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DINES CBM -1 DRILLING REPORT, ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING

Victoria Petroleum NL ("Victoria") has been advised by the well operator Kestrel Energy Inc, a subsidiary of the ASX listed Samson Oil & Gas NL that the Dines CBM-1 ("Coal Bed Methane-1") well is currently coring ahead at 1500 hours on 9 March 2005 (Wyoming time) at 1,036 metres. Present activity is specialised Corion wire line coring of the Fort Union A Coal.

Dines CBM -1 is the commencement of the evaluation of some 33,000 acres of leases underlain by Upper Cretaceous and Early Tertiary age multi seam coals in the Rock Springs CBM Project in the Green River Basin, Sweetwater County, southwest Wyoming State, USA, 14 kilometres northwest of the town of Rock Springs.

Recent studies suggest up to 250 BCF ('billion cubic feet') of gas may be recoverable from these coals in these leases with further significant upside in the surrounding joint venture Area of Mutual interest.

To evaluate the Coal Bed Methane potential of the Dines area, from 914 metres to 1,524 metres some 152 metres of selective coring will be undertaken by specialised wireline coring in the 21 metres of net Fort Union Formation and Lance Formation coals and immediate encompassing shale lithologies expected in the well from the adjacent wireline logs of the upper section of the Dines -2 well.

These cored coals will be comprehensively logged, sampled and sent to a well known CBM laboratory, Terratek, in Salt Lake City, Utah for various analyses to determine the CBM properties of the targeted coals.

On completion of drilling to the planned total depth of 1,539 metres, the hole will be wire line logged and 5 1/2" casing will be run and the hole will be left for a testing program (subject to favourable laboratory results) at some time in the near future. The duration of the main drilling, sampling and completion program is approximately 11 days from the commencement of drilling.

A significant feature of the Rock Springs CBM Project area is the immediate access to existing operating gas pipelines within 500 metres of the Dines CBM-1 well.

The Green Canyon and Dines pipelines in the Rock Springs CBM project area solve the important problem faced by any successful gas exploration outcome, ie transport and access to both local and interstate gas markets.

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These pipelines have a cumulative gas carrying capacity of 10 million cubic feet per day and link to the Duke Energy interstate pipeline through which 1.1 trillion cubic feet of gas per annum passes to western states customers and 0.7 trillion cubic feet of gas per annum passes to eastern states customers.

The pipelines are currently utilised at less than 5% of capacity and are only being fed by the conventional deep gas production of Samson Oil & Gas NL subsidiary Kestrel Energy Inc on the underlying deep gas lease land at Green Canyon and Dines which is excluded from the farmin.

Commenting on the imminent drilling of the coals of interest in this first well in the Rock Springs CBM Project, Victoria Petroleum N.L.'s Managing Director John Kopcheff said;

"Victoria Petroleum NL looks forward to the commencement of coring of the target coals in this our first well in the Rock Springs Coal Bed Methane Gas Project."

"We are very excited about the impact a successful CBM well will have on the Rock Springs CBM Gas Project, with its initial significant 250 billion cubic feet of gas potential."

"A very important feature of the project is that any CBM gas produced from testing of this first CBM well can be immediately fed into the adjacent gas pipeline with its attached sales contracts."

"Victoria Petroleum is also earning an interest in the adjacent pipeline, so the pipeline ownership ensures rapid commercialisation of any CBM gas produced."

"The earning of an interest in a potentially significant Coal Bed Methane Gas Project in Wyoming, a major CBM producing state, is a continuing part of Victoria Petroleum's strategy to build up a portfolio of low risk gas development projects in the energy hungry US gas market."

"As part of this strategy, the Rock Springs CBM Gas Project joins the Flour Bluff Gas Development Project in Texas as a potentially very significant US Project for Victoria Petroleum NL in 2005."

Participants in Dines CBM -1 and the US operating subsidiaries of the ASX listed participants are:

Victoria Petroleum NL	40% - 45%*
Sun Resources NL (Permit Operator)	40% - 45%*
Samson Oil & Gas NL (Well Operator)	10% - 20%*

*Victoria Petroleum NL's and Sun Resources USA subsidiaries are farminees earning their interest in the project comprising the leases and pipeline infrastructure via a farmin agreement with well operator Kestrel Energy, Inc., a subsidiary of Samson Oil & Gas NL. Maximum interest of the farminees is subject to a back in right of an extra 10% project interest by Samson Oil & Gas NL's subsidiary on the completion of project expenditure of US\$3 million by the farminees over a 4 year or lesser period of time.

Regards,



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Information of this report was completed by the Managing Director of Victoria Petroleum N.L, J T Kopcheff BSc (Hons Eco.Geol), FAIMM, MAAPG, MSPE, MPESA, with 34 years experience in petroleum, geology and geophysics.

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