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Subject	KUPE DEVELOPMENT WELLS - KUPE SOUTH 6, 7 & 8.		

For your information please find attached, a release regarding Kupe South 6, 7 & 8.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Hundy".

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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 as of 12pm EST on 26 March, the 5 inch liner has been set and cemented in the 8-1/2 inch well bore on the Kupe South 8 (KS-8) well.

The well will now be temporarily suspended and the rig moved to Kupe South 7 (KS-7) to drill and evaluate the reservoir section.

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	2,895m	3,385m
KS-7	566m	2,000m	3,116m	
KS-8	568m	2,184m	3,429m	3,834m

*Depths are cumulative and show total well depth.

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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