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Trefoil-1 confirmed as a wildcat gas discovery

FAR is the holder of a 0.09375% royalty interest over Bass Basin (Offshore Tasmania) Permit T18P where the Trefoil-1 well is being drilled. According to a release made to the ASX this morning **the Trefoil-1 well in the Bass Basin offshore Tasmania has been confirmed as a wildcat gas-condensate discovery.** The release by AWE states:

"Further to advice on 22 November that good gas shows were recorded within sandstones interbedded with shales over the intervals 2964-3000m, 3015-3044m and 3135-3156m and in sandstones interbedded with volcanics over the intervals 3382-3387m and 3429-3432m, "Singlepoint" formation sampling has confirmed the presence of gas at the following depths: 2968.7m, 2977.8m, 2982.0m, 3045.2m, 3057.2m, 3142.7m and 3386.0m. Some of these samples have increased the gas zones previously identified on wireline electric logs.

In line with the pre-drill prognosis, these "single-point" gas samples are associated with a series of more vertically-extensive, but still low relief, stacked gas columns in good quality sands within the lower Eastern View Coal Measures.

Preliminary analytical data on samples to hand indicate that the gas is good quality, being liquids rich and having a low CO₂ content. As the well appears not to have intersected the gas-water contacts for most of the gas columns, formation testing and sampling is still underway to establish the down-dip extent of the gas accumulations.

At this stage it remains too early to comment on the commercial significance of this new field gas discovery in Bass Strait."

FAR's royalty interest was created by a Deed of Assignment and Grant of Royalty dated 19 March 1986 made between First Australian Resources NL et al and Amoco Australia Petroleum Company ("Amoco") and South Australian Oil & Gas Corporation Pty Limited ("SAOG") pursuant to which a participating interest in T18P was assigned in exchange for an over-riding royalty interest.

The Deed establishing the royalty interest was registered by the relevant authority under the Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act on 23 March 1986. The overriding royalty is based on a share of gross production net of Government royalty and resource rent tax.

As a royalty holder FAR does not receive information on activities within the block, however public domain data lodged with the ASX indicates the Trefoil Prospect has potential Reserves of 300 PJ and 36 million barrels of liquids.

Further information on the Trefoil Prospect may be found at www.awexp.com.au.