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Please find attached a release on the above subject.

Regards

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ASX/Media Release

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Origin responds to drilling materials supply incident

Origin, as Upstream operator of the Australia Pacific LNG Project, has taken the precautionary measure to suspend its drilling operations across 12 rig sites in south west central Queensland to allow for an investigation into a supply incident.

This measure follows notification from one of our drilling fluid suppliers, Australian Mud Company Pty Ltd, that an imported product (NUTPLUG) sometimes used in drilling fluids has been found to contain asbestos.

When notified by AMC of the potential of affected material, Origin took immediate precautionary action to safeguard our employees, contractors and landholders.

All stocks of affected material have been quarantined and accounted for throughout the supply chain from storage warehouse to site, and specialist waste removal experts are in the process of removing that material from each location for safe disposal. In the interim, an alternative product has been sourced.

AMC has instigated a withdrawal of the product from the market and is conducting tests into the source and introduction into the supply chain. AMC has advised Origin that it has formally notified relevant authorities. In parallel, Origin has instigated its own independent investigation and has also informed the relevant authorities and regulatory bodies.

Our highest priority remains the health and safety of everyone associated with the project. Specialist support is being provided to those who may have been exposed to the drilling fluid additives and a specialist hotline has been established 1800 737 965.

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About Origin Energy

Origin Energy (ASX: ORG) is the leading Australian integrated energy company focused on gas and oil exploration and production, power generation and energy retailing. A member of the S&P/ASX 20 Index, the company has more than 6,000 employees and is a leading producer of gas in eastern Australia. Origin is Australia's largest energy retailer servicing 4.3 million electricity, natural gas and LPG customer accounts and has the country's largest and one of the most flexible generation portfolios with approximately 6,010 MW of capacity, through either owned generation or contracted rights. Origin's strategic positioning and portfolio of assets provide flexibility, stability and significant opportunities for growth across the energy industry. Through Australia Pacific LNG, its incorporated joint venture with



ConocoPhillips and Sinopec, Origin is developing one of Australia's largest CSG to LNG projects based on Australia's largest 2P CSG reserves base.

In New Zealand, Origin is the major shareholder in Contact Energy, the country's leading integrated energy company, operating geothermal, thermal and hydro generation facilities and servicing electricity, gas and LPG customers across both the North and South islands. Origin also operates several oil and gas projects in New Zealand and is one of the largest holders of petroleum exploration acreage in the country.

Origin has a strong focus on ensuring the sustainability of its operations, is the largest green energy retailer in Australia and has significant investments in renewable energy technologies.

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