



ASX Announcement

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AWE's Tieke-1 drilling update

AWE Ltd ("AWE") reports that as at 0600 hours today, the Tieke-1 well had reached a total depth of 3,579 metres. Since the last report, the well was drilled from 3,225 metres to total depth and encountered only minor hydrocarbon shows. The joint venture is now assessing the results to determine whether there is merit in suspending the well for a potential sidetrack to a deeper Kapuni sand target.

Following completion of operations at Tieke-1, the offshore drilling rig will commence the development drilling activities on the adjacent Tui Area Development.

Participants in Tieke-1 and PMP 38158 are:

AWE *	42.5%
Mitsui E & P New Zealand Limited	35.0%
Stewart Petroleum Company Ltd ("New Zealand Oil & Gas")	12.5%
WM Petroleum Ltd ("Pan Pacific Petroleum NL")	10.0%

* New Zealand Overseas Petroleum Pty Ltd (22.5%)
AWE New Zealand Pty Limited (20.0%)

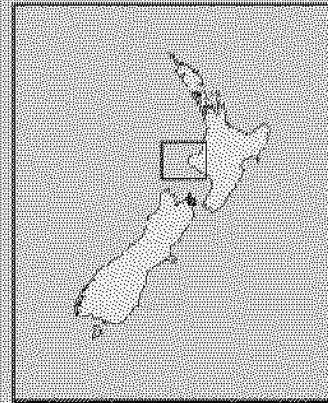
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Taranaki Basin

September 2006



Tasman Sea

PEP 38481
AWE 40%
Operator

PEP 38482
AWE 40%
Operator

PEP 38483
AWE 44.317%
Operator

West Cape

Tui Area
Oil Fields

Taranui

Tieke

Maui

PMP 38158
AWE 42.5%
Operator

Pohokura

New Plymouth

Mangahewa

Kamiro

Mckee

Ngatoro

Tariki

Afuroa

Kapuni

Waihapa-Ngaere

Rimu

Kupe

Hector Prospect

Hector South Sub Block
(PEP 38483)
AWE 42.5%
Operator

Maari

Maui-4

- Mature Source Rock
- 3D Seismic survey Outline
- Gas Field
- Oil Field
- Prospect

□ AWE Permit Blocks

— Gas Pipeline

