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Subject	MYALL CREEK DRILLING RIG FIRE		

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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.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Hundy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Media Release

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Myall Creek drilling rig fire

Conditions on-site remain unchanged. The gas fire at the No 8 well at Myall Creek 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.

Specialists from Cudd Well Control arrived from Houston this morning. Based on the information available at this time, Cudd concluded that it would take an estimated 7 - 10 days to secure the well and extinguish the fire. In addition, pending these operations, Cudd determined it was best to allow the gas to continue burn at the wellhead.

The investigation to determine the cause of the incident by the relevant authorities is continuing and OCA is assisting this investigation in all ways possible.

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