



25 May 2004

Australian Stock Exchange Limited  
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Dear Sir,

**ANNOUNCEMENT TO ASX**

**DRILLING REPORT: REG SPRIGG WEST # 1  
PEL 90/PPL 194, COOPER/EROMANGA BASIN, SA**

Stuart Petroleum advises that the status of Reg Sprigg West # 1 at 0600 hours (CST) on 25 May 2004 was:

Location: PEL 90 Candra Block/PPL 194, 1.5 km west of Reg Sprigg # 3  
Planned Total Depth: 2412 metres  
Current depth: 2335 metres  
Operations: Pulling out of hole for bit change  
Spud: 2100 hrs, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2004

During the period the following shows were encountered:

- **Tinchoo formation:** a good gas show over the interval 2250 m to 2263 m
- **Paning formation:** a fair oil/gas show over the interval 2325 m to 2328m

The following shows, which were encountered earlier in the well, remain to be evaluated by wireline logs and where necessary, DST:

- **Basal Birkhead:** a fair to good oil show over the interval 1940 m to 1946 m.
- **Tinchoo:** a fair to good oil show over the interval 2220 m to 2229.5 m.

Participants in the Reg Sprigg West Block Joint Venture are:

Santos Group (Operator)	52.0142%
Delhi Petroleum	12.8572%
Origin Energy Resources	7.902%
Novus Australia Resources	2.2266%
Stuart Petroleum Limited	18.75%
Beach Petroleum Limited	6.25%

Yours faithfully,

**Tino Guglielmo**  
**Chief Executive Officer**