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ONSHORE PETROLEUM EXPLORATION AREA CO 2003-A
(Coongie Lakes area of the Cooper Basin South Australia, EBR 100%)

Eagle Bay Resources NL (EBR) is pleased to announce that it has been advised by the Primary Industry and Resources of SA that it has won the right to explore the CO 2003-A acreage release block in the South Australian part of the Cooper Basin.

EBR's bid for the permit block worth $21.55 million in total includes guaranteed work of 11 oil and gas exploration wells, geoscientific studies and 70 km of seismic acquisition in the first three years of the program. The block contains known oil and gas prospects and leads, and abuts producing oil and gas fields.

The Cooper Basin remains one of the preferred onshore Australian exploration investment destinations. Between 2002 and the end of August 2004, new entrant explorers were involved in drilling 33 exploration wells. New petroleum pools have been discovered in 18 (54%) of the 33 wells drilled with a respectable 45% commercial exploration success rate being achieved through these programs.

A licence for the permit block will be granted once the 'right to negotiate' process has been successfully concluded between the SA Government, Registered Native Title Claimants and EBR.

A news release statement issued by the Minister of Industry and Trade of South Australia is attached.

Richard Diermajer
Director

News Release

Government of South Australia

Hon Paul Holloway
Minister for Industry and Trade
Minister for Mineral Resources Development

Monday 20th September, 2004

RESULTS OF COOPER BASIN EXPLORATION BID ANNOUNCED

Eagle Bay Resources NL has won the right to explore the CO2003-A acreage release block in the South Australian part of the Cooper Basin.

The Western Australia-based firm won from five bids, which totalled $78.05 million. The acreage was opened for bids on 11 July 2003.

Their bid, worth $21.55 million in total, includes guaranteed work of 11 oil and gas exploration wells, geoscientific studies and 70km of seismic acquisition in the first three years of the program.

Mineral Resources Development Minister Paul Holloway says the level of interest in the block reflects the petroleum exploration industry's faith in the potential of CO2003-A.

"The block contains known oil and gas prospects and leads, and abuts producing oil and gas fields," he says.

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"New petroleum pools have been discovered in 18 (54%) of the 33 wells drilled. A respectable 45% commercial exploration success rate has been achieved through this program.

"In the 30 months to June 2004, the Santos joint venture has drilled 124 new wells, with 90% successful in encountering commercial quantities of petroleum.

"The State Government looks forward to many more successful exploration outcomes in the Cooper Basin and elsewhere in the State in future."

A new licence will be granted once the 'right to negotiate' process has been successfully concluded between the SA Government, Registered Native Title Claimants and the applicant.

The State Government has also moved to protect the environmental value of the nearby Coongie Lakes region, with the creation of the Coongie Lakes National Park. The region is separate from the exploration fields.

Bids will also be closing in another of the State's petroleum producing basins soon. Two onshore Otway Basin blocks in the State's southeast will close for bidding on 30 September 2004.

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