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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 1 June 2004 was:

Location:	PEL 90 Candra Block/PPL 194, 1.5 km west of Reg Sprigg # 3
Planned Total Depth:	2412 metres
Actual Total Depth:	2380.4 metres
Operations:	Running in hole for DST 2 in the Birkhead formation over the interval 1932 to 1943 metres.
Spud:	2100 hrs, 16 th May 2004

Participants in the Reg Sprigg West Block Joint Venture are:

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

Yours faithfully,

Tino Guglielmo
Chief Executive Officer