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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 9 August 2005.

PSC Area A: Sotto-1 ST1 Exploration Well

The 'Stena Tay' drill rig drilled the Sotto-1 well to a depth of 1,353 metres. Due to operational difficulties it was necessary to sidetrack the well, and at midnight on 15 August 2005, preparations were underway to drill the Sotto-1 ST1 sidetrack to a planned total depth of 3,350 metres.

Chinguetti Development Wells

The 'West Navigator' drillship continues to perform completion work on Chinguetti Development wells. Woodside does not plan to issue regular announcements regarding operations on Chinguetti development wells, but will do so if necessary to comply with its continuous disclosure obligations under the ASX Listing Rules.

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

The locations of Sotto-1, the Chinguetti Oil Field and the Tiof and Banda discoveries are shown on the attached map.

Participating Interests in the Chinguetti Joint Venture and relevant PSC areas are:

Company	Chinguetti Joint Venture	PSC-A	PSC-B	PSC-C, Block 6
Woodside group companies (Operator)	47.38448%	53.846%	53.846%	37.578%
Hardman group companies	19.00800%	24.3%	21.6%	22.422%
Groupe Project Chinguetti	12.00000%	--	--	--
BG group companies	10.23440%	13.084%	11.63%	--
Premier group companies	8.12328%	--	9.231%	--
ROC Oil group companies	3.24984%	4.155%	3.693%	5.0%
Fusion group companies	--	4.615%	--	--
Petronas Carigali Overseas Sdn Bhd	--	--	--	35.0%

