reserves are estimated at 9.3 mmbbl net to BW Energy. The transaction carries a base cash consideration of US$97.5 mm net to BW Energy with an effective date of 1 January 2025. In addition, contingent payments of up to US$57.5 mm net to BW Energy may become payable depending on oil price and production and development milestones:

Galp Energia (GALP LS): Farming out interests Namibian block – Galp is selling 40% participating interest in PEL 83 (Mopane discovery) to TotalEnergies (TTE FP) in return for (i) a 10% interest in PEL 56 (Venus discovery) and 9.39% in PEL 91 and (ii) a carry for 50% of Galp's capital expenditures for the exploration and appraisal of the Mopane discovery and the first development on PEL83.

EVENTS TO WATCH NEXT WEEK

Week of the 16/12/2025 – Sintana Energy (SEI.V CN): Expected first day of trading on AIM

FINANCIAL METRICS FOR AUCTUS' COVERAGE UNIVERSE

Date: 12/12/2025

Company	Ticker	Share price	Core NAV	ReNAV	CF (US$ mm)		FCF (US$ mm)		P/CNAV	P/ReNAV	EV/DACF (x)		FCF/EV (%)	
					2025	2026	2025	2026	(x)	(x)	2025	2026	2025	2026
ADX Energy	ADX AU	A$0.02	A$0.01	A$0.202	0	0	1	4	171%	12%	-10.9	-30.3	n.a.	n.a.
Arrow Exploration	AXL LN	£0.13	£0.27	£0.38	36	39	-18	14	48%	34%	1.4	0.9	-35%	38%
Condor Energies	CDR CN	C$1.85	C$1.00	C$5.82	14	37	-16	-24	186%	32%	5.0	2.8	n.a.	n.a.
Corcel	CRCL LN	0.36p	n.a.	1.41p	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	26%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Criterium Energy	CEQ CN	C$0.09	C$0.30	C$0.32	3	6	0	2	30%	28%	3.6	3.2	1%	8%
New Zealand Energy	NZ.V CN	C$0.22	C$0.01	C$1.75	-1	0	-1	50	2600%	13%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Panoro Energy	PEN NO	NOK 20.20	NOK 32.90	NOK 46.08	68	94	28	54	61%	44%	3.8	2.5	9%	20%
PetroTal	PTAL LN	£0.20	£0.61	£0.80	171	73	95	-27	33%	25%	0.9	2.1	38%	-11%
Pharos Energy	PHAR LN	£0.20	£0.31	£0.51	32	59	-7	27	65%	39%	3.3	1.5	-7%	33%
Pulsar Helium	PLSR LN	£0.38	£0.00	£0.77	-8	-3	-16	-23	n.a.	50%	n.a.	830.8	n.a.	-20%
Serica Energy	SQZ LN	£1.64	£2.74	£3.02	232	531	-18	423	60%	54%	4.1	1.2	-2%	64%
Southern Energy	SOUC LN	£0.04	£0.15	£0.24	1	8	-2	-4	25%	16%	11.7	4.2	-5%	-9%
VAALCO Energy	EGY US	$3.56	$5.50	$9.55	94	200	-158	-60	65%	37%	4.0	2.7	-32%	-10%
Valeura Energy	VLE CN	C$7.51	C$10.00	C$12.40	245	266	58	91	75%	61%	1.1	0.9	20%	39%
Zephyr Energy	ZPHR LN	£0.02	£0.07	£0.16	5	15	-3	-15	36%	15%	19.3	6.1	-3%	-13%

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