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Company	Australian Stock Exchange Limited	Date	31 March 2006
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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.

Newstead 11

Well type:	Gas Injection (onshore)		
Location:	Surat Basin, Queensland (PL 27)		
	Approximately 190 metres southwest of the Newstead 1 well.		
	Latitude:	27° 10' 53.02" S	
	Longitude:	148° 53' 48.47" 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:	1491 metres (RT)	
Progress and Status:	Commenced drilling on 22 March 2006 with the Century 7 drilling rig. Set 244 millimetre (9-5/8 inch) surface casing at 210 metres. Drilled 216 millimetre (8-1/2 inch) hole to 1,508 metres. The well was cased with 140 mm (5-1/2 inch) production casing as a future basal Evergreen sandstone gas injector. The rig was released on 28 March 2006 and is currently being moved to drill the Ogilvie Creek 1 gas exploration well in ATP 375P.		
	A gas show of up to 826 units was recorded in inferred fair to good reservoir quality sandstones of the basal Moolayember Formation over the interval 1,469 to 1,472 metres. This show will be evaluated in cased hole at a later stage.		
	Progress for the week was 1,298 metres.		

Non-Operated Wells

There are no significant non-operated wells to be reported.

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