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SPUD OF JAWS-1 APPRAISAL WELL

Strike Energy Limited (**Strike** - ASX:STX) is pleased to announce that it has spud the vertical intercept well as part of the Jaws-1 appraisal campaign. Breaking dirt took place after an elongated start up to ensure the rig was at full operational capability before entering into the program and moving onto the Strike account.

The production of commercial flow rates of gas from the Jaws-1 well is the final technical milestone required to appraise the quality of Strike's Southern Cooper Basin Gas Project (**SCBGP**) in PEL96 (Strike 66.67% and Operator, Energy World Corporation 33.33%).

The Jaws-1 drilling program is slated to complete in April 2018.

Managing Director, Stuart Nicholls commented:

"The spud of the Jaws-1 well is the culmination point in what has been a major turnaround for Strike. The new team at Strike have completed almost a full year of work in preparation for this milestone, which has seen the company redefine its geological, technical, commercial and economic foundations.

Armed with our new strategic direction, Strike has successfully designed and procured the services and equipment required to execute Jaws-1 in partnership with Halliburton. The timing of this ground-breaking well is critical to Australia's energy security and may indeed be one of the highest impact well results in the East Coast gas landscape in 2018.

Jaws-1 is the precursor to having the final data and information required to book a reserve, which will then trigger the beginning of the development phase of the Southern Cooper Basin Gas Project."

Strike will continue to keep the market updated throughout the rest of the campaign.

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