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## ANNOUNCEMENT TO ASX

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**Date:** 14 January 2010  
**To:** Australian Securities Exchange Limited  
Companies Announcement Office  
Electronic Lodgment System

Dear Sir

### **Rockhopper 1 Sidetrack 1 Update**

Origin Energy Resources Limited (Origin), the operator of the T/18P permit, has issued a weekly activity update, which is attached.

Yours sincerely  
**Innamincka Petroleum Limited**

**Leni Stanley**  
Company Secretary



## ASX Release

14 January 2010

### Rockhopper 1 and Rockhopper 1/ST 1 Exploration Well Update, Bass Basin, Tasmania

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**Progress and Status:** Origin Energy, on behalf of the T/18P Joint Venture, advises that as at 06:00 hours EDT on Thursday 14 January 2010 the current operation at Rockhopper 1 is preparing a forward plan to carry out repairs to the cranes on the Kan Tan IV drilling rig. During the past week damage was discovered to the rig cranes and operations were suspended.

Repair procedures are being finalised and equipment and personnel are being mobilised. It is expected that repairs and approvals will take approximately two weeks to complete. During this period of suspension, the rig hire is on zero rate.

All drilling and data collection operations associated with the Rockhopper 1 well were successfully completed and the well plugged back ready for sidetrack prior to identification of this damage. The rig will commence operations on the sidetrack well Rockhopper 1/ST 1 once repairs are completed.

**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%

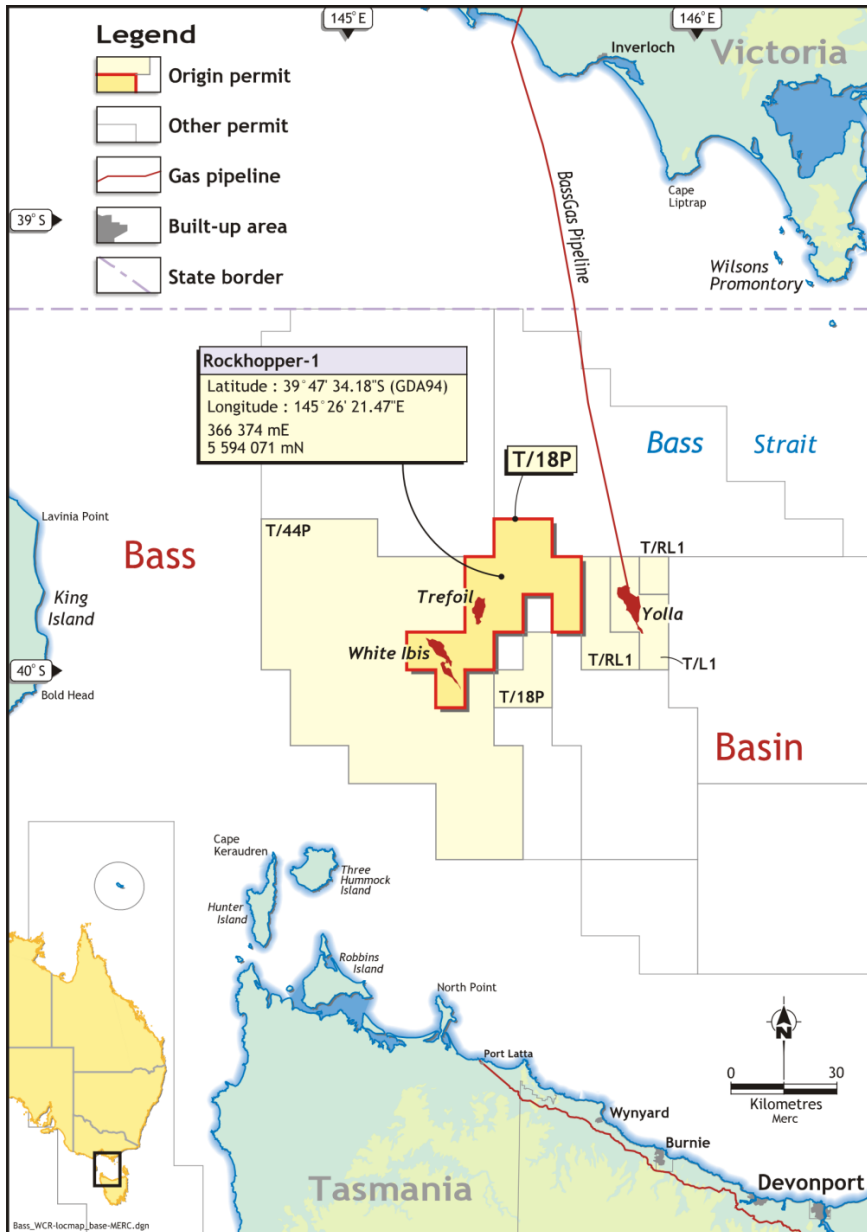
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Map of Bass Basin showing exploration permit T/18P

**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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