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Subject	<b>KUPE DEVELOPMENT WELLS - KUPE SOUTH 6, 7 &amp; 8, OFFSHORE TARANAKI BASIN, NEW ZEALAND</b>		

For your information please find attached, an announcement regarding the Kupe Development Wells.

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## ASX Release

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### Kupe Development wells - Kupe South 6, 7 & 8, offshore Taranaki Basin, New Zealand

Origin Energy Limited advises that at 12pm EST on 9 January, the 17 inch section of the Kupe South 7 (KS-7) well had reached a depth of 1,852m MDRT (measured depth from rotary table). Drilling of the 17 inch section will continue to the planned depth of 2,000m at which point the 13-3/8 inch casing will be run and cemented. Upon completion, the 17 inch section of Kupe South 8 (KS-8) will be drilled and cased. This will be followed by drilling of the 12-1/4 inch sections of KS-6, KS-7 and KS-8.

Drilling began at 22:40 hrs on 19 December 2007. Progress of all three development wells in permit PML 38146 is summarised as follows:

	22 inch	17 inch	12-1/4 inch	8-1/2 inch
KS-6	560m	2,000m		
KS-7	566m	1,852m		
KS-8	568m			

Each of the three production wells will be drilled by the ENSCO 107 jack-up drilling rig to a vertical depth of approximately 3,400 metres.

The Kupe Project drilling campaign is being undertaken on a "batch-drilling" basis. This process involves completing the same section of each of the three wells before proceeding to the subsequent section and is a more efficient approach than drilling the wells separately.

#### Participants in the Kupe Gas Project are:

Origin Energy Resources (Kupe) Limited* (Operator)	50%
Wholly owned subsidiaries of Genesis Energy	31%
New Zealand Oil & Gas Limited (through its subsidiaries: National Petroleum Ltd. 12.75%, Petroleum Equities Ltd. 1.25% and Nephrite Enterprises Ltd. 1.00%)	15%
Mitsui E&P Australia Pty Ltd	4%

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