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Company	Australian Stock Exchange Limited	Date	16 March 2006
From	Bill Hundy	Pages	2
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

Newstead 10

Well type:	Gas Injection (onshore)		
Location:	Surat Basin, Queensland (PL 27)		
	Approximately 22 kilometres southeast of the Kincora Gas Plant.		
	Latitude:	27° 11' 0.76" S	
	Longitude:	148° 53' 22.21" E	
Initial Interests:	Origin Energy CSG Ltd*	64.0%	
	Angari Pty Ltd*	4.5%	
	Oil Investments Ltd*	19.0%	
	Santos QNT Pty Ltd	12.5%	
	*a wholly owned subsidiary of Origin Energy Limited		
Objective:	Primary target:	Basal Evergreen Sandstone	
	Proposed total depth:	1479.1 metres (RT)	
Progress and Status:	Commenced drilling on 13 March 2006 with the Century drilling rig. Set 244 millimetre (9 5/8 inch) surface casing at 208 metres. Drilled 216 millimetre (8 ½ inch) hole to 875 metres. At 08:00 EST the operations at the well were drilling ahead at 875 metres in the Gubberamunda Sandstone.		
	Progress for the week was 875 metres.		

Non Operated Wells

There are no significant non operated wells to be reported.

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