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Re: Beharra Springs 4 Gas Appraisal Well Update

Please find attached a release made earlier today by Origin Energy Limited on the Beharra Springs 4 well.

The attached release 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\$300 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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Beharra Springs 4 Gas Appraisal Well Update, Onshore Perth Basin, Western Australia

Origin Energy provides the following update on the Beharra Springs 4 gas appraisal well operated by its subsidiary Origin Energy Developments Pty Ltd.

Beharra Springs 4

Well type: Gas Appraisal (onshore)

Location: Perth Basin, Western Australia (L11)

The Beharra Springs 4 surface location is approximately 30 kilometres southeast of the township of Dongara and 2 kilometres north of the Beharra Springs Gas Plant.

Latitude: 29° 26' 41.00" S

Longitude: 115° 09' 01.94" E

Interests: Origin Energy Developments Pty Ltd* (Operator) 67.0%
ARC (Beharra Springs) Pty Ltd** 33.0%

* A wholly owned subsidiary of Origin Energy Limited

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Objective: Primary target: Wagina Sandstone
Proposed total depth: 3,374 metres measured depth

The Century 18 drilling rig is being used to drill Beharra Springs 4 vertically to an intermediate casing depth at approximately 3,240 metres measured depth in the lower Kockatea Shale. The well will be suspended after intermediate casing is set, and the Century 18 rig will be released. The target reservoir section of Beharra Springs 4 will be drilled underbalanced using a Coil Tubing Unit (CTU) in May 2007 to a planned final total depth at approximately 3,374 metres measured depth.

Progress and Status: The well commenced drilling on 28 March 2007 using the Century 18 drilling rig. 311 millimetre (12¼ inch) hole was drilled to 1,007 metres measured depth. 244 millimetre (9½ inch) surface casing was set at 1,004.6 metres measured depth.

At 06:00 hours WST today, the activity was drilling ahead in 216 millimetre (8½ inch) at 3,086 metres. The well will

be drilled to the planned intermediate total depth at 3,240 metres measured depth in the Kockatea Shale.

Progress since last report has been 456 metres.

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