



27th May 2004

Australian Stock Exchange Limited
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Dear Sir,

ANNOUNCEMENT TO ASX

**DRILLING REPORT: HARPOONO # 1
PEL 113, COOPER/EROMANGA BASIN, SA**

Stuart Petroleum advises that the status of Harpoono # 1 at 0600 hours (CST) on 27th May 2004 was:

Location:	PEL 113, 52km south of Moomba
Planned Total Depth:	1518 metres
Current depth:	294 metres
Operations:	Waiting on roads to dry out to allow materials to be delivered to the rig
Spud:	00.00hrs, 24 th May 2004

Participants in the PEL 113 Harpoono Block Joint Venture are:

Stuart Petroleum Limited (Operator)	66.7% (STU)
Beach Petroleum Limited	33.3% (BPT)

Yours faithfully,

Tino Guglielmo
Chief Executive Officer

DAYS FROM SPUD

