20 March 2008

KUPE DEVELOPMENT WELLS DISCLOSURE NOTICE

New Zealand Oil & Gas Ltd (NZOG) advises that at 14:00 hours on 19 March, the top of the reservoir (Farewell Formation) in the Kupe South 8 (KS-8) well has been intersected with elevated gas shows. Coring operations have been completed and the 8-1/2 inch section drilled to a planned final depth of 3,834m MDRT (measured depth from rotary table).

Reservoir evaluation logs will now be run and upon completion, it is planned to set and cement the 5 inch liner.

Drilling began at 22:40 hours on 19 December 2007. Progress of all three development wells in permit PML 38146 is summarised as follows:

	22 inch	17 inch	12-1/4 inch	8-1/2 inch
KS-6	560m	2,000m	2,895m	3,385m
KS-7	566m	2,000m	3,116m	
KS-8	568m	2,184m	3,429m	3,834m

Depths are cumulative and show total well depth.

The Kupe Project drilling campaign is being undertaken on a “batch-drilling” basis. This process involves completing the same section of each of the three wells before proceeding to the subsequent section and is a more efficient approach than drilling the wells separately.

The Kupe Project is located within permit PML38146 in the offshore Taranaki Basin, New Zealand, approximately 30km off the coast. The development will comprise production wells tied into an unmanned offshore platform, a 30 km pipeline to shore, and an onshore processing station. The Kupe Project is expected to be completed by mid-2009 and produce approximately 254 petajoules of natural gas, 1.1 million tonnes of LPG and 14.7 million barrels of light oil (condensate).

Attached: Graphic depiction of drilling progress to date.

Participants in the Kupe Gas Project are:

Origin Energy Limited (through its subsidiary Origin Energy Resources (Kupe) Limited)	50% (Operator)
Genesis Energy (through wholly owned subsidiaries)	31%
New Zealand Oil & Gas Limited (through wholly owned subsidiaries)	15%
Mitsui E&P Australia Pty Ltd	4%

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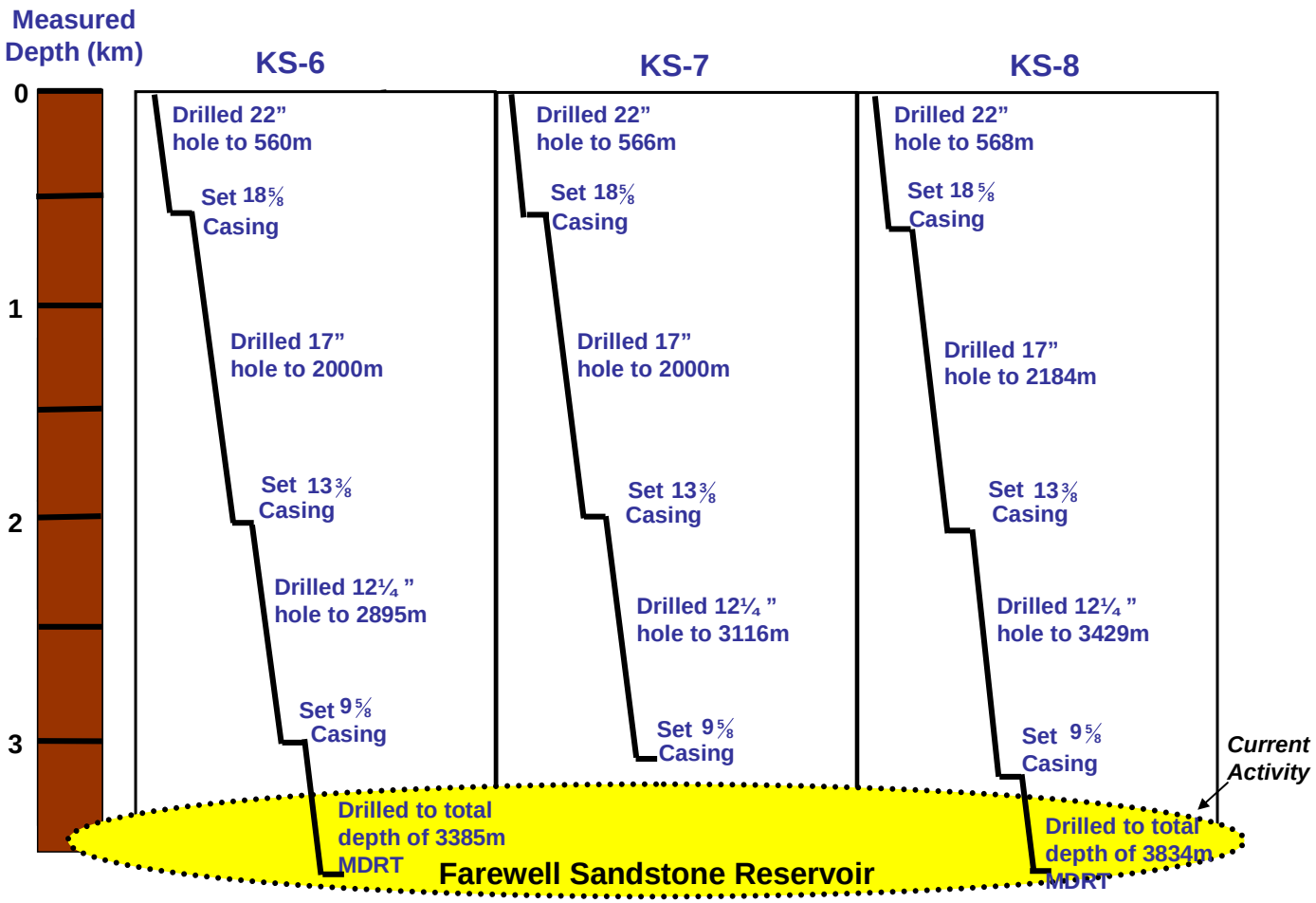
Kupe Development Wells Drilling Progress as at: **19 Mar 2008**