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Subject	SENECIO 2 SIDETRACK APPRAISAL WELL COMMENCES		

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Please find attached a report in relation to the commencement of drilling at the Senecio 2 Sidetrack Appraisal Well in the onshore Perth Basin, Western Australia.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Hundy", written in a cursive style.

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Senecio 2 Sidetrack Appraisal Well Commences Onshore Perth Basin, Western Australia

Origin Energy Limited advises that at 0600 hours WST on 15 November, the current operation at the appraisal well Senecio 2, operated by ARC Energy and located in the onshore Perth Basin Production Licence L2 was pulling out of the hole to clear a possible blockage in the drill string.

Senecio-2 is being drilled as a sidetrack from the Senecio-1 well bore to a total measured depth of approximately 2,850 metres. The sidetrack is designed to penetrate the Dongara and Wagina Sandstone reservoir through the gas column at a relatively high angle to maximize formation contact. To minimise the formation damage interpreted from the Senecio 1 test results, a non invasive drilling fluid will be used to drill the sidetrack and the well will be left as a barefoot completion (not cased).

Following completion of the sidetrack a cleanup flow will be undertaken while the rig is on location.

Participants in L1 and L2 (excluding the Dongara, Mondarra and Yardarino fields) and Senecio 2 are:

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

* a wholly owned subsidiary of Origin Energy Limited

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