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**MAURITANIA OFFSHORE DRILLING UPDATE**

Woodside Mauritania Pty Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Woodside Petroleum Ltd., reports the following activity offshore Mauritania since the last report issued on 12 October 2004.

**PSC-B, Block 4**  
**Tiof-3 ST1 and Tiof-3 ST2****Tiof-3 Appraisal well**

Two cores were cut in the Tiof-3 ST1 sidetrack well to a depth of 2,795 metres. It was not possible to recover the second core to surface and the sidetrack was abandoned. A second sidetrack in close proximity to the Tiof-3 location was established and at midnight on 18 October 2004 the "West Navigator" was coring the Tiof-3 ST2 sidetrack well. Following coring, wireline logging operations will be run and it is planned to conduct a flow test of the well.

**PSC-C2**  
**Dorado-1****Dorado-1 Exploration well**

The "Stena Tay" rig drilled the bottom hole section of the Dorado-1 well, containing the primary target, to a total depth of 2,660 metres. Wireline logs were acquired, and an evaluation of the logs indicated that no significant hydrocarbons were encountered in the well.

Current operations are plugging and abandoning the well. The "Stena Tay" will subsequently move to the Capitaine-1A location where it will drill the well to total depth.

All reported drilling depths are referenced to the rig rotary table and all times are Universal Time (UTC) (Mauritanian time).

The locations of the Chinguetti Oil Field, the Tiof and Banda discoveries and exploration wells to be drilled early in the 2004-05 drilling campaign are shown on the attached map.

Wells are expected to be drilled in three production sharing contract areas during the campaign. Participating Interests in those areas are:

Company	PSC-A	PSC-B	PSC-C2
Woodside group companies (Operator)	53.846%	53.846%	48%
Hardman group companies	24.3%	21.6%	28.8%
BG group companies	13.084%	11.63%	--
Premier group companies	--	9.231%	--
Fusion group companies	4.615%	--	--
ROC Oil group companies	4.155%	3.693%	3.2%
Energy Africa	--	--	20%

