

# 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012

## QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012

The Directors of K2 Energy Limited (ASX: KTE) ("K2") provide the following report for the Quarter ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012.

### MEARS SOLAR

As previously announced, a new design has been developed and fabrication of solar cells for testing commenced during the quarter.

The new design is intended to overcome the recombination issues encountered in the earlier version. Testing is to occur at the CNS facility at Harvard and the results are expected during the June quarter.

#### MEARS TECHNOLOGIES INC.

K2 announced on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2012 that it had executed a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with Mears Technologies Inc. (Mears") to commence negotiations regarding a possible merger of the two companies.

Mears has recently begun exploring opportunities to list in Australia on the Australian Securities Exchange and given K2 is currently a major shareholder, holding 8% of Mears and having 15% on a fully diluted basis, both Companies view a merger transaction and listing via K2's ASX listing as a transaction that could benefit the shareholders of both K2 and Mears.

Mears and K2 over the coming months intend to conduct negotiations regarding a possible merger of the two companies, on terms to be agreed between the parties. It is the present intent of the parties that the merged entity would be listed on the Australian Securities Exchange, retaining the listing currently held by K2 however under the name of Mears Technologies. Mears and K2 have agreed to use best endeavours to negotiate a successful merger of the two companies.

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## MEARS TECHNOLOGIES INC. BACKGROUND

Mears is a Company that is at the cutting edge of the \$300+ billion computer chip industry that has over the past four months positioned itself to commercialize 10 years of Research and Development in chip technology.

MST has been demonstrated to reduce gate leakage and increase drive current (improving power and performance) in CMOS semiconductors. It also has the benefit of reducing variability in key parameters, addressing one of the most significant problems facing the industry as it continues to scale to smaller device geometries and works to improve yield, power and performance of leading products.

The Mears Board has recently implemented major changes to the Company's structure to assist in the commercialisation of the Company's chip technology with clear milestones set in place over the next 6-9 months. These changes include:

- New Management Team: In the last four months Mears engaged a new senior management team with significant semiconductor industry commercial track records and senior executive experience at Texas Instruments, KLA-Tencor, SyChip-Murata, Corning, and Sematech. The new team has rewritten the MST Business Plan and has started their work to move the MST technology from the development laboratory to a sound commercial track.
- **Multi-track Commercialisation Activities:** The new multi-track commercialisation program has been ongoing for only several months and is already showing significant promise and results, as an effective change from the previous single-track / Integrated Device Manufacturer only approach.
- Burn Rate Reductions and Restructure: The restructuring of Mears reduced the Company's cash burn but at the same time protected key skills and know-how within the Company critical to executing on the multi-track commercialisation activities. The organisation was streamlined and the reporting lines changed with engagement of a new CEO.

The revised commercialisation strategy involves a more aggressive, multi-track approach, engaging broader activity in the industry to cross-pollinate the various tracks, raise MST's profile, and promote MST demand in the marketplace.



### MEARS CAPITAL RAISING

Mears is in the process of raising US\$2 million to fund the Company through its next stage of commercialisation of the Company's chip technology with clear milestones set in place over the next 6-9 months. K2 has agreed to commit US\$1 million to the fund raising, subject to certain conditions, including the commencement of negotiations on a possible merger of K2 and Mears.

Upon K2's investment, Sam Gazal, Chairman of K2, will join the Board of Mears.

#### OIL AND GAS

KTE retains its 30% shareholding in Trey Resources I LLC, a US-based limited liability company. During the quarter there was no expenditure incurred in relation to this investment.

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