



ASX Announcement

March 20, 2007

AWE's Tui-3H drilling update

AWE Ltd ("AWE") reports that at 0600 hours today, the Tui-3H well was drilling ahead in a horizontal hole within the reservoir section at a measured depth of 5,180 metres. Progress for the week was 1,263 metres.

During the course of the week the Tui-3H well was drilled from 3,917 metres and has drilled approximately 1,063 metres of horizontal section in the oil reservoir.

The Tui Area Development is located within PMP 38158, in the Taranaki basin, approximately 50 kilometres offshore of the west coast of the North Island of New Zealand. First oil is expected from the development by June 30, 2007, and when fully commissioned, a production rate peaking at 50,000 bopd is anticipated.

Participants in PMP 38158 are:

AWE * (Operator)	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%)

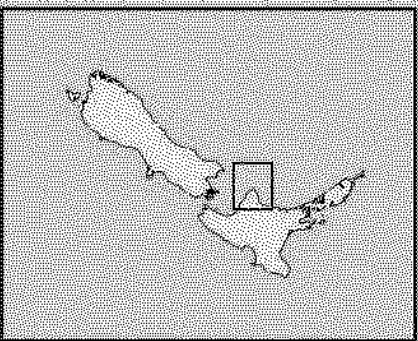
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Taranaki Basin

December 2006



Tasman Sea



PEP 38483
AWE 44.317%
Operator

PEP 38481
AWE 40%
Operator

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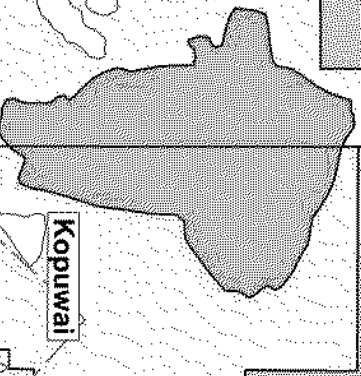
Hector South Sub Block
(PEP 38483)
AWE 42.5%
Operator

Hector Prospect

West Cape

Kopuwai

PEP 38482
AWE 40%
Operator



PMP 38158
AWE 42.5%
Operator

Taranui

Tui Area
Oil Fields

Tieke Fiank

Maui

New Plymouth

Pohokura

Manganawa

Kamiro

Ngatoro

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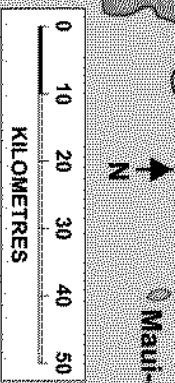
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Rimu

Kupe



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- 3D Seismic survey Outline
- Gas Field
- Oil Field
- Prospect
- AWE Permit Blocks
- Gas Pipeline