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### KUPE DEVELOPMENT WELLS DISCLOSURE NOTICE

New Zealand Oil & Gas Limited advises that at 14:00 hours on 23 January, the 17 inch section of the Kupe South 8 (KS-8) well had reached a total depth of 2,184m MDRT (measured depth from rotary table) and the 13-3/8 inch casing run and cemented.

Surface equipment is currently undergoing routine pressure testing and upon completion, the 12-1/4 inch section of KS-8 will be drilled and cased. This will be followed by drilling of the 12-1/4 inch sections of KS-7 and KS-6.

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 ¼ inch	8 ½ inch
KS-6	560m	2,000m		
KS-7	566m	2,000m		
KS-8	568m	2,184m		

Each of the three production wells will be drilled by the ENSCO 107 jack-up 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. Drilling of the three wells is expected to take around five months to complete.

The Kupe Project is located within permit PML38146 in the offshore Taranaki Basin, New Zealand, approximately 30km off the coast. The development will comprise production wells tied into an unmanned offshore platform, a 30 km pipeline to shore, and an onshore processing station. The Kupe Project is expected to be completed by mid-2009 and produce approximately 254 petajoules of natural gas, 1.1 million tonnes of LPG and 14.7 million barrels of light oil (condensate).

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

Origin Energy Limited (through its subsidiary Origin Energy Resources (Kupe) Limited)	50% (Operator)
Genesis Energy (through wholly owned subsidiaries)	31%
New Zealand Oil & Gas Limited (through wholly owned subsidiaries)	15%
Mitsui E&P Australia Pty Ltd	4%

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