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**Gulf of Mexico Brazos Area Block A 10 (OCS-G 21314)
Samoa #1**

Woodside Energy (USA) Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Woodside Petroleum Ltd., reports that the Samoa #1 exploration well (OCS-G 21314 #1) located in the Gulf of Mexico on Brazos Area Block A 10 was spudded on 28 May 2003.

Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc., operator of the Samoa prospect, will utilize the Rowan Paris drilling rig to drill the well. Water depth at the location is approximately 127 feet. Planned total depth is approximately 18,200 feet (referenced to the rig rotary table).

The Samoa #1 is the second of an eight well program that Woodside Energy (USA) Inc. and Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. have agreed to drill in 2003 and 2004. Woodside and Pioneer are equal participants in OCS-G 21314.

The next scheduled report on the well will be released after completion of the well. Woodside will make additional announcements if required to comply with its continuous disclosure obligations under the ASX Listing Rules.

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