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Subject	JINGEMIA 9 OIL APPRAISAL WELL COMMENCES, ONSHORE PERTH BASIN, WESTERN AUSTRALIA		

Please find attached a report regarding the commencement of drilling at the Jingemia 9 Oil Appraisal Well in the onshore Perth Basin, Western Australia.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Hundy", with a horizontal line underneath it.

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Jingemia 9 Oil Appraisal Well Commences, Onshore Perth Basin, Western Australia

Origin Energy Limited advises that drilling of the appraisal well Jingemia 9, operated by ARC Energy and located in the onshore Perth Basin Production Licence L2, commenced at 1400 hours WST on Saturday 13 August 2005 using the Century 11 drilling rig. At 0600 hours WST the current operation was drilling ahead at 1,064 metres.

Jingemia 9 is a side-track of Jingemia 7 which was suspended at 560 metres within the 216mm (9 5/8") surface casing. The well is designed to intersect the oil column in the Jingemia oilfield at or near its northern extent. The surface location is the same as Jingemia 7 at:

Latitude 29° 19' 20.72" S
Longitude 114° 58' 38.72" E

The depth to the prognosed top of the primary objective Dongara Sandstone is approximately 2,685 metres measured depth. The proposed total depth of the well is 2,795 metres measured depth and it is expected to take 11 days to drill to the top of the Dongara Sandstone.

The aim of the well is to help define the extent of the Jingemia Field in the L2 licence by gathering new structural and stratigraphic information. This will also aid unitisation discussions between L2 and L14 joint ventures towards an efficient and timely development of the Jingemia Field.

Participants in L1 and L2 (excluding the Dongara, Mondarra and Yardarino fields) and Jingemia 9 are:

ARC Energy Limited (Operator)	50%
Origin Energy Developments Pty Limited*	50%

* a wholly owned subsidiary of Origin Energy Limited

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