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NZOG'S Hector-1 drilling report

New Zealand Oil & Gas Limited ("NZOG") reports that at 0600 hours on 14 August 2007, the Hector-1 well was being plugged and abandoned at a total measured depth of 3,825 metres.

After completion of operations at Hector-1, the *Ocean Patriot* rig will be moved to drill the Taranui-1 well in PMP 38158. NZOG estimates the Taranui Prospect to potentially have an estimated 15 million barrels of recoverable oil. A discovery at Taranui-1 would most likely be fast-tracked for development through the existing Tui area FPSO and facilities.

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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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