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ASX ANNOUNCEMENT



**Boreas-1 Exploration Well in WA-315-P
Progress Report No 8**

Karoon Gas Australia Ltd advises that at 06:00 hours (WST) today, trouble shooting of the BOP was being conducted on the sea floor.

Since the last report, the BOP and marine riser were pulled from the hole for further testing and repairs on the deck of the rig. Following these repairs the BOP and marine riser were run to the sea floor. Subsequent function testing of the BOP was unsuccessful and troubleshooting continues.

Drilling of the 8-1/2" hole section will commence once repairs are complete and the blowout preventer is fully functional.

The Transocean Legend semi-submersible rig is drilling the exploration well.

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Boreas-1 is located approximately 4 kilometres south of Poseidon-1 in WA-315-P on a large tilted fault block which is part of the of the north-east trending structural high of the greater Poseidon structure. The objective of the well is to test the extent, presence and quality of reservoirs within the Boreas-1 fault block.

Upcoming Well Program

The exploration program, operated by ConocoPhillips, plans to utilise the Transocean Legend semi-submersible rig for the entire campaign and is expected to continue through 2013.

A minimum of five wells will be drilled during the exploration program. The principal objective of the exploration program is to better define the size and quality of the hydrocarbon accumulations within the exploration permits which contain the greater Poseidon trend.

The second well, Zephyros-1, is located in permit WA-398-P on a large tilted fault block approximately 8 kilometres south west of Kronos-1 discovery location. The third well, Proteus-1, is located in WA-398-P on a large tilted fault block approximately 14 kilometres south east of the Poseidon-1 discovery location.

Additional well locations for the remainder of the program will be announced as they obtain joint venture approval.

Ongoing progress reports

In addition to complying with its continuous disclosure obligations, Karoon proposes to provide fortnightly progress reports during drilling operations.

Further information

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