

TomCo Energy AIM (TOM)

Final year results

- TomCo Energy, the aspirant retort oil shale developer, announces audited financial results for the year ended September 2012.
- TomCo, which holds two mineral licences known as the Holliday Block within the Uinta Basin in the north east portion of the State of Utah, USA, has entered into a license with Red Leaf Resources, which owns the Eco-Shale™ In-Capsule Extraction Process.
- Unlike “conventional” unconventional oil shale plays, the Eco-Shale™ In-Capsule Process is a cyclical operation involving the pre stripping of overburden, mining of shale, and layering of the mined shale within a sealed clay capsule, effecting pyrolysis through an expendable reticulated system of heated pipes, yielding oil shale product, whose profile percentage recovery rate and duration to depletion are as yet unknown.
- Red Leaf Resources operation which is still at the pilot stage of development carries a considerable level of risk for investors. From a mining perspective, any interruption in the cyclical nature of the operation, will impact on the operations schedule, the volume of material to be mined and moved and as a consequence the unknown operating costs. The construction of the capsule is planned for late 2013 with first oil expected in 2014.
- The Uinta Basin is host to the Green River Shale Formation, the largest known repository of Oil Shale resource in the world. Oil Shale is derived from kerogen, an immature form of crude oil, which has been subjected to lower temperature and pressure metamorphism in its maturation and formation, a process known by petroleum geologists as diagenesis.
- During the period under review, TomCo increased its JORC Compliant resource estimate converting 123 million barrels within the Indicated category to 126 million barrels within the Inferred category.
- At the end of the year the company had reduced its operating loss to GBP1.0 million (2011: GBP1.67 million) on Revenue of GBP13,000, (2011: GBP16,000).
- Cash at the end of the year fell to GBP411k (2011: GBP1.36 million).
- A liquidity facility, taken out in January 2013 with Windsor Capital Partners, 100m shares @ 0.5p (6% of the then issued share capital) plus a GBP1.78million raise in March 2013, 148,406,526 @ 1.2p, should ensure that the head office cost is covered for another year.

Price	1.3p
Market Cap	£25.7m

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