



17 April 2008

### KUPE DEVELOPMENT WELLS DISCLOSURE NOTICE

New Zealand Oil & Gas Ltd (NZOG) advises that as at 14:00 hours on 16 April, the 6-1/8 inch section of Kupe South 7 Sidetrack 1 (KS-7 ST1) had been drilled to a final depth of 3,503m MDRT (measured depth from rotary table).

Over the last week, the abandonment of the 8-1/2 inch section of the Kupe South 7 (KS-7) well was successfully completed. The well, renamed Kupe South 7 Sidetrack 1 (KS-7 ST1), was directionally drilled away from the original hole from below the 9-5/8 inch casing shoe; a 7 inch liner set down to the top of the reservoir; and the reservoir section re-drilled.

The reservoir section will now be evaluated with wire-line logs and upon completion the 5 inch liner will be set and cemented.

Drilling of the three development wells began at 22:40 hrs on 19 December 2007. Progress is summarised as follows:

	22 inch	17 inch	12-1/4 inch	8-1/2 inch	6-1/8 inch
KS-6	560m	2,000m	2,895m	3,385m	
KS-7	566m	2,000m	3,116m	3,454m	
KS-7 ST1					3,503m
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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## Kupe Development Wells Drilling Progress as at: 16 Apr 2008

