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ROC OIL COMPANY LIMITED ("ROC")
STOCK EXCHANGE RELEASE

MAURITANIA OFFSHORE DRILLING UPDATE

ROC advises that the following release was made earlier today by Woodside Petroleum Ltd:

"Woodside Mauritania Pty. Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Woodside Petroleum Ltd., reports the following activity offshore Mauritania since the last report issued on 30 August 2005.

PSC Area B: Espadon-1 and Espadon-1A Exploration Wells

The Espadon-1 well was drilled by the 'Stena Tay' drill rig to a depth 2,523 metres. Due to operational difficulties it was necessary to respud the well. The Espadon-1A well was spudded on 4 September and drilled to a depth of 2,500 metres. At midnight on 5 September 2005 preparations were underway to run casing before drilling ahead to a planned total depth of 3,055 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.

General

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

The locations of planned exploration wells and the Chinguetti Oil Field 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%	24.300%	21.600%	22.422%
Groupe Project Chinguetti	12.00000%	---	---	---
BG group companies	10.23440%	13.084%	11.630%	---
Premier group companies	8.12328%	---	9.231%	---
Roc Oil group companies	3.24984%	4.155%	3.693%	5.000%
Fusion group companies	---	4.615%	---	---
Petronas Carigali Overseas Sdn Bhd	---	---	---	35.000%

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