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RE: APPRAISAL WELL JINGEMIA-2 COMMENCES DRILLING

Dear Sir/Madam

Hardman Resources Ltd is pleased to advise that the Jingemia-2 appraisal well commenced drilling ("spudded") on 24 August 2003. The well is being drilled in the EP-413 onshore exploration permit located to the north of the Woodada Gas Field (75% owned by Hardman) and is approximately 300 kilometres north of Perth, Western Australia. Further details are:

Progress: Current depth of 332 metres.
(up to 06:00 hours 25/08/03) Note: All reported depths are referenced to the rig drill floor.

Well Location: Jingemia-2 appraisal well is being drilled from near the Jingemia-1 surface location as a deviated well and is planned to intersect the oil bearing reservoir at approximately 1 kilometre south east of the Jingemia-1 discovery well.

Primary Target: Dongara Sandstones, oil bearing reservoir formation, at approximate drilled depth of 2,663 metres (2,414 metres vertical depth).

The well is designed to intersect the edge of the Jingemia Oil Field and to assist in defining the oil/water contact of the field. It is anticipated the well will provide further confidence of the field reserves and is expected to be completed as either a second oil production well or as a water injection well to provide pressure support in the reservoir.

A period of 15 days has been estimated for the completion of drilling operations at Jingemia-2 to a planned total drilled depth of 2,725 metres.

Participants:	Origin Energy Developments Pty Limited	49.189%
	Hardman Resources Ltd	22.376%
	AWE (Perth Basin) Pty Ltd	15.245%
	Voyager Energy Limited	6.270%

Victoria Petroleum NL	5.000%
Norwest Energy NL	1.278%
Roc Oil (WA) Pty Limited	0.250%
Arc Energy NL	0.250%
John Kevin Geary	0.142%

During drilling operations at Jingemia-2, Hardman Resources will issue weekly progress reports on Thursdays.

Update on Leafcutter 1 Exploration Well

The rigging up of the Logue Rig continues. It is anticipated that the Leafcutter-1 well will spud later this week.

Participants:	Hardman Resources Ltd (Operator)	75%
	Bounty Oil & Gas NL	25%

TED ELLYARD
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Note: In accordance with Australian Stock Exchange Limited listing requirements, the geological information supplied in this report has been based on information provided by geologists who have had in excess of five years experience in their field of activity.