

30 September 2003



**ROC OIL COMPANY LIMITED ("ROC")
RELEASE TO
AUSTRALIAN STOCK EXCHANGE ("ASX")**

DRILLING ACTIVITY UPDATE: MAURITANIA AND UK

KEY POINTS

- Chinguetti-4-5, appraisal/early development well, offshore Mauritania, preparing for production test.
 - Saltfleetby-7, appraisal/development well, onshore UK, suspended pending arrival of specialised completion equipment.
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1. CHINGUETTI-4-5, OFFSHORE MAURITANIA PSC-B, BLOCK 4 (ROC: 2.4%)

Woodside Mauritania Pty Ltd, Operator of the Mauritania Area B Joint Venture, reports that, at 0000 hours GMT on 30 September 2003, completion operations were underway prior to production testing the Chinguetti-4-5 combined appraisal and early development well.

2. SALTFLLEETBY-7, ONSHORE UK (ROC: 100% and Operator)

The Saltfleetby-7 well remains suspended pending the arrival of expandable liner required to allow the well to drill out of the 7" casing shoe at 2,514 metres through the main Westphalian gas reservoir and on to a potential gas accumulation in the Namurian. The relevant equipment has been sourced and mobilised and operations are expected to recommence within a fortnight.

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