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WEEKLY DRILLING REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 2 MAY 2006

Beach Petroleum advises the status of the wells it operates, or has an interest in, as follows:

OPERATED WELLS

Silver Sands-1

Well type:	Exploration well
Location:	PEL 92, Eromanga Basin, South Australia. 1.5 km southeast of the Christies Field and 80km west of Moomba.
Participants:	Beach Petroleum Ltd (Operator) 75% Cooper Energy Ltd 25%
Total Depth:	1967 mRT (actual)
Objectives:	Birkhead Formation/Hutton Sandstone and Namur Sandstone
Progress & status:	Silver Sands-1 has progressed 609m during the week to reach a Total Depth of 1967m. Two open-hole DST's were conducted. DST-1 (1354 – 1358m) tested the Namur Sandstone and flowed oil to surface at 859 bopd accompanied by water at 340 bopd. DST 2 (1622 – 1636m), conducted late yesterday, tested the uppermost Hutton Sandstone. No flow to surface was recorded during the 2-hour flow period, but 18.5 barrels of oil and 21.5 barrels of water were recovered. At 0600 hrs (CST) on May 2 preparations were underway to conduct a wiper trip prior to completing the open hole logging program. The well will be cased and suspended for future completion as a Namur and Hutton oil producer.

NON OPERATED WELLS

Basker Development

Well type: Oil and gas appraisal/development – 3 well batch drilling program.

Location: VIC/L 26, Offshore Gippsland Basin, Victoria.
25 km east of Flounder Oilfield, and 150km east of Sale.

Participants:	Beach Petroleum Ltd	50%
	Anzon Australian Ltd (Operator)	50%

Total Depth:	Basker-5: 3640mRT (actual)
	Basker-4: 3636mRT (prognosed)
	Basker-3: 4125mRT (actual)

Objective: Latrobe Group.

Progress & status
06:00 hrs (EST): Basker-5: There has been no activity since last report. The well has been cased and suspended for future completion as an oil producer.

Basker-4: There has been no activity since last report. Surface casing is set at 999 metres and the production hole will be drilled following Basker-3.

Basker-3: Since last report the well has been drilled to Total Depth of 4125 metres, wireline logging completed and production casing run and cemented. The current operation is conducting a vertical seismic profile program.

Preliminary interpretation indicates 75 metres of total hydrocarbon pay of which 23 - 32 metres is interpreted to be net oil pay (compared with 20 metres at Basker-5). The well encountered the intra-Latrobe reservoirs approximately 20 metres higher than expected and up to 5 – 10 metres higher than Basker-5, which was previously interpreted to be located at the crest of the field.

Tipton West Development

Well type: Coal seam gas development.

In total 85 wells are planned to be drilled. At this stage 7 have been completed.

Location: PL 198, Surat Basin, Queensland.
20 km south of Dalby.

Participants: Beach Petroleum Ltd 40%
Arrow Energy NL (Operator) 60%

Total Depth: Tipton West-78: 405 mRT (actual)
Tipton West-62: 406 mRT (actual)
Tipton West-48: 405 mRT (prognosed)
Tipton West-71: 405 mRT (prognosed)

Objective: Walloon Coal Measures.

Progress & status
06:00 hrs (EST): Tipton West-78:
The well drilled from 302m to 405m (TD) during the week, and has been cased and completed. The rig was released 1 May 2006.

Tipton West-62:
The well drilled from 195m to 406m (TD) during the week, and has been logged. At 0600 hours this morning the operation was under-reaming the coal production zones.

Tipton West-48:
The well spudded on 1 May 2006, and at 0600 hours this morning was drilling surface hole at a depth of 41.5m

Tipton West-71:
The well spudded on 2 May 2006, and at 0600 hours this morning was drilling surface hole at a depth of 46m.

Yours faithfully,



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Chief Operating Officer