

ASX ANNOUNCEMENT AND MEDIA RELEASE

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Cliff Head Multi-well Drilling Programme Drilling Rig Ready for Move to Cliff Head 4

Norwest Energy advises that, as at 5.00am Western Standard Time ("WST"), today, the Ensco 53 drilling rig had completed abandonment of the Vindara 1 exploration well. The rig is waiting on weather prior to moving to the Cliff Head 4 location.

The Cliff Head 4 appraisal well located approximately one kilometer to the southeast of the recently drilled Cliff Head 3 well. Cliff Head 4 is programmed as a vertical well to be drilled to a depth of about 1,386 metres below the Rotary Table.

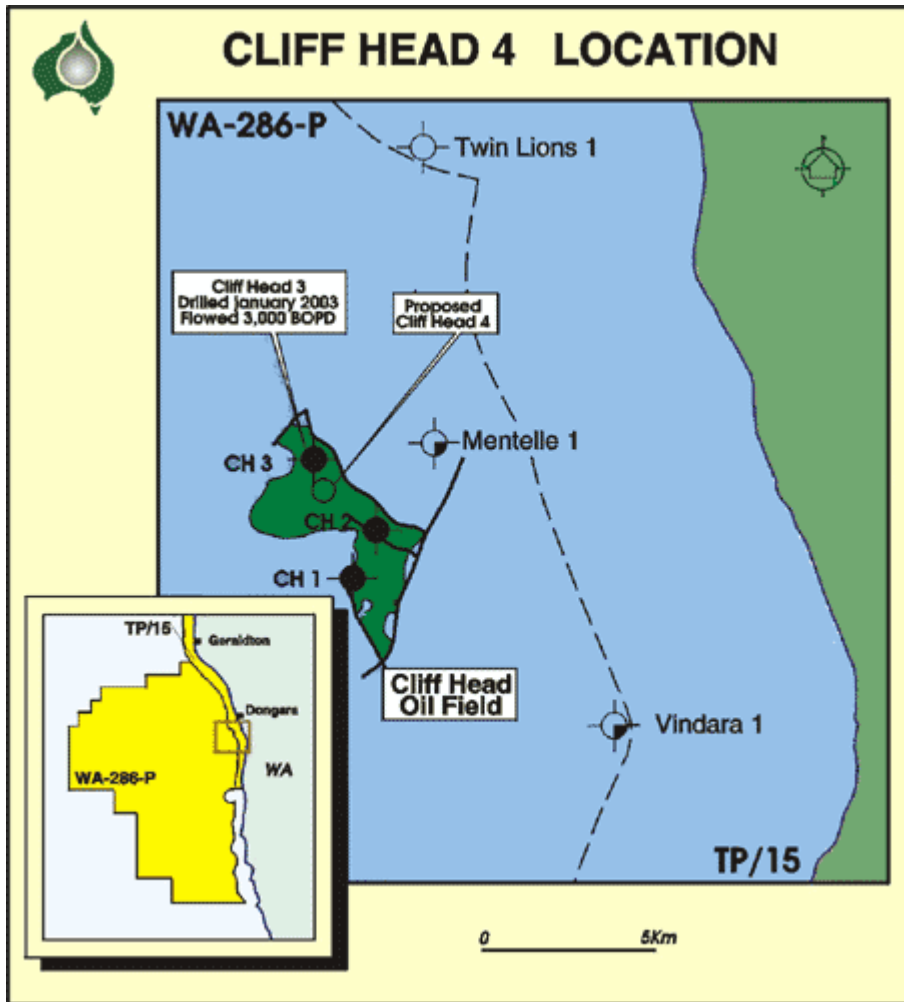
Firm Wells				
Well	Permit	Potential (mm bbl in place)	Equity	
Cliff Head 3	WA-286-P	80-100	5.0%	tested 3,000 BOPD
Twin Lions 1	TP/15	360	10.0%*	plugged & abandoned
Mentelle 1	WA-286-P	50	5.0%	non commercial oil shows
Vindara 1	WA-286-P	70-100	5.0%	oil shows in poor quality reservoir
Cliff Head 4	WA-286-P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

* 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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