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Hardman Resources Ltd ("Hardman" or "the Company") is pleased to provide the following information on the 2004 drilling programme offshore Mauritania.

As previously advised, two drilling vessels, the "West Navigator" and the "Stena Tay" have been contracted to carry out the forthcoming drilling programme, working in tandem and operating in water depths ranging from 300 metres to 1,700 metres. Both vessels are currently in transit and the "West Navigator" is expected to arrive on location on or about 11 September and the "Stena Tay" is expected to arrive on or about 15 September.

As previously reported the drilling programme is currently planned to include up to twenty one wells, including a total of six exploration wells in PSC's A, B and Block 2, four appraisal wells on the Tiof discovery and eleven Chinguetti development wells. The final prospect selection and well drilling sequence will be subject to change dependent on continuing technical work, initial drilling results and operational issues. The presence of the two rigs also allows for "batch drilling" wells – whereby one rig performs the same operation on a number of wells in sequence rather than drilling a single well from top to bottom. The second rig would then drill or complete the next section. The rigs work most efficiently in this manner and this can result in very significant cost savings.

The programme is expected to begin with the "West Navigator" drilling and casing the "top hole" sections on the Dorade-1 (PSC-2), Capitaine-1 and Tevet-1 exploration wells and a Tiof appraisal well (all in PSC B) before moving to the Tiof-3 appraisal well which will then be drilled to total depth. The "top hole" section on these wells varies from approximately 600 metres to 1,000 metres of drilled hole.

The planned Tiof appraisal programme includes 3 firm wells and a contingent fourth appraisal well, subject to additional seismic and technical studies. We expect that the Tiof–3 well will be completed and flow tested in a similar manner to the successful Chinguetti 4-5 Early Development Well ("EDW").

To maintain the Chinguetti field development schedule and because of the late arrival of the rigs, the "Stena Tay" will, on arrival, drill a Chinguetti water injection well before beginning the exploration programme. The "Stena Tay" will then move to the Tevet-1 well, which because of its proximity to Chinguetti is now expected to be the first exploration prospect to be drilled to total depth. We then expect the "Stena Tay" to move to other exploration wells while the "West Navigator" continues work on the Tiof programme.

Hardman intends to report progress of the drilling programme in its regular weekly release every Tuesday morning with special releases as required.

Interests in the three production sharing contract areas that will be drilled are:

Company	**PSC A**	**PSC B**	**PSC C2**
Woodside group companies (operator)	53.846%	53.846%	48%
Hardman group companies	21.3%	21.6%	28.8%
BG group companies	13.084%	11.63%	
Premier group companies		9.231%	
Fusion Mauritania A Ltd*	4.615%		
ROC Oil group companies	4.155%	3.693%	3.2%
Energy Africa			20%

* Premier has 29.9% interest in Fusion Mauritania A Ltd

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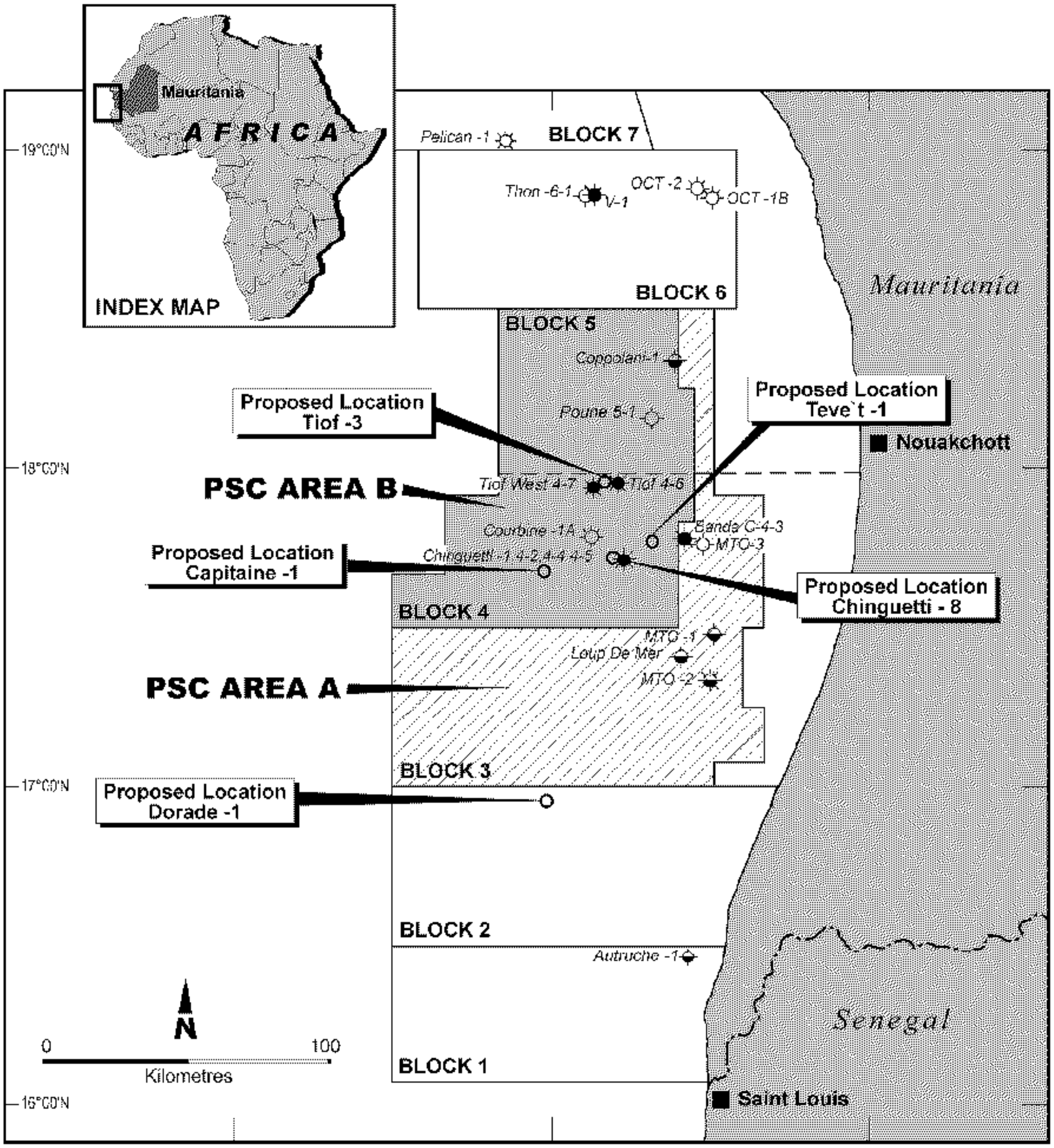

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