

ASX ANNOUNCEMENT AND MEDIA RELEASE

Tuesday 27th April 2004 Jingemia – 4 Development / Appraisal Well Commences

Norwest Energy NL has been advised by Origin Energy Limited that the drilling of the oil development / appraisal well Jingemia 4 located in the offshore Perth Basin Exploration Permit EP 413, commenced at 2200 hours on 23 April 2004 using the Century 11 drilling rig. As at 0600 hours WST 244 millimetre (9 5/8 inch) surface casing had been run to 501 metres and the well is waiting on cement prior to drilling ahead.

The Jingemia 4 well is being drilled from a surface location approximately 350 metres east northeast of the Jingemia Production Facility and has been located to intersect the Dongara Sandstone oil reservoir at a near crestal location. The aim of the well is to provide a second production offtake point at the Dongara Sandstone level and to appraise the reservoir potential of the immediately underlying Wagina Formation, which is interpreted to be above the field oil water contact at the Jingemia 4 location. Drilling to the top of the reservoir zone is expected to take approximately 10 days.

Coring of the Dongara Sandstone and Wagina Formation reservoirs is planned to provide information which will enable the field development plan to be optimised.

Participants in EP 413 and Jingemia 4 are:

Norwest Energy NL	1.278%
Hardman Oil and Gas Pty Ltd2	22.376%
Origin Energy Developments Pty Limited* (Operator)	49.189%
Hardman Oil and Gas Pty Ltd**	22.376%
ARC Energy Limited**	6.270%
Voyager (PB) Limited**	6.270%
Victoria Petroleum Offshore Pty Ltd	5.000%
Roc Oil (WA) Pty Limited	0.250%
John Kevin Geary	0.142%

*a wholly owned subsidiary of Origin Energy Limited

** ARC, Hardman and Voyager have entered into a number of Agreements that will ultimately result in ARC and Voyager's participating interest being 33.141% and 11.0% respectively.