

ASX ANNOUNCEMENT AND MEDIA RELEASE

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Cliff Head Multi-well Drilling Programme Rig Preparing to Move to Vindara 1

Norwest Energy NL advises that at 5am (Western Standard Time) today, the Ensco Jackup drilling rig was preparing to jack down from the Mentelle 1 drilling location. It is expected that the rig will be on the Vindara 1 location this afternoon.

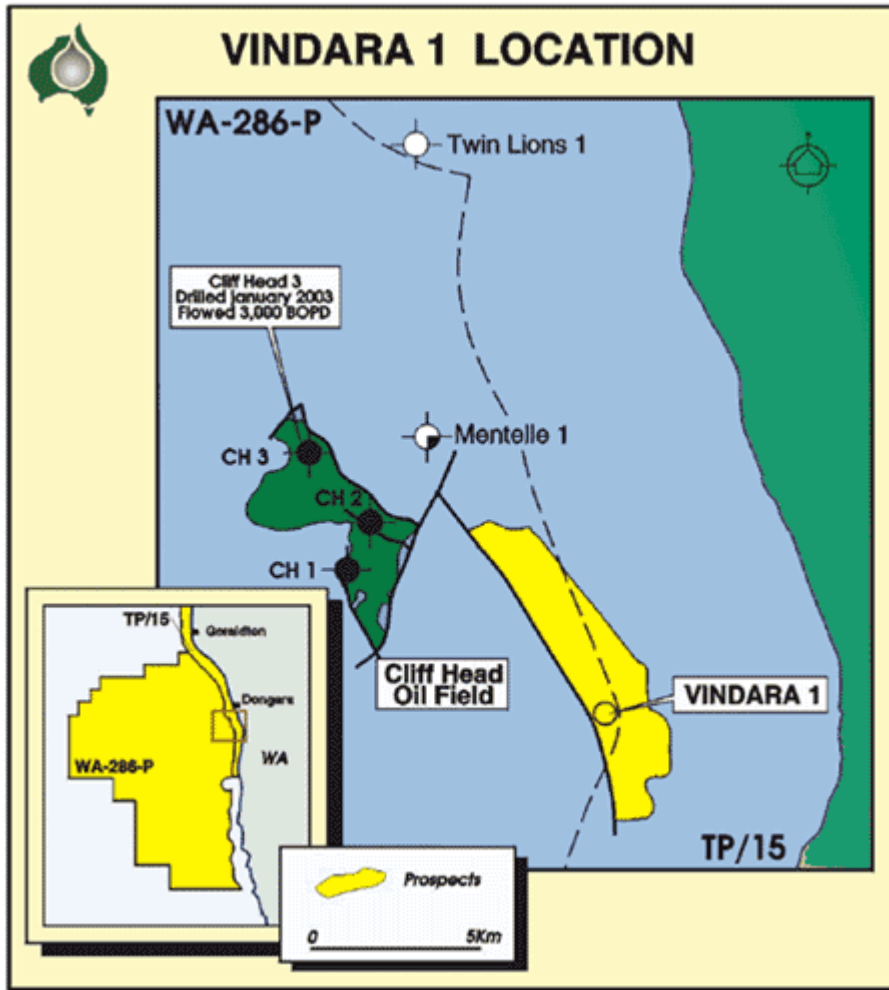
Firm Wells				
Well	Permit	Potential (mm bbl in place)	Equity	
Cliff Head 3	WA-286-P	80-100	5.0%	tested 3,000 BOPD
Twin Lions 1	TP/15	360	10.0%*	plugged & abandoned
Mentelle 1	WA-286-P	50	5.0%	non commercial oil shows
Vindara 1	WA-286-P		5.0%	next well
Cliff Head 4	WA-286-P		5.0%	

* 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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