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RISING FAST TARGETS FURTHER DUNOON RIDGE SUCCESS

Stuart Petroleum Limited today announced the intention to drill the Rising Fast 1 exploration well. The well is being drilled on trend with recent discoveries including the recently drilled Might & Power 1 well and the highly successful Revenue 1 well drilled in July.

Mr. Tino Guglielmo, the Managing Director of Stuart said that "Rising Fast 1 is located on what is becoming a significant oil producing centre, the Dunoon Ridge. The Revenue 1 well was drilled on the Dunoon Ridge and resulted in a multi zone oil discovery (Birkhead, Murta and McKinlay) which recently commenced production on pump from the Birkhead formation at rates in excess of 800 barrels of oil per day", Mr. Guglielmo added.

The Might & Power 1 well, also drilled on the Dunoon Ridge, recovered oil from the McKinlay formation on test and is currently being completed to test the oil potential of the Murta formation after which the well is likely to undergo fracture stimulation. The well confirms the oil potential of the Dunoon Ridge to the South where additional prospects have been mapped.

The Rising Fast 1 well also follows up the Dunoon Ridge oil discoveries made at Harpoono in May 2004 and subsequent appraisal drilling of the Harpoono Field carried out in 2006.

The Rising Fast 1 well is located on the Dunoon Ridge within PEL 113, 700 metres north-east of the Revenue oil discovery and 3.6km north-east of the Harpoono oil discovery.

The Rising Fast structure has potential oil in place of between 0.5 – 1.4 million barrels in the Murta Formation, the McKinlay Member and the Birkhead Formation. Potential reserves estimates range from 200-500 kbbls of oil.

The well will be spudded on or about 13 November 2006 following completion of Might & Power 1.

(Rising Fast won the 1954 Melbourne Cup as a 5 year old gelding; was trained by I.J. Tucker, ridden by J. Purtell and carried 59.5kg to victory from barrier 8).

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Stuart Petroleum Limited [ASX symbol: STU] is a specialist Cooper Basin Exploration and Production company with a significant land holding in the South Australian Cooper Basin, a world class oil and gas province.

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RISING FAST 1 EXPLORATION WELL

Details

Licence:	PEL 113 - Cooper / Eromanga Basins SA	
Participants:	Stuart Petroleum Ltd (Operator)	66.7%
	Beach Petroleum Ltd	33.3%
Rig:	Hunt Rig 3	
Potential Original Oil in Place:	0.9 million barrels (Mean Value)	
Target Strata:	Primary:	Murta (oil) McKinlay (oil) Birkhead (oil)
	Secondary:	Hutton (oil)

Total Depth: 1550 metres

Commentary

Rising Fast 1 is an exploration well designed to test the oil potential of the Birkhead Formation and the McKinlay Member in which oil has been discovered at Revenue, 0.7km to the south-west.

Rising Fast will also test the oil potential of the Murta/Hutton reservoirs. Rising Fast is close to the north-western edge of the Dunoon Ridge where the Birkhead is a thicker, more effective seal, as was the case at Revenue where a new Birkhead oil pool was discovered. Analogous Hutton/Birkhead fields exist on the north-west edge of the adjacent Murteree Ridge at Toparua, Demilyn and Carmina.

Hydrocarbons are interpreted to have migrated out of Early Permian Patchawarra sediments located in a thick depocentre to the north and north-east of Rising Fast.

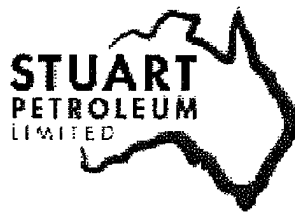
The Harpoono 3D Seismic Survey, recorded in 2005, was used to map the Harpoono and Revenue oil discoveries and the Rising Fast structure. If Rising Fast is successful, there are a number of follow-up structures in the area to be drilled.

Pre-Drill Estimate of Oil in Place (thousands of barrels)

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Oil in Place					
Formation	P90	P50	Mean	P10	Pg
Murta	90	173	194	330	30%
McKinlay	179	305	330	515	35%
Birkhead	180	300	350	500	40%

Pg = Geological Risk



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Rising Fast 1 Location Map

