

ASX ANNOUNCEMENT (ASX: WPL)

TUESDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2005
10:00AM (WST)



MEDIA

ROB MILLHOUSE
W: + 61 8 9348 4281
M: + 61 419 588 166
E: rob.millhouse@woodside.com.au

INVESTORS

MIKE LYNN
W: + 61 8 9348 4283
M: + 61 439 691 592
E: mike.lynn@woodside.com.au

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 4 October 2005.

PSC Area B: Tevét-2 and Tevét-2 ST1 Combined Appraisal and Exploration Well

The 'Stena Tay' rig drilled the Tevét-2 well to a depth of 3,741 metres. Due to operational difficulties, it was necessary to sidetrack the well and at midnight on 10 October 2005, preparations were underway to drill the Tevét-2 ST1 sidetrack to the next casing point. Drilling will then proceed to a planned total depth of approximately 3,965 metres.

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%	24.3%	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%

