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Company	Australian Stock Exchange Limited	Date	11 July 2003
From	Bill Hundy	Pages	2
Subject	OIL COMPANY OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED		

Attached for your information is an announcement entitled "Origin Energy announces an offer to acquire Oil Company of Australia Limited".

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Hundy", enclosed within a rectangular box.

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ASX Release

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Origin Energy announces an offer to acquire Oil Company of Australia Limited

Origin Energy Limited ("Origin") advises that it proposes to make an off market cash offer of \$4.25 per share to acquire all the ordinary shares in Oil Company of Australia Limited ("OCA") that it does not already own.

The offer will not be subject to any defeating conditions.

Origin currently holds 85.23% of the issued capital of OCA. Under a pre-bid agreement with Santos Ltd, Santos has agreed to accept the offer in respect of 2.9 million shares, giving Origin a relevant interest in 87.69% of the issued capital of OCA.

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