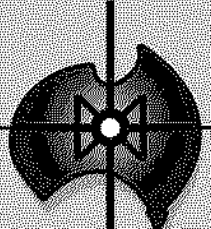


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Dear Sir,

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We advise that 272,667 shares and 136,334 options (expiry 30 June 2007), which are currently classified as restricted securities, are to be released from escrow on 8 September 2006.

Yours sincerely,
Central Petroleum Limited



Richard Faull
Director