

## **Wombat-5 Well, Gippsland Basin, Victoria Drilling Update**

The Board of Lakes Blue Energy is pleased to be able to provide the following update on drilling operations at Wombat-5, side-track-2 (ST-2). As at 8:00 am AEST today, the status of the well is as set out below:

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|------------------------|---|
| Days from spud         | 32  |
| Current depth          | 1,394 mRT <sup>1</sup> (MD <sup>2</sup> ) |
| 24 hrs progress        | 0 m                                       |
| Hole size              | 8-1/2"                                    |
| Last casing point      | 9-5/8" set at 302.4 mRT (MD)              |
| Current formation      | Latrobe Group                             |
| Target formation       | Strzelecki Formation                      |
| Target formation depth | 1,360 mRT (TVD <sup>3</sup> )             |
| HS&E LTIs              | 0   |

Overnight, the contractor began running the new directional Bottom Hole Assembly (BHA) into the hole. The running in activity is presently paused, with the BHA positioned at the casing shoe (i.e., bottom of the 9-5/8" casing) while surface fluid volumes are restored. Once the fluid volumes are restored the BHA will be run into the hole to drill ahead at 8-1/2" diameter to the 7" casing point, at approximately 1,530 mRT (MD). The well is currently at an angle of 53 degrees, and the top of the Strzelecki Formation is expected to be encountered within 20 metres TVD (around 200 metres MD) following resumption of drilling.

**This announcement was authorised by the Board of Lakes Blue Energy.**

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1. mRT means metres below the rotary table, effectively metres below the drilling rig floor.

2. MD means measured depth

3. TVD means true vertical depth