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ANNOUNCEMENT TO ASX

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Dear Sir

Encouraging Results from Rockhopper 1

Attached is an announcement from Origin Energy, the operator of the T/18P Joint Venture confirming good gas shows and elevated resistivities in Rockhopper 1 consistent with hydrocarbons in numerous sands in the target zone between 2827m and 3421m MD.

These encouraging early results at Rockhopper should be viewed alongside the findings of the recently drilled successful Trefoil 2 appraisal well which confirmed the southern extension of the Trefoil structure. Innamincka intends to report further once the drilling operations, log interpretation and remapping of Rockhopper and Trefoil reservoirs have been completed.

Yours sincerely
Innamincka Petroleum Limited

Leni Stanley
Company Secretary



ASX Release

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Rockhopper 1 Exploration Well Update, Bass Basin, Tasmania

Progress and Status: Origin Energy, on behalf of the T/18P Joint Venture, advises that as at 06:00 hours EDT on Tuesday 29 December 2009 the current operation at Rockhopper 1 is running wireline logs. Since the last report, 769m of 8 ½" hole was drilled to a total depth of 3,522m.

The well has drilled through its reservoir target in the Lower Eastern View Coal Measures. Several discrete interbedded sand/shale intervals have been encountered in the target zone between 2,827m and 3,421m MD (2,649m - 3,086m TVDSS) and good gas shows were recorded whilst drilling the sands. Logs acquired during drilling also show elevated resistivity through these sands indicating they are hydrocarbon bearing.

The type and commercial significance of the hydrocarbon shows recorded to date will be determined after a full suite of wireline logs have been run and wireline pressure and sample data recorded.

Well type and location: Rockhopper 1 is an exploration well located in exploration permit T/18P, operated by Origin some 38km west of the Yolla gas field and approximately 10km north-north-east of Trefoil 1.

Rockhopper 1 is a deviated well. The final surface location is:

Latitude: 39° 47' 34.1828" S
Longitude: 145° 26' 21.4660" E

T/18P Participating Interests:

Origin Energy Resources Ltd *	39.0% (Operator)
AWE Limited	47.5%
CalEnergy Gas (Australia) Ltd	8.5%
Innamincka Petroleum Ltd	5.0%

* a wholly owned subsidiary of Origin Energy Limited

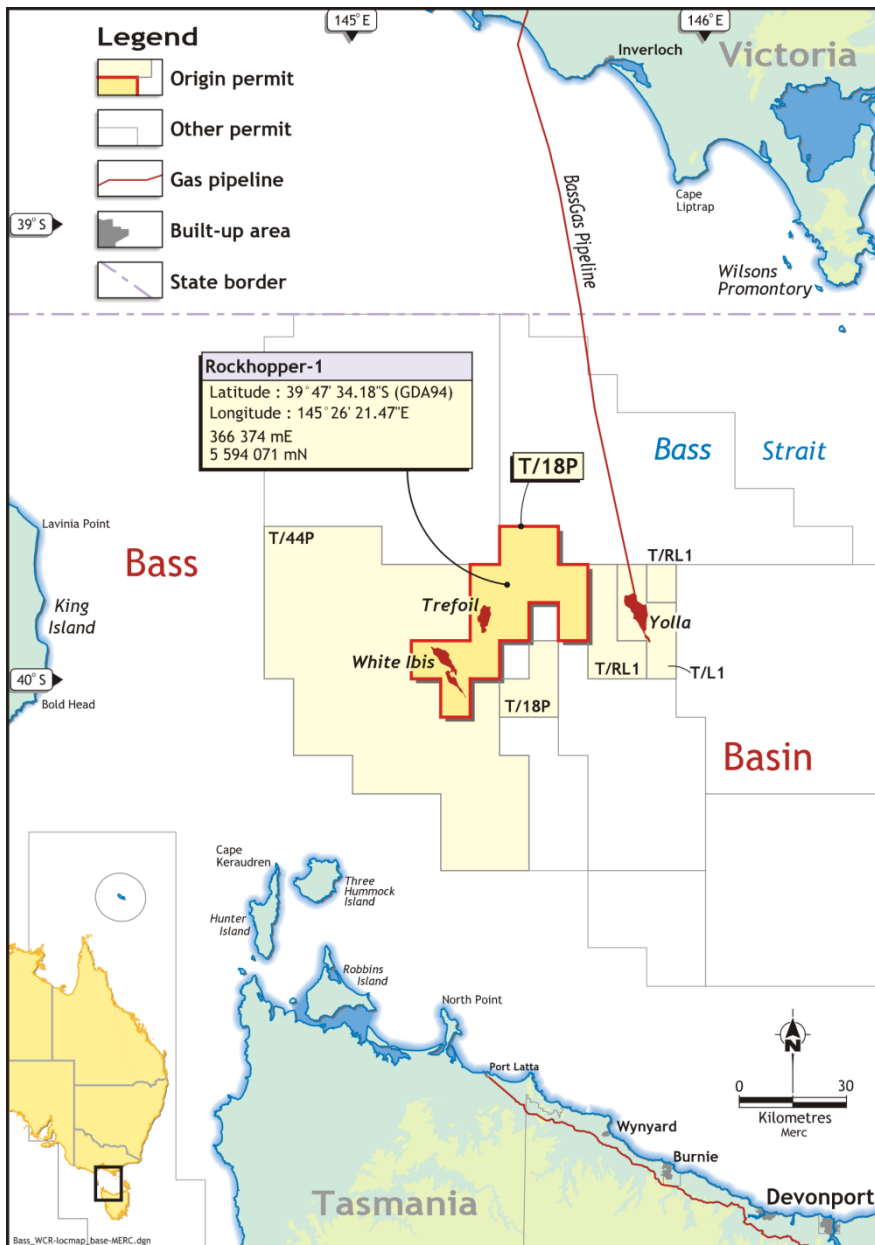
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Map of Bass Basin showing exploration permit T/18P

About Origin Energy

Origin Energy is Australasia's leading integrated energy company focused on gas and oil exploration and production, power generation and energy retailing.

Listed in the ASX top 20 the company has approximately 4,000 employees, is a leading producer of gas in eastern Australia, is the largest owner and developer of gas-fired electricity generation in Australia and is a leading wholesaler and retailer of energy.

The company services more than 3.5 million electricity, natural gas and LPG customers across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific. Origin's strategic positioning and portfolio of assets provide flexibility, stability and significant opportunities for growth in the ever changing energy industry. Through Australia Pacific LNG, its 50:50 incorporated joint venture with ConocoPhillips, Origin is developing one of Australia's largest CSG to LNG project based on Australia's largest CSG reserves base.

In New Zealand, Origin is the major shareholder in Contact Energy, the country's leading integrated energy company, operating geothermal, thermal and hydro generation facilities and servicing electricity, gas and LPG customers across both the North and South islands. Origin also operates several oil and gas projects in New Zealand and is one of the largest holders of petroleum exploration acreage in the country.

Origin has a strong focus on ensuring the sustainability of its operations, is the largest green energy retailer in Australia and has significant investments in renewable energy technologies.

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