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ELIXIR PETROLEUM LTD
("Elixir" or "the Company")

DRILLING RESULT

Elixir Petroleum Limited (ASX code: EXR, AIM code: ELP) announces that its latest UK North Sea exploration well on the Muness prospect has failed to find commercial quantities of hydrocarbons.

Well 21/4b-6 was spudded on the 30^{th} November 2005 by the rig *Sedco 712* and drilled to a total depth of 3,650 metres.

The target Lower Cretaceous Kopervik sands were intersected close to prognosis but produced only minor gas shows. The well is being plugged and abandoned prior to the rig being released.

Elixir has earned a 7% interest in Block 21/4b by contributing to the costs of drilling the Muness well.

Russell Langusch, Elixir's Managing Director, said, "Any dry hole is of course a disappointment. However, the Company has assembled a portfolio of many excellent prospects which will be evaluated over the next two years. Elixir's next exploration venture will be our high potential Jaguar well which is due to commence drilling in Block 211/22b around mid-to-late January 2006."

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