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Please find attached an ASX release entitled "Progress Report on Fiddich 1, Offshore Perth Basin, Western Australia".

Regards



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ASX Release

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Progress Report on Fiddich 1, Offshore Perth Basin, Western Australia

Origin Energy Limited, as Operator of offshore Perth Basin Exploration Permit WA-226-P, advises that at 06:00 hours WST the exploration well Fiddich-1 was drilling ahead in 216 mm (8 ½ inch) hole at a depth of 1258 metres.

The well intersected the primary target at 1232.5 metres. Logging while drilling and the absence of significant hydrocarbon shows during drilling indicate that the primary objective is water bearing. The well will now be drilled to TD before a decision is made on whether wireline logs are run.

Apache Energy is managing the drilling of the Fiddich 1 well as agent on behalf of Origin Energy.

Participants in Fiddich 1 and WA-226-P are as follows:

Origin Energy Developments Pty Limited*	28.75000% (Operator)
Apache Northwest Pty Ltd***	28.75000%
Dana Petroleum (E&P) Limited**	12.81375%
Voyager (PB) Limited	10.00000%
Dana Petroleum (WA) LLC**	7.186250%
Roc Oil (WA) Pty Limited	7.500000%
Wandoo Petroleum Pty Ltd	5.000000%

* a wholly owned subsidiary of Origin Energy Limited

** wholly owned subsidiaries of Dana Petroleum plc.

*** a wholly owned subsidiary of Apache Energy Limited which is a subsidiary of Apache Corporation, an independent oil and gas company listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

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