



10 April 2008

### KUPE DEVELOPMENT WELLS DISCLOSURE NOTICE

New Zealand Oil & Gas Ltd (NZOG) advises that as of 14:00 hours on 09 April, attempts to recover the stuck pipe in the 8-1/2 inch section on the Kupe South 7 (KS-7) well had been abandoned and preparations were underway to sidetrack and re-drill the reservoir section.

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 began at 22:40 hours on 19 December 2007. Progress of all three development wells 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.

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).

*Attached: Graphic depiction of drilling progress to date.*

#### 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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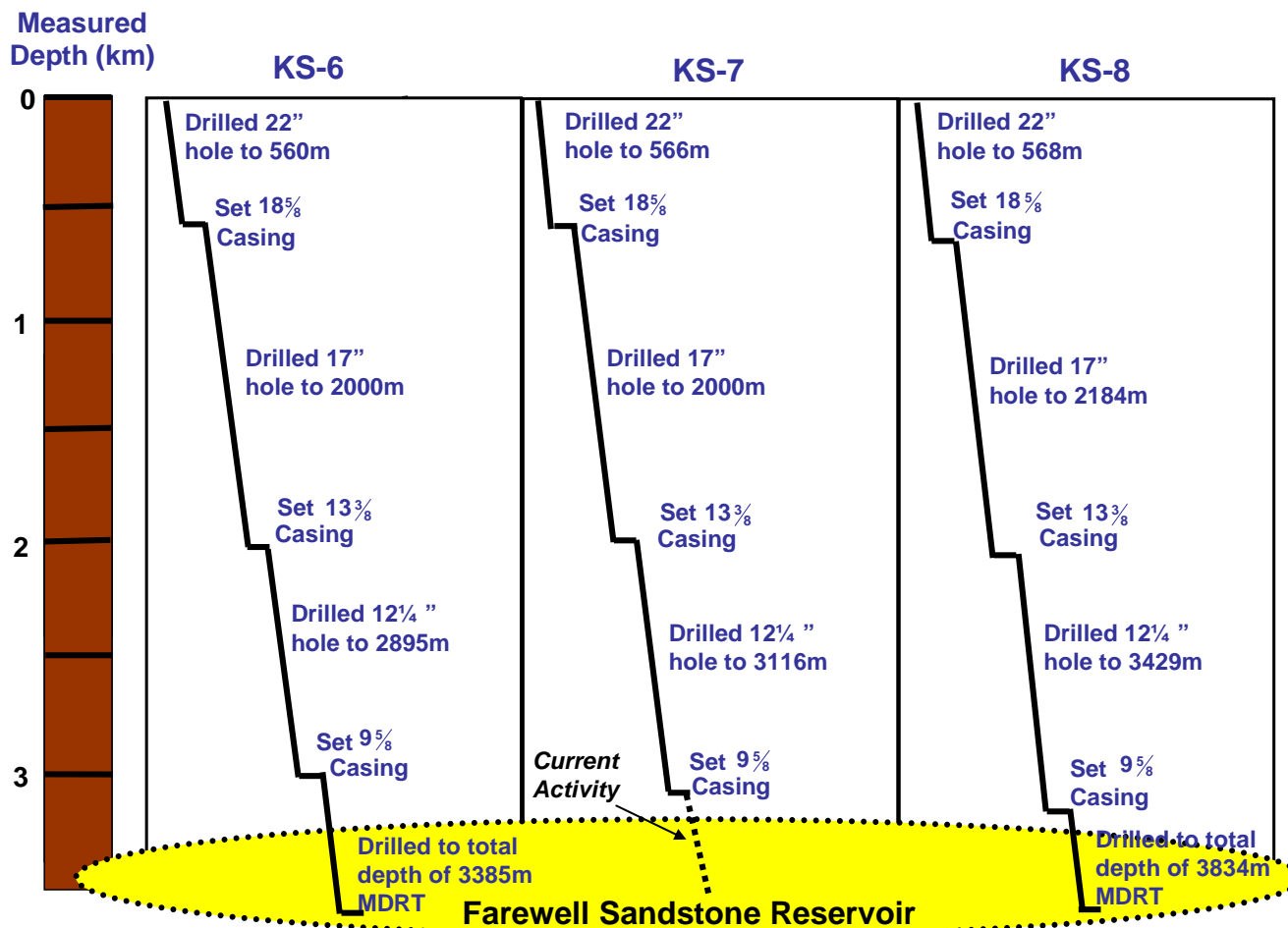
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## Kupe Development Wells Drilling Progress as at: 09 Apr 2008



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