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NZOG'S Hector-1 drilling report

New Zealand Oil & Gas Limited ("NZOG") reports that the Hector-1 well reached a total measured depth of 3,825 metres at 12:30 a.m. this morning. The well did not encounter any significant hydrocarbon shows. Wireline logs are currently being run to further evaluate the reservoir intervals, after which the well will be plugged and abandoned.

Hector-1 was the first of two exploration wells to be drilled by NZOG in the offshore Taranaki basin this year. After Hector-1, the Taranui-1 well will be drilled.

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Participants in PEP 38483 are:

New Zealand Oil & Gas Ltd (through its subsidiary Stewart Petroleum Co. Ltd)	18.9%
Australian Worldwide Exploration Limited (Operator)	44.3%
Mitsui E & P New Zealand Ltd	22.7%
Pan Pacific Petroleum NL (through its subsidiary WM Petroleum Ltd)	14.1%

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