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ROC OIL COMPANY LIMITED ("ROC")

STOCK EXCHANGE RELEASE

EXPLORATION DRILLING UPDATE: JACALA – 1

ROC advises that further to its Exploration Drilling Update of 19 April 2006, preliminary interpretation of log data indicates that hydrocarbons are not present at the primary objective for Jacala-1, WA-351-P, Carnarvon Basin, Offshore Western Australia.

Following completion of the evaluation programme the well will be plugged and abandoned.

The WA-351-P Joint Venture comprises:

BHP Billiton Petroleum (North West Shelf) Pty Ltd	55% & Operator
Tap (Shelfal) Pty Ltd	25%
Roc Oil (WA) Pty Ltd	20%

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