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HERON-2 WELL WEEKLY DRILLING REPORT - No 6

Key Points:

- Well has penetrated upper half of the Epenarra Darwin Formation
- Gas shows observed in mud returns in upper Darwin Formation
- Currently tripping out to change 12¹/₄ inch bit

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA (November 23, 2007) -- MEO Australia Limited (ASX: MEO) submits this drilling report for the period ending 1000 hours, November 23, 2007. The Heron-2 well was spudded at 2230 hours (ACST) on October 12, 2007 in Exploration Permit, NT/P68.

The Top Darwin Formation was encountered 62m higher than prognosed (3062m). The well depth is currently 3151m and the rig is tripping out to change a worn bit. MEO expects to start re-drilling the 12½ inch hole through Facies C of the Epenarra Darwin Formation to a section target depth of 3440m later today.

Elevated gas readings have been recorded in the mud returns through the upper section of the Darwin Formation and mud weights were increased accordingly. While these observations are encouraging, the Company stresses that until the section drilling has been completed, testing undertaken, including analysis of the log data to confirm the development of a fracture system and permeability in the section, and hydrocarbons recovered, MEO is unable to confirm gas quality or that a recoverable resource is present in the Epenarra structure.

An extensive log suite, including borehole image logging is planned to be recorded from the section TD, through the Darwin Formation to the $13\frac{3}{8}$ inch casing shoe. Following this activity, the $9\frac{5}{8}$ inch casing will be landed and cemented. The well will then continue to drill an $8\frac{1}{2}$ inch hole to the Elang/Plover Formation.

The prognosed depth of the Top Elang/Plover Formation at the Heron North structure is 3900m.

The participants in the well are:

TSP Arafura Petroleum Pty Ltd (MEO subsidiary)	45%
Oz-Exoil Pty Ltd (MEO subsidiary)	45%
Petrofac Energy Developments Oceania Ltd (Petrofac Limited subsidiary)	10%

Heron-2 is being drilled by Seadrill's West Atlas jack-up rig contracted to MEO for two firm wells and one option well. The Heron-2 well is designed as a vertical well to penetrate and production test the Epenarra Darwin Formation and the deeper Elang/Plover Formation of the Heron North structure. The planned total depth of the well is approximately 4300m below sea level.

The Heron-1 well drilled by ARCO in 1972 intersected a 52m gas bearing column in the Darwin Formation (a fractured carbonate reservoir) within the 1,200 square km mapped closure of the large Epenarra structure. Heron-1 also reached a gas charged zone in the deeper underlying Elang/Plover horizon, which is a secondary objective for the Heron-2 well.

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HERON-2 WELL

DETAILS

Licence: NT/P68

Operator: MEO Australia Limited

Rig: Seadrill West Atlas jack-up

Surface location: Latitude: 10 deg 25 min 12.443 sec

Longitude: 128 deg 56 min 20.155 sec

Datum: GDA94

Seawater Depth: 35 m LAT

Spud Date: 2200 hours (ACST), October 12, 2007

Target Strata: Primary: Darwin Formation; Facies C

Secondary: Elang/Plover Formation

Total Depth: 4334 metres (MDRT)

(MD - measured depth below the rig's rotary table - RT)

Primary Target Depth: Top Darwin Fm 3124 metres (MDRT)

Secondary Target Depth: Top Plover Fm 3944 metres (MDRT)

Designated Authority: Northern Territory Department of Primary

Industry, Fisheries and Mines

Reservoir Objectives: Darwin Formation: Determine the development of

intergranular porosity; the presence a fracture system; the effectiveness of the fracture system in accessing the porosity, delivering hydrocarbons to the well bore on production; and the liquids content of the gas

(condensate & LPG) and the levels of C02, H2S and

mercury.

Elang/Plover Formation: Determine the presence or otherwise of hydrocarbons (gas/condensate); reservoir properties including intergranular porosity and fracturing; the effectiveness of the fracture system to access porosity and deliver hydrocarbons to the well bore on production; and the level of CO2 and H2S in the

gas.

Production Objectives: In a success case, separate cased hole tests are planned

for the Elang/Plover and Darwin Formations.

Well Design: Heron-2 is a vertical well. The well design is to drill a 36"

hole to 107m and set a 30" conductor. A 20" surface

casing will be set at approximately 1100m in a 26" hole drilled to 1110m. A 13%" intermediate casing will be set in a 17%" hole drilled to 2210m. Drill a 12%" vertical hole down to just below the Darwin Formation (3344m) and log and case. After setting 9 5/8" casing, drill 8 %" hole to TD in the Plover Formation and log. Depending on success both Plover and Darwin Formations will be tested separately.

Heron-2 is being planned as a high pressure/high temperature (HPHT) well, based on the conditions encountered at the nearby offset well, Heron-1. The HPHT criteria being:

- Maximum possible surface pressures exceed 10,000 psi;
- Maximum anticipated bottom-hole temperatures exceeds 150°C

MEO Pre-Drill Estimates

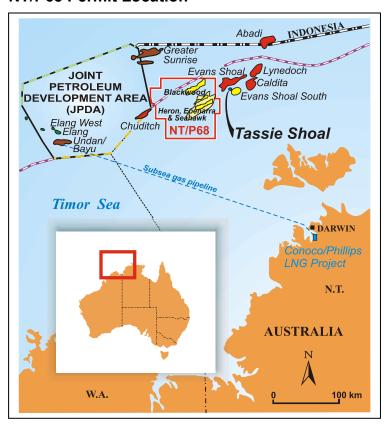
Target Reservoir	Gas-in-Place Mean Contingent Resource ¹	Recoverable Mean Gas Contingent Resource ¹
Epenarra:		
Darwin Formation facies C	5620 Bcf	3200 Bcf
Heron North:		
Elang/Plover Formation	3790 Bcf	2650 Bcf
Heron South:		
Elang/Plover Formation	1750 Bcf	1225 Bcf

Note 1: Contingent Resource are those resources which relate to quantities of petroleum (oil or gas) which are estimated, on a given date, to be potentially recoverable from a known accumulation but which are not currently considered to be commercially recoverable. Contingent Resources may include, for example, accumulations for which there is currently no viable market, or where commercial recovery is dependent on the development of new technology, or where evaluation of the accumulation is still at an early stage.

Summary of potential

The joint venture has conducted a series of geoscientific studies to better define the nature of the potential gas accumulation in Epenarra and the probability for commercial deliverability. These included charge and migration modelling, regional tectonic stress regimes and fracture modelling, well-bore stability and hydrocarbon inclusion testing. CSIRO Petroleum was engaged to conduct hydrocarbon inclusion and Raman Laser microprobe testing on cutting and core samples obtained through the gas charged zones within Facies C of the Darwin Formation identified in the Heron-1 well. The CSIRO study confirmed that the hydrocarbon inventory in Epenarra would most likely have a high condensate gas ratio (CGR) (~100bbls/MMscf) and contain low levels of CO₂ (1% to 3%). Based on the Contingent Resource estimate for gas in Epenarra above, the recoverable mean Contingent Resource for condensate based on a CGR of 80 bbls/MMscf is estimated at 234 MMbbls.

NT/P68 Permit Location



Schematic showing target horizons and Heron-2, Heron-3 and Blackwood-1 well locations

