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The Manager - Companies
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Dear Sir,

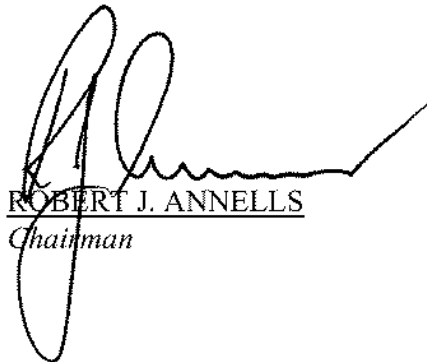
**BELLARINE 1 WELL
PEP 163, ONSHORE OTWAY BASIN, VICTORIA**

Lakes Oil N.L. ("LKO") advises that at 6:00 AM this morning the Bellarine 1 well was drilling ahead at a depth of 1,418 metres having progressed 76 metres in the past twenty-four hours.

During the next twenty-four hours it is planned to drill ahead.

Jupiter Energy (Victoria) Pty Ltd is earning a 50% interest in permit PEP 163 by funding the first \$1.2 million of the cost of drilling the Bellarine 1 well.

Yours sincerely
LAKE OIL N.L.



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