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RE: MAURITANIA DRILLING PROGRAMME WEEKLY
PROGRESS REPORT

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Hardman Resources Limited ("Hardman") provides the following progress report on the Mauritania offshore drilling programme:

Sotto-1 Exploration Well, PSC-A

Progress and Current Status:

Since the last report on 16 August, the 'Stena Tay' drill rig has drilled Sotto-1 ST1 to a final total depth of 3,279 metres. At midnight on 22 August 2005, preparations were underway to commence acquisition of wireline logs as part of the planned drilling and evaluation programme. Following completion of wireline logging, the Sotto-1 ST1 well will be plugged and abandoned as planned and the 'Stena Tay' will move to the Espadon-1 exploration well in PSC-B.

Well Location:

The Sotto-1 well is located approximately 110 kilometres southwest of Nouakchott, the Mauritanian capital, and 42 kilometres south of the Chinguetti Field. Water depth is 320 metres.

Well Details:

The well is targeting canyon fill sands in a Lower Miocene interval, of approximately the same age as the Chinguetti and Tiof Oil discoveries in PSC-B. This well is expected to yield valuable information about the southern part of PSC's A and B, and if successful will extend the area of the prospective Miocene basin.

Additional Wells to the 2005 Campaign

In addition to the 2005 exploration wells previously announced, Sotto, Espadon and Colin, the Joint Venture Participants have also approved the drilling of the Labeidna exploration well in PSC-B and a combined exploration and appraisal well to both appraise the Tevet discovery and target a deeper exploration prospect beneath the Tevet Miocene reservoir in PSC-B. The location of these wells can be found on the map that is available on the Hardman website www.hdr.com.au.

Chinguetti Development Wells

The 'West Navigator' drillship is continuing operations on Chinguetti development wells. Hardman does not intend to provide detailed weekly reports during the course of the Chinguetti development well drilling programme but will continue to report significant matters as appropriate and in accordance with its continuous disclosure obligations.

Hardman interests in PSC A and the Chinguetti field are:

	PSC A	Chinguetti Field (EEA)
Woodside (operator)	53.846%	47.384%
Hardman	24.3%	19.008%
BG Group	13.084%	10.234%
Fusion/Premier	4.615%	8.123%
ROC	4.155%	3.250%
Groupe Projet Chinguetti	-	12.000%

All reported depths (except water depth) are referenced to the rig rotary table (RT). Hydrocarbon shows will be only be reported after all required logs have been run and evaluated, although Hardman will release weekly updates on the exploration drilling campaign.

Times and dates refer to GMT (Mauritania time), 8 hours behind Western Standard Time, Perth.

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Note: In accordance with Australian Stock Exchange Limited listing requirements, the geological information supplied in this report has been based on information provided by geologists who have had in excess of five years experience in their field of activity.