



INNAMINCKA
PETROLEUM
ACN 101 313 777

Office 1 - Ground Floor
924 Gympie Road
CHERMSIDE QLD 4032

PO Box 2378
CHERMSIDE QLD 4032
Telephone: (07) 3359 8988
Facsimile: (07) 3359 8985
www.innapet.com.au

ANNOUNCEMENT TO ASX

Date: 7 January 2010
To: Australian Stock Exchange Limited
Companies Announcement Office
Electronic Lodgment System

Dear Sir

Rockhopper 1 Sidetrack

Attached is today's announcement from Origin Energy Limited, the operator of the T/18P joint venture, confirming that the JV will proceed to drill a sidetrack with the objective of appraising the hydrocarbons encountered in the recently announced Rockhopper 1 discovery.

This is a key activity in assessing the volume of oil and gas discovered in Rockhopper 1.

The sidetrack is designed to intersect the main reservoir sections approximately 1.3 kilometres south and down-dip from their penetration in Rockhopper 1. It is anticipated that the sidetrack will take approximately 2 weeks to reach the primary reservoir section and a further 2 weeks to complete data acquisition and plugging and abandoning of the sidetrack and Rockhopper 1.

Yours sincerely
Innamincka Petroleum Limited

Leni Stanley
Company Secretary



ASX Release

7 January 2010

Rockhopper 1 and Rockhopper 1/ST 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 Thursday 7 January 2010 the current operation at Rockhopper 1 is preparing to sidetrack the Rockhopper 1 well. Since the last report wireline logging operations have been completed and the well plugged below the kick-off point.

The sidetrack is designed to appraise the hydrocarbons encountered to date by intersecting the main reservoir sections approximately 1.3 kilometres south and down-dip from their penetration in Rockhopper 1, to assist in assessing the volume of oil and gas discovered in Rockhopper 1. It is anticipated that the sidetrack will take approximately 2 weeks to reach the primary reservoir section and a further 2 weeks to complete data acquisition and plugging and abandoning of the sidetrack and Rockhopper 1.

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 and Rockhopper 1/ST1 are deviated wells drilled from the same surface location at:

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

T/18P Participating Interests:

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

* a wholly owned subsidiary of Origin Energy Limited

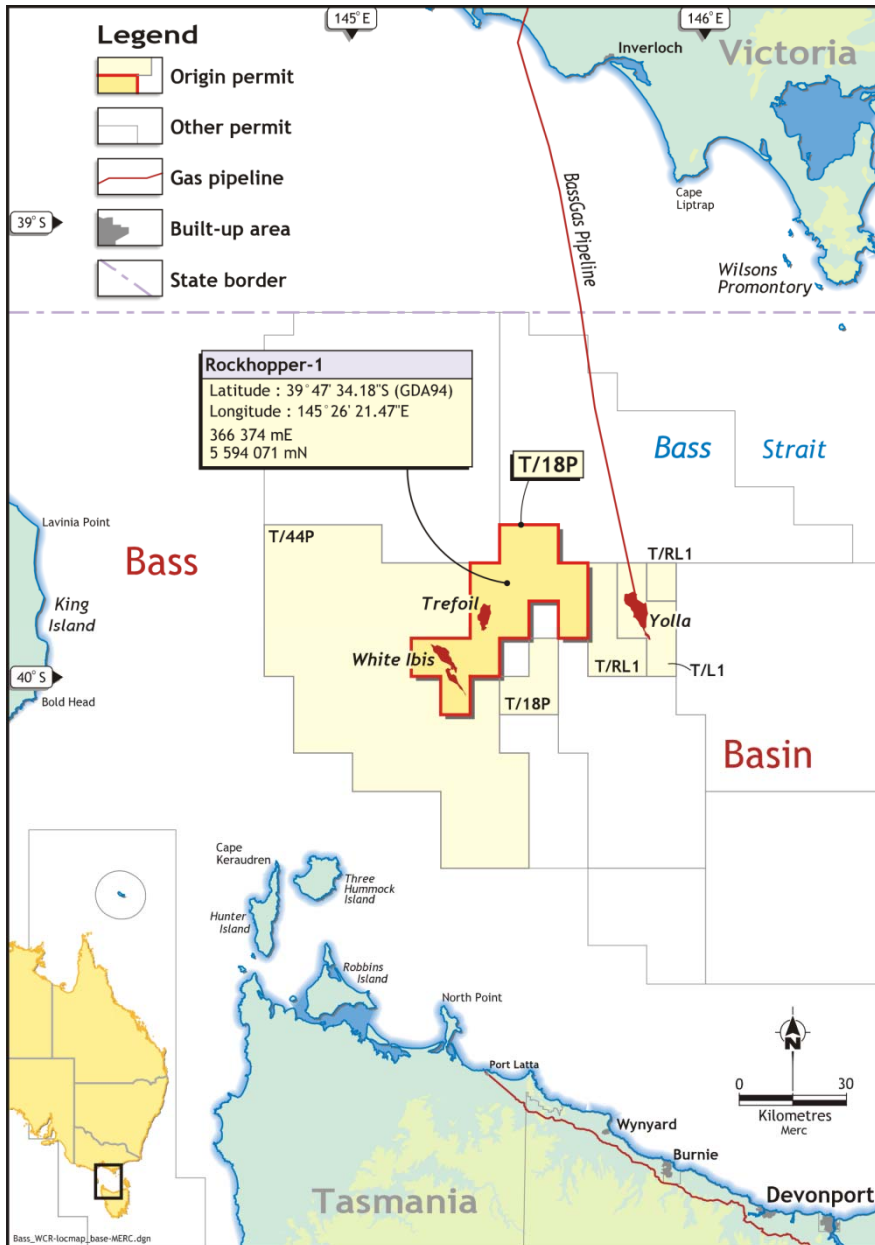
For further information contact:

Investors

Angus Guthrie
Group Manager, Investor Relations, Origin Energy
Phone: +61 2 8345 5558
Email: angus.guthrie@originenergy.com.au

Media

Tim Scott
Group Manager, Media Relations & Reporting, Origin Energy
Phone: +61 2 8345 5306
Mobile: +61 428 964 820



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.

For more information go to www.originenergy.com.au