

ASX ANNOUNCEMENT AND MEDIA RELEASE

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Cliff Head Multi-well Drilling Programme Cliff Head 4 Appraisal Well Commences Drilling

Norwest Energy NL, advises that, at 0515 hours Western Standard Time ("WST"), on 3rd March 2003, drilling operations commenced at Cliff Head 4 appraisal well which is located in WA-286-P, in the northern part of the offshore Perth Basin.

The Ensco 53 drilling rig has been moved from the Vindara 1 location to the surface location of Cliff Head 4 which will be drilled as a moderate deviation well. The subsurface location is approximately one kilometre to the south east of the recently drilled Cliff Head 3 well. Cliff Head 4 is programmed to be drilled to a depth of approximately 1,386 metres below Rotary Table.

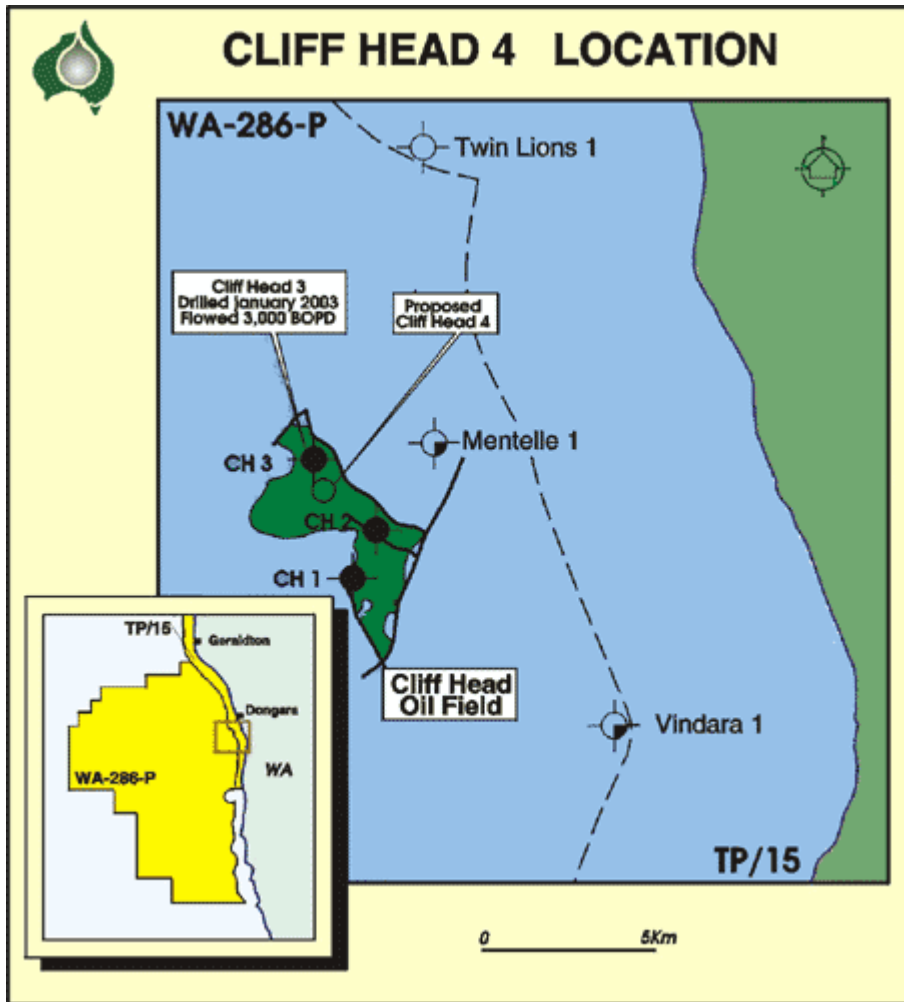
Firm Wells				
Well	Permit	Potential (mm bbl in place)	Equity	
Cliff Head 3	WA-286-P	80-100	5.0%	tested 3,000 BOPD
Twin Lions 1	TP/15	360	10.0%*	plugged & abandoned
Mentelle 1	WA-286-P	50	5.0%	non commercial oil shows
Vindara 1	WA-286-P	70-100	5.0%	minor oil shows
Cliff Head 4	WA-286-P		5.0%	drilling now

* Paying 20% plus testing capped

Please Note: Norwest plans daily report during the drilling of these wells and hence will keep the market fully appraised.

The WA-286-P Joint Venture comprises:

Equity	
Westranch Holdings Pty Ltd (a subsidiary of Norwest Energy NL)	5.0%
Roc Oil (WA) Pty Ltd (Operator)	30.0%
AWE Oil (Western Australia) Pty Ltd	27.5%
Wandoo Petroleum Pty Ltd	25.0%
ARC Energy NL	7.5%
Voyager Energy Limited	5.0%



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