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Hardman Resources Limited ("Hardman") provides the following progress report on its drilling activities:

Mauritania, West Africa: PSC-A Block 3 Colin-1

Since the last report on the 28th July the 'Atwood Hunter' rig has drilled the Colin-1 exploration well to a final depth of 2,322 metres. Despite a thick and well-developed reservoir section, analysis of drilling data and wireline logs indicate that the well has not encountered any significant hydrocarbons. As at midnight GMT on 31 July 2006, wireline logging was continuing prior to the well being plugged and abandoned.

Upon completion of operations, the *Atwood Hunter* will be relocated to Block 8 to commence drilling the exploration well Flamant-1, which is targeting a large Cretaceous gas prospect.

Later in the drilling sequence the rig will return to the PSC Area A to drill the Kibaro-1 prospect which will test older Cretaceous aged channel sands.

Equities in PSC A Block 3 are:

	PSC A Block 3
Woodside Group (operator)	53.846%
Hardman Group	24.300%
BG Group	13.084%
Fusion Mauritania A Ltd	3.000%
Premier Oil Group	1.615%
ROC Oil Group	4.155%

All reported depths (except water depth) are referenced to the rig rotary table (RT).

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

SIMON POTTER
MANAGING DIRECTOR

Note: (1) In accordance with the ASX Listing Rules, 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.

(2) In accordance with the AIM Rules, the information in this report has been reviewed and signed off by Mr David Cliff, BSC Hons (Geology), Exploration Manager at Hardman, who is a member of the Petroleum Exploration Society of Australia and who has at least 5 years relevant experience within the sector.