

ASX ANNOUNCEMENT AND MEDIA RELEASE

30th September 2003

JINGEMIA 3 PERTH BASIN, WESTERN AUSTRALIA DRILLING RIG RELEASED

Norwest Energy NL advises that the drilling rig was released from the Jingemia location at 2.00am [Western Standard Time] on 30th September 2003. In approximately 9 days a workover rig will be moved in to perforate, swab the well bore, and convert it into a water injector which will be used to maintain reservoir pressure during production of the Jingemia Oil Field.

Norwest Energy NL has a 1.278% interest in this well and the Jingemia Oil Field.

Norwest Energy NL will provide daily reports during drilling activities.

Participants in EP 413, Jingemia 2 and Jingemia 3 are:

Origin Energy Developments Pty Limited* (Operator) 49.189%
Hardman Oil and Gas Pty Ltd 22.376%
AWE (Perth Basin) Pty Ltd 15.245%
Victoria Petroleum NL 5.000%
Voyager Energy Limited 6.270%
Norwest Energy NL 1.278%
Roc Oil (WA) Pty Limited 0.250%
ARC Energy NL 0.250%
John Kevin Geary 0.142%

*a wholly owned subsidiary of Origin Energy Limited

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