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AUSTRALIA

Beach Operated Cooper-Eromanga Basin Gas - PEL 106 Farm-in Block

Testing operations at Canunda-1 have been suspended due to heavy rainfalls affecting road access and crude transport. The testing program is expected to resume towards the end of next week (Beach 50%, Drillsearch 50%).

Cooper / Eromanga Oil Development - Santos Operated

The Watson West-1 oil exploration well has been cased and suspended as a future Basal Birkhead Formation oil producer (Beach 38%).

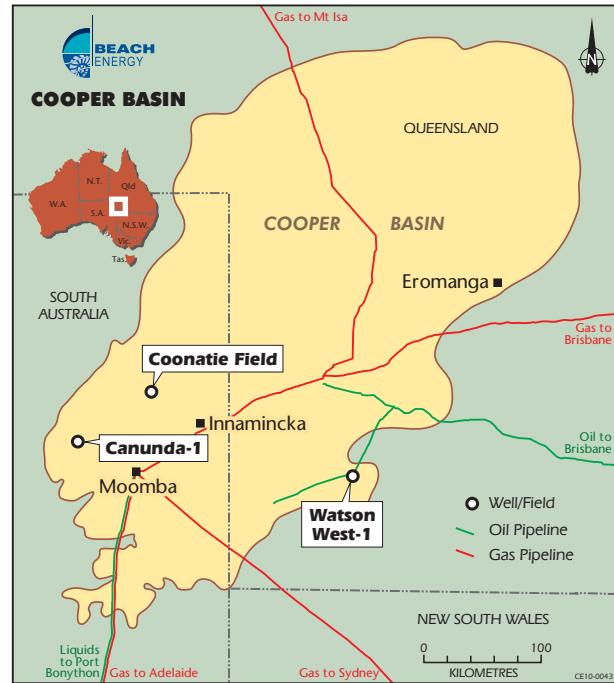
Cooper Basin Gas Development - Santos Operated

Drilling operations on the Coonarie field have been suspended due to the rainfalls which are affecting road access to the Coonarie drill sites. Coonarie-19 is to be cased and suspended as a future gas producer from multiple Permian sands. Coonarie-20 is at a depth of 1949 metres in the Jurassic. Drilling operations are expected to resume late next week.

Three further wells are planned for the Coonarie field as part of the seven well development drilling campaign for the field (Beach 17.14%).

Beach Operated Cooper Basin Unconventional- PEL 218

Drilling of Encounter-1, the first of a two well, back-to-back exploration program targeting Shale Gas potential in the South Australian portion of the Nappamerri Trough, is expected to commence towards the end

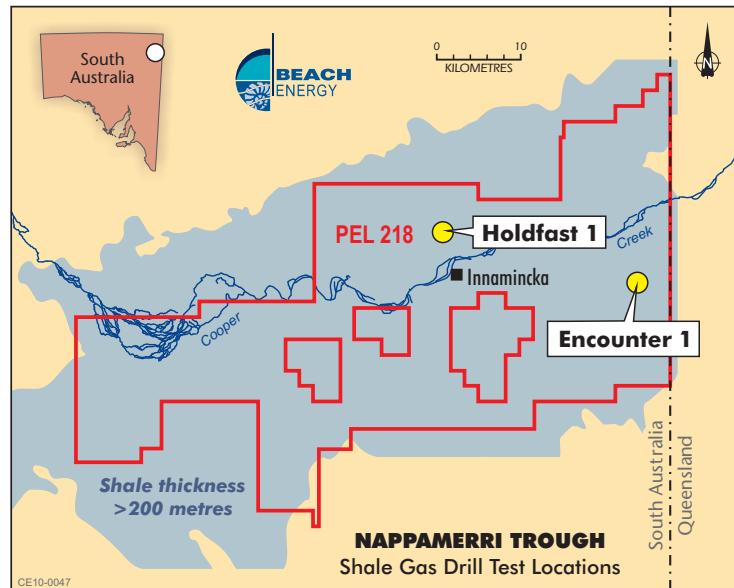


of the month using the Ensign 16 rig. All components of the rig have arrived in Australia and are ready for mobilisation to the rig site. Holdfast-1 will follow Encounter-1. Each of the two wells is expected to take approximately 50 days to drill and set casing (Beach - Operator, 90%, Adelaide Energy 10%).

INTERNATIONAL

Unconventional

Non-operated Oil Appraisal, South Antelope Prospect, Williston Basin - North Dakota, USA



Surface facilities have been installed

and a multistage fracture stimulation of the Three Forks Formation at the Henderson 4-25H well, drilled in June, has been successfully completed. The well commenced flow testing on Friday 30 July and was free flowing oil and fracture stimulation fluids, with the oil rate being approximately 1,000 barrels per day. Mean reserves of 460,000 barrels of oil (85,000 barrels net to Beach) are being targeted (Beach net revenue interest approximately 18.5%).

Beach will also be participating in the Henderson 4-26/35H horizontal well (Beach net revenue interest approximately 14.7%) targeting the Three Forks Formation in Sections 26 and 35. The well, expected to spud next week, is designed to have a 2.7 km horizontal section and a 24 stage fracture stimulation, targeting approximately 600,000 barrels of oil (90,000 barrels net to Beach).



Upcoming Wells for August

Conventional (Santos Operated)

- Irtalie East-1 oil exploration well (Beach 38.5 %)
- Coonatie-18, -14 and -15 gas development wells (Beach 17.14%)

Unconventional

- Encounter-1 Shale Gas exploration well (Beach 90%, Operator)
- Henderson 4-26/35H oil appraisal well (Beach net revenue interest approximately 18.5%; Helis Operator).

Drilling Report – Period ending 4 August 2010

Well	Participants	Weekly Progress & Summary			Primary Targets
Watson West-1 PL 35 Oil Exploration C/E Basin, QLD	BPT 38.00% STO* 56.00% and others	Report Time: 0600 hrs (AEST) 04/08/2010 Depth: 1674m (TD) Operation: Well is cased and suspended as a future Jurassic oil producer. Progress: 1436m			Birkhead Formation / Hutton Sandstone
Coonatie-19 PPL 131 Gas Development C/E Basin, SA	BPT 17.14% STO* 72.32% ORG 10.54%	Report Time: 0600 hrs (CST) 04/08/2010 Depth: 3263m (TD) Operation: Operations suspended following heavy rains in area. Well is to be cased and suspended as a future Permian gas producer. Progress: 3070m			multi Permian targets
Coonatie-20 PPL 131 Gas Development C/E Basin, SA	BPT 17.14% STO* 72.32% ORG 10.54%	Report Time: 0600 hrs (CST) 04/08/2010 Depth: 1949m Operation: Operations suspended following heavy rains in area. Waiting on road access. Progress: 1949m			multi Permian targets
Henderson 4-25H Section 25 McKenzie County, Nth Dakota Oil Appraisal	BPT** 23.15% SEA 24.02% Helis* plus 7 others 52.83%	Report Time: 0600 hrs (local) 03/08/2010 Depth: 4865.0mMD (TD) Operation: Well has been fracture stimulated and flow testing has been initiated. Progress: 0			Three Forks Formation Bakken Formation

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