Apus-1 drilling update 13 April 2022



Carnarvon Energy Limited ("Carnarvon") (ASX:CVN) is pleased to provide an update on the Apus-1 well that is currently being drilled in the WA-437-P exploration permit, located around 27 kilometres southwest of the successful Pavo-1 well (see Figure 1).

Progress and current operations

Since the last report, the surface conductor was successfully installed in place, the 17 $\frac{17}{2}$ " hole has been drilled down to section depth of around 932 metres Measured Depth ("MD") and the 13 $\frac{5}{8}$ " casing has been set and cemented in place.

As at 6:00am today, the well is drilling ahead in 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ " hole at a depth of approximately 1,470 metres MD.

No hydrocarbons are anticipated to be intersected in this hole section.

Forward plan

The rig will drill ahead in the 12 ¼" hole to approximately 2,200 metres MD before setting the 9 ¾" liner.

After setting the 9 %" liner, the rig will drill ahead in the 8 ½" hole section through the expected reservoir interval to proposed total depth of around 2,900 metres MD.

The Caley and Milne Members are anticipated to be encountered in this final section of the well.

Well objective

The Apus-1 well is targeting a large structure with two potential reservoir intervals.

Carnarvon has estimated a gross mean combined recoverable volume of 235 million barrels of liquids and 408 billion cubic feet of gas in the Caley and Milne Members within the main Apus structure, which includes Apus West and Apus East (see Figure 2).

ASX disclosure: Prospective resources are the estimated quantities of petroleum that may potentially be recovered by the application of a future development project and may relate to undiscovered accumulations. These prospective resource estimates have an associated risk of discovery and risk of development. Further exploration and appraisal will be required to determine the existence of a significant quantity of potentially moveable hydrocarbons.

The target reservoirs have been proved in the Dorado and Pavo discoveries, with the Caley Formation sands having been flow tested at equipment limits of around 11,000 barrels of oil per day in the Dorado-3 well.

Apus is an attractive prospect, with Carnarvon ascribing an estimated one-in-four (23%) geological probability of success.



Key risks for the prospect are similar to those at Pavo prior to drilling the Pavo-1 well. These include hydrocarbon charge (long-range migration) and top-seal (thickness). The Pavo-1 well has proven long-range migration and effective top-seal at the Pavo structure, which is further from the Dorado field than Apus. The higher risk for Apus-1 relative to Pavo's pre-drill estimate of 34% relates primarily to more complex interpreted charge / migration pathways.

Equity participation

The Apus-1 well is located in the WA-437-P exploration permit in which Carnarvon holds a 20% interest.

The Apus prospect straddles the boundary between the WA-437-P and WA-438-P exploration permits, with the resource interpreted to extend into WA-438-P in which Carnarvon holds a 30% interest (resulting in an average interest of ~25%).

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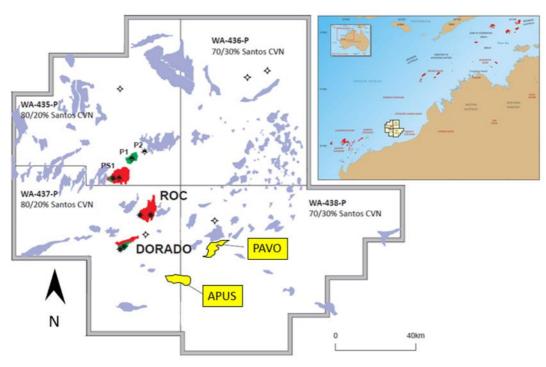


Figure 1: Apus-1 well location map

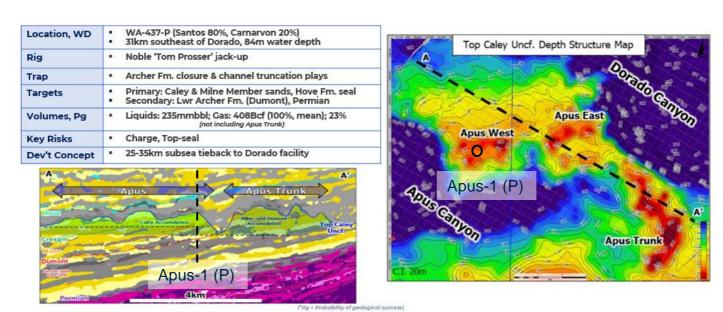


Figure 2: Details of Apus-1 target



Further prospective resource information

The estimates of prospective resources included in this announcement have been prepared in accordance with the definitions and guidelines set forth in the SPE-PRMS. Please refer to Carnarvon's ASX announcements of 15 October 2018 and 17 September 2020 for more information.

A combination of deterministic and probabilistic methods were used to prepare the estimates of these prospective resources.

The resource estimates outlined in this announcement were compiled by the Company's Chief Operating Officer, Mr Philip Huizenga, who is a full-time employee of the company. Mr Huizenga has over 25 years' experience in petroleum exploration and engineering. Mr Huizenga holds a Bachelor Degree in Engineering, and a Masters Degree in Petroleum Engineering. Mr Huizenga is qualified in accordance with the ASX Listing Rules and has consented to the form and context of this announcement.

Carnarvon is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in this announcement and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in this announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed.

Forward-looking statements

This announcement contains certain "forward-looking statements", which can generally be identified by the use of words such as "will", "may", "could", "likely", "ongoing", "anticipate", "estimate", "expect", "project", "intend", "plan", "believe", "target", "forecast", "goal", "objective", "aim", "seek" and other words and terms of similar meaning. Carnarvon cannot guarantee that any forward-looking statement will be realised. Achievement of anticipated results is subject to risks, uncertainties and inaccurate assumptions. Should known or unknown risks or uncertainties materialise, or should underlying assumptions prove inaccurate, actual results could vary materially from past results and those anticipated, estimated or projected. You should bear this in mind as you consider forward-looking statements, and you are cautioned not to put undue reliance on any forward-looking statement.

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