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From	Bill Hundy	Pages	2
Subject	TARANTULA 1 SIDETRACK GAS EXPLORATION WELL		

Please find attached a progress report regarding the Tarantula 1 Sidetrack Gas Exploration Well in the onshore Perth Basin, Western Australia.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Hundy", written over a horizontal line.

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Tarantula 1 Sidetrack Gas Exploration Well Update, Onshore Perth Basin, Western Australia

Origin Energy Limited advises that at 0600 hours WST today operations on the gas exploration well Tarantula 1 Sidetrack 1 (Tarantula 1ST1), operated by Origin Energy and located in the onshore Perth Basin Production Licence L11, was at total depth of 3,330 metres and conditioning hole prior to running liner.

Since the last report the well has been drilled to total depth of 3,330 metres in 152mm (6") hole. Wireline logging of the well, including pressure testing of the reservoir section has also been completed. Logging has confirmed gas saturations in two zones over a gross interval of 32 metres between 3,228 metres measured depth and 3,279 metres measured depth of which approximately 10 metres is interpreted to be good to excellent quality reservoir sands. The lower zone is interpreted to be equivalent to the gas producing horizon in the Beharra Springs and Beharra Springs North gas fields to the south.

Pressure data obtained during the evaluation of these sections in Tarantula 1ST1 indicates good permeability to gas is present in both zones and that a significant gas column could be present.

The forward plan is to run a slotted liner over the reservoir section to complete the well, prior to release of the rig to the Jingemina development drilling program. The well will then be flowed to unload completion fluid and suspended prior to tie in to the existing Beharra Springs facilities.

Participants in L11 and Tarantula 1ST1 are:

Origin Energy Developments Pty Limited* (Operator)	67.00%
ARC Energy Limited	33.00%

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