



STOCK EXCHANGE ANNOUNCEMENT

22 November 2006

TIEKE-1 COMMENCES DRILLING

Pan Pacific Petroleum N.L. ("PPP") reports that the Tieke-1 well commenced drilling at 02:30 hours (NZ time) on November 22, 2006. At 06:00 hours today the well was preparing to run and cement 30" conductor casing at a measured depth of 229 metres.

Tieke-1 is located in PMP 38158, 40 km off the west coast of New Zealand's North Island and approximately 8 km from the Tui oil field. The well will be drilled to a planned total depth of 3,600 metres, in a water depth of 122 metres and is expected to take 18 days on a 'trouble free' basis.

Following completion of operations at Tieke-1, the offshore drilling rig will commence the development drilling activities on the adjacent Tui Area Development.

Participants in Tieke-1 and PMP 38158 are:

Pan Pacific Petroleum NL (through its subsidiary WM Petroleum Ltd)	10.0%
Stewart Petroleum Company Ltd (through New Zealand Oil & Gas Ltd)	12.5%
AWE New Zealand Pty Limited ("AWE")	20.0%
New Zealand Overseas Petroleum Pty Ltd ("AWE")	22.5%
Mitsui E & P New Zealand Limited	35.0%

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Ware'.

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Notes:

1. References to *PPP*, and *the company*, are to be read as inclusive of the subsidiary companies within the consolidated PPP group.