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Company	Australian Stock Exchange Limited	Date	25 August 2004
From	Bill Hundy	Pages	3
Subject	ACQUISITION OF ONSHORE OTWAY PERMITS		

Please find attached an announcement regarding Origin's acquisition of onshore Otway permits.

Regards

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

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Acquisition of onshore Otway permits

On 20 July 2004 Origin Energy announced that it had signed an agreement with Santos (BOL) Pty Limited to acquire interests in exploration and production tenements in the onshore portion of the Victorian Otway Basin for \$25.75 million.

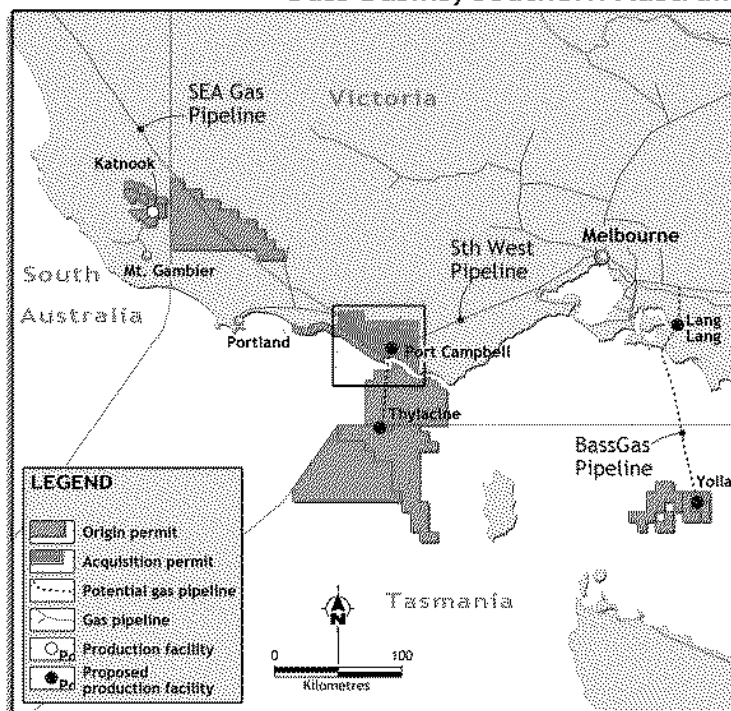
The acquisition was subject to certain pre-emptive rights in relation to EP 154 (a) and (b) and associated PPLs by the other joint venture participant. Those rights have now lapsed enabling Origin to acquire these interests in full. Origin will proceed to obtain the necessary consents and regulatory approvals to complete the transaction.

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Maps follow

Origin Energy exploration and production tenements - Otway and Bass Basins, southern Australia



Details of tenements acquired from Santos Ltd (as per red outline above)

