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Subject	MYALL CREEK FIRE EXTINGUISHED		

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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 fire extinguished

The gas fire at No. 8 well Myall Creek has been extinguished this afternoon by specialists brought in from US firm Cudd Well Control. The well has been capped and is under control.

The fire had been burning since Monday 7 April.

Over the past few days, efforts have concentrated on removing the drilling rig from over the burning well, while specialist capping equipment was transported to the site. All operations proceeded to the plan formulated last week by Oil Company of Australia and Cudd Well Control.

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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