



ASX RELEASE

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Re: Jingemia-8 Operations Update

Please find attached an ASX Release on the progress of the Jingemia-8 well made by the operator, Origin Energy Limited.

The attached announcement will also be available on the Company's website at;

www.arcenergy.com.au

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About ARC Energy Limited:

ARC Energy is one of Australia's pre-eminent energy companies, owning and operating oil and gas interests in the Perth and Canning Basins, and internationally. Listed on the Australian Stock Exchange with a market capitalisation of approximately A\$350 million, ARC has an aggressive onshore and offshore exploration and development drilling program. It continues to drive increased shareholder value by the early adoption of innovative technical and commercial practices.

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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

Jingemia 8

Well type:	Oil Appraisal / Development (onshore)												
Location:	Perth Basin, Western Australia (L14) Approximately 90 metres south of the Jingemia 6 surface location. Latitude: 29° 20' 20.32" S Longitude: 114° 59' 21.18" E												
Interests:	<table><tr><td>Origin Energy Developments Pty Ltd* (Operator)</td><td>49.189%</td></tr><tr><td>ARC Energy Ltd</td><td>44.141%</td></tr><tr><td>Victoria Petroleum Offshore Pty Ltd</td><td>5.000%</td></tr><tr><td>Norwest Energy NL</td><td>1.278%</td></tr><tr><td>Roc Oil Pty Ltd</td><td>0.250%</td></tr><tr><td>J.K. Geary</td><td>0.142%</td></tr></table>	Origin Energy Developments Pty Ltd* (Operator)	49.189%	ARC Energy Ltd	44.141%	Victoria Petroleum Offshore Pty Ltd	5.000%	Norwest Energy NL	1.278%	Roc Oil Pty Ltd	0.250%	J.K. Geary	0.142%
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* A wholly owned subsidiary of Origin Energy Limited

Objective:	Primary target: Dongara Sandstone
	Proposed total depth: 2,560 metres measured depth

Progress and Status: The well commenced on 13 August 2006 using the Century 18 drilling rig. 311 millimetre (12¼ inch) hole was drilled to 536 metres measured depth. 245 millimetre (9 5/8 inch) surface casing was set at 532 metres.

At 06:00 hours WST today, the activity was drilling ahead in 216 millimetre (8 ½ inch) hole at 2,264 metres.

Progress for the week was 1728metres.

Non Operated Wells

There are no significant non operated wells to be reported.

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