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ASX Announcement

Zephyros-1 Exploration Well in WA-398-P Progress Report No 5

Karooon Gas Australia Ltd advises that at 06:00 hours (WST) today, the Zephyros-1 well was preparing to drill ahead at 2918m after re-manning following the suspension of operations and rig evacuation caused by tropical cyclone Narelle.

Since the last report, the 12-1/4" inch hole was drilled from the 13-3/8" casing seat at 2691m to the current depth of 2918m, the hole was then suspended and the rig was evacuated and remaining operations are ongoing.

The Transocean Legend semi-submersible rig is drilling the exploration well, which is operated by ConocoPhillips.

ConocoPhillips is the operator of the jointly held WA-314-P, WA-315-P and WA-398-P Browse Basin permits containing the previously announced Poseidon and Kronos gas discoveries. Karoon Gas Australia Ltd holds 40% of the permit WA-315-P and WA-398-P, and 90% of permit WA-314-P.

Zephyros-1 is the second well in the exploration program, and follows the recent Boreas-1 well. Zephyros-1 is located in permit WA-398-P on the flank of a large tilted fault block approximately 9 kilometres southwest of the Kronos-1 discovery well. The objective of the Zephyros-1 well is to test the extent, presence and quality of Plover formation reservoirs.

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 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.

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