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Company	Australian Stock Exchange Limited	Date	13 October 2005
From	Bill Hundy	Pages	2
Subject	BARTSIA 1 OIL EXPLORATION WELL UPDATE		

Please find attached a report regarding update on drilling at the Bartsia 1 Oil 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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Bartsia 1 Oil Exploration Well Update Onshore Perth Basin, Western Australia

Origin Energy Limited advises that as at 0600 hours WST, operations at the oil exploration well Bartsia 1, operated by ARC Energy Ltd and located in the onshore Perth Basin Production Licence L2, was drilling ahead at 1881 metres measured depth in 216 millimetre (8-1/2 inch) hole.

The Bartsia 1 surface location is approximately 5.5 kilometres east-southeast of the township of Dongara. The primary target is the Late Permian Dongara Sandstone, the main oil-producing reservoir in the Jingemina, Hovea and Eremia oil fields.

Bartsia 1 is being drilled as a directional well to intersect the top of the Dongara Sandstone at approximately 2,132 metres measured depth.

Surface co-ordinates for the Bartsia 1 drilling location are as follows:

Latitude: 29° 17' 04.54" S
Longitude: 114° 58' 35.66" E

The well has a planned total depth of approximately 2,560 metres measured depth.

Participants in L1 and L2 (excluding the Dongara, Mondarra and Yardarino fields) and Bartsia 1 are:

Origin Energy Developments Pty Ltd*	50.000%
ARC Energy Limited (Operator)	50.000%

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