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Subject	MYALL CREEK DRILLING RIG FIRE UNDER CONTROL		

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For your information please find attached a media release issued by Oil Company of Australia today in respect of Myall Creek.

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Media Release

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Myall Creek drilling rig fire under control

The gas fire at Oil Company of Australia Limited's (OCA) No 8 well at Myall Creek in Queensland continues to burn in a controlled manner at the wellhead and is being closely monitored. Water is being continuously sprayed to cool nearby drilling rig equipment.

Technical specialists from OCA, the drilling contractor and a representative of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines are on-site. Well control specialists are scheduled to arrive into Brisbane on Wednesday morning and be on-site as soon as practicable thereafter. These specialists will undertake a review of the situation, make the necessary preparations and then proceed to extinguish the fire and shut-off the gas flow.

OCA sincerely regrets to advise that one of the drilling contractors' employees died in hospital last night as a result of the injuries sustained on Monday morning. The other two contractor employees continue to be treated in Brisbane.

A full investigation to determine the cause of the incident has commenced by the relevant authorities and OCA will assist this investigation in all ways possible.

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