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## **KUPE DRILLING RIG ARRIVAL DATE CONFIRMED**

New Zealand Oil & Gas Limited advises that the Ensco 107 drilling rig for the Kupe Gas Project is expected to arrive in New Zealand in June 2007. This is consistent with the company's previous announcements that drilling of Kupe development wells was expected to commence in mid 2007, but does reflect a change to the Operator's original planned arrival date of March 2007. The Kupe Gas project remains on schedule for first gas and liquids to flow in the first half of the 2009 calendar year.

A karakia was given on 14 October to formally bless the project before the roadworks and site preparation for the onshore production station began. The karakia was organised and led by local hapu, Ngati Tu and Ngati Manukiakai and was given by Ron Hudson, a kaumatua of Nga Ruahine. It was held on the Inaha Road site where construction of the project's onshore production station will begin over the next few weeks.

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