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Subject	WEEKLY DRILLING REPORT		

Please find attached the Weekly Drilling Report which provides an update on conventional exploration, appraisal and development wells operated by Origin Energy, its subsidiaries and significant non operated wells.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Hundy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Origin Energy Weekly Drilling Report

Origin Energy provides the following update on conventional exploration, appraisal and development wells operated by the company and its subsidiaries and significant non-operated wells.

Operated Wells

Wynn 2

Well type:	Gas Appraisal (Onshore)
Location:	Otway Basin, South Australia (PRL 1) 650 metres northwest of the Wynn 1 well.
	Latitude: 37° 24' 41.04" S
	Longitude: 140° 52' 49.77" E
Interests:	Origin Energy Resources limited* (Operator) 26.42%
	SAGASCO South East Inc* 73.58%

* wholly owned subsidiaries of Origin Energy Limited

Objective:	Primary target: Sawpit Sandstone
	Secondary target: Nil
	Proposed total depth: 2,950 metres

Progress and Status: The well commenced drilling on 29 November with the Century 7 drilling rig. 244 millimetre (9-5/8 inch) casing was set at 795 metres.

At 08:30 hours CST today the well was drilling 216 millimetre (8-1/2 inch) hole in the Katnook Sandstone at a depth of 1,665 metres.

Progress for the week was 1,175 metres.

Namarah 7

Well type: Gas Appraisal (onshore)

Location: Surat Basin, Queensland (PL 71)

Approximately 500m south of the Namarah 1 well.

Latitude: 27° 22' 55.90" S

Longitude: 149° 19' 10.95" E

Interests: Origin Energy CSG Limited* / Angari (Operator) 90.0%
Santos QNT Pty Ltd 10.0%

Ausam is funding the well as part of a farmin agreement

*a wholly owned subsidiary of Origin Energy Limited

Objective: Primary target: Showgrounds Sandstone
basal Rewan Sandstone
Secondary target: upper to lower Rewan Sandstone
Proposed total depth: 2,222.8 metres

Progress and Status: The well commenced on 8 April 2005 with the Century 7 rig. Intermediate casing (178mm) was set at 2,111 metres and the rig was released on 19 April 2005. Drilling re-commenced on 20 August with the BJ Services Coil Tubing Unit (CTU). The well was drilled to 2,206 metres and was flowing naturally through the flare line at 0.6 million cubic feet per day on a ½ inch choke.

Activities recommenced on 17 November shortly after which the bottom-hole assembly became stuck. The bottom-hole assembly was disconnected from the coil tubing and remained in the hole. The BJ CTU rig was released on 19 November. A workover rig was moved onto the site on 3 December. Fishing operations to retrieve the bottom-hole assembly are in progress.

Progress for the week was 0 metres.

Significant non operated wells

Bunjong 1

Well type: Oil Exploration (onshore)

Location: Perth Basin, Western Australia (L 2)
2.2 kilometres north of the township of Dongara.

Latitude: 29° 13' 55.82" S

Longitude: 114° 56' 13.10" E

Interests:

Origin Energy Developments Pty Ltd*	50.00%
ARC Energy Limited (Operator)	50.00%

* wholly owned subsidiary of Origin Energy Limited

Objective:

Primary target:	Dongara Sandstone
Secondary targets:	lower Irwin River Coal Measures, High Cliff Sandstone, intraformational sands of the lower Holmwood Shale
Proposed total depth:	2,060 metres

Progress and Status: The well commenced drilling on 4 December using the Century 11 drilling rig. 244 millimetre (9-5/8 inch) surface casing was set at 503 metres measured depth.

At 06:00 hours WST today, the well was pressure-testing the blow-out preventor (BOP) prior to drilling ahead.

Progress for the week was 506 metres.

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