

Dorado-1 – drilling commenced

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Highlights

- **Drilling of the Dorado-1 well has now commenced**
- **Currently preparing to drill the 17-1/2" section of the hole**
- **Significant 125 million barrels of oil equivalent (gross, Pmean) being targeted**

Carnarvon Petroleum Limited ("Carnarvon") (ASX:CVN) is pleased to provide the following update on the commencement of drilling at the Dorado-1 well.

Progress

Since arriving on site, the rig successfully completed the ready to operate process, drilled the 36" conductor hole, running and cementing the 30" surface casing and preparing to drill the 17-1/2" section.

Forward Plan

The rig will drill the 17-1/2" hole to the planned section depth of approximately 1,175metres MD followed by setting the 13-3/8" casing.

Well Objective

The primary objective for the Dorado-1 well is to assess the gas and liquids potential in the Caley Member with the well being less than 20km from and updip of the successful Roc-1 and Roc-2 wells.

The Dorado structure at the Caley interval is estimated to contain a gross mean recoverable prospective resource of 545 Bscf of gas and 30 million barrels of associated condensate (being 125 million barrels of oil equivalent ("boe"), gross, Pmean). Multiple secondary targets have been identified by Carnarvon in the Crispin and Milne Members (see Figure 4) and these will also be assessed by the Dorado-1 exploration well. See the recently released volumetric strategy update (ASX 23 April 2018) for details on these targets.

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 (including this well) is required to determine the existence of a significant quantity of potentially moveable hydrocarbons.

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Figure 1 – Location of the Phoenix Project

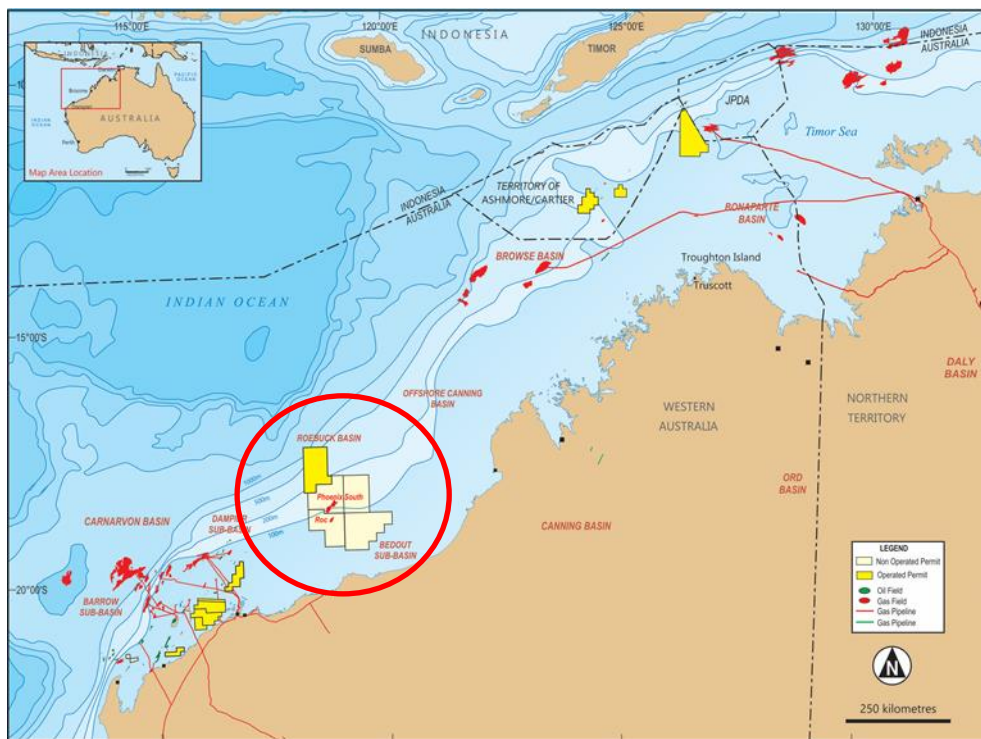


Figure 2: Seismic line, roughly N-S through Phoenix South, Roc and Dorado showing the incised Dorado Canyon (on the RHS) which defines the Dorado trap. The red line shows the top Caley Member.

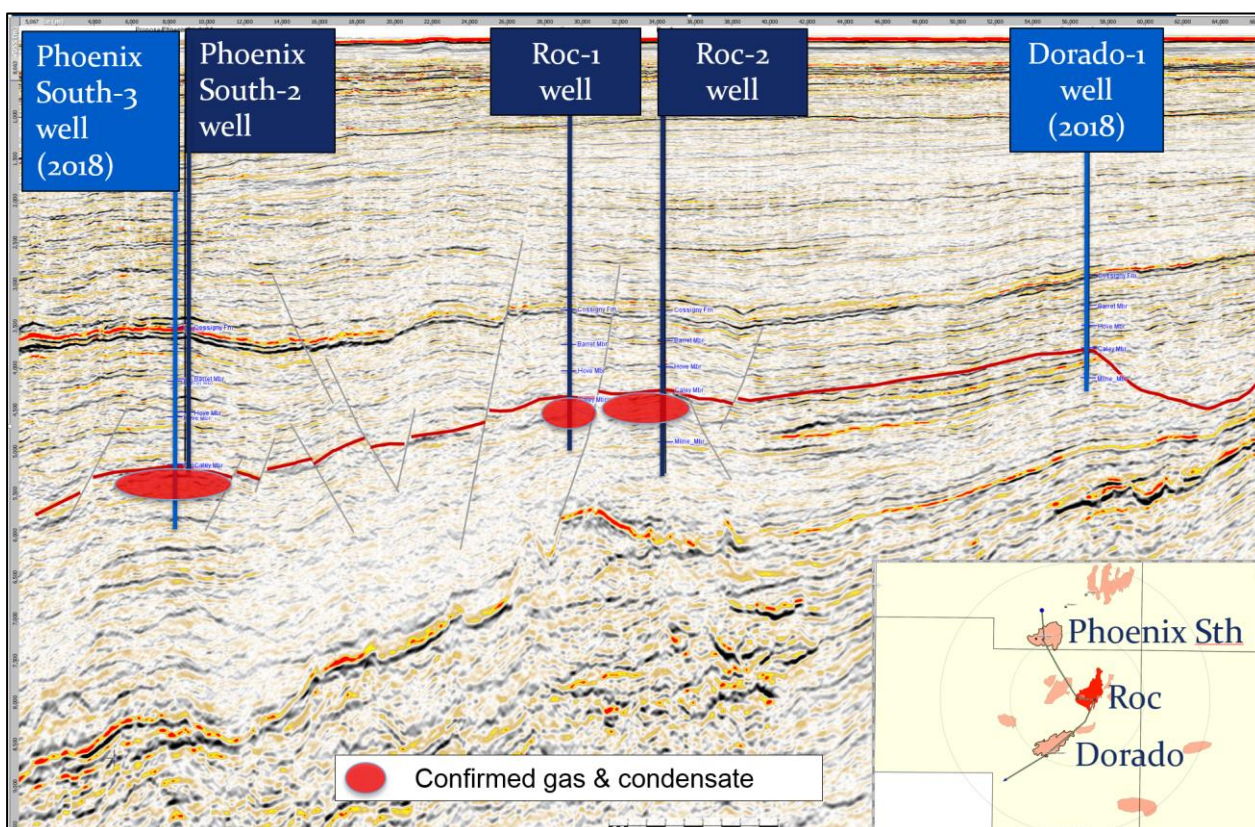


Figure 3 - Location of the Dorado-1 well within the project

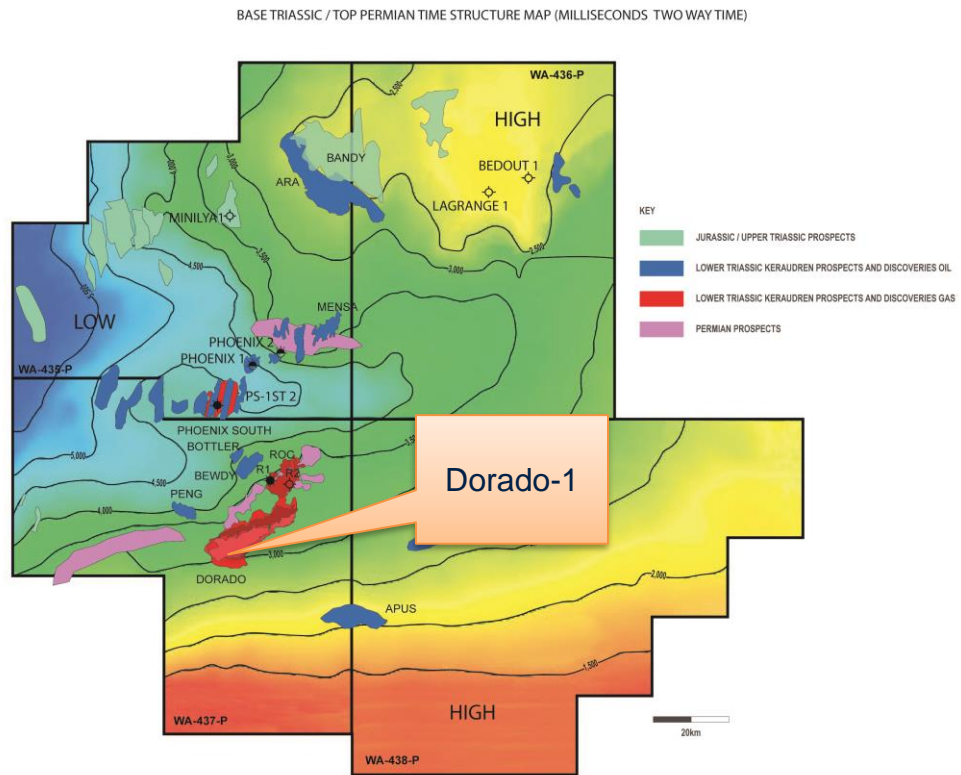


Figure 4: Predicted Lithology at Dorado from 2017 Seismic Inversion Project

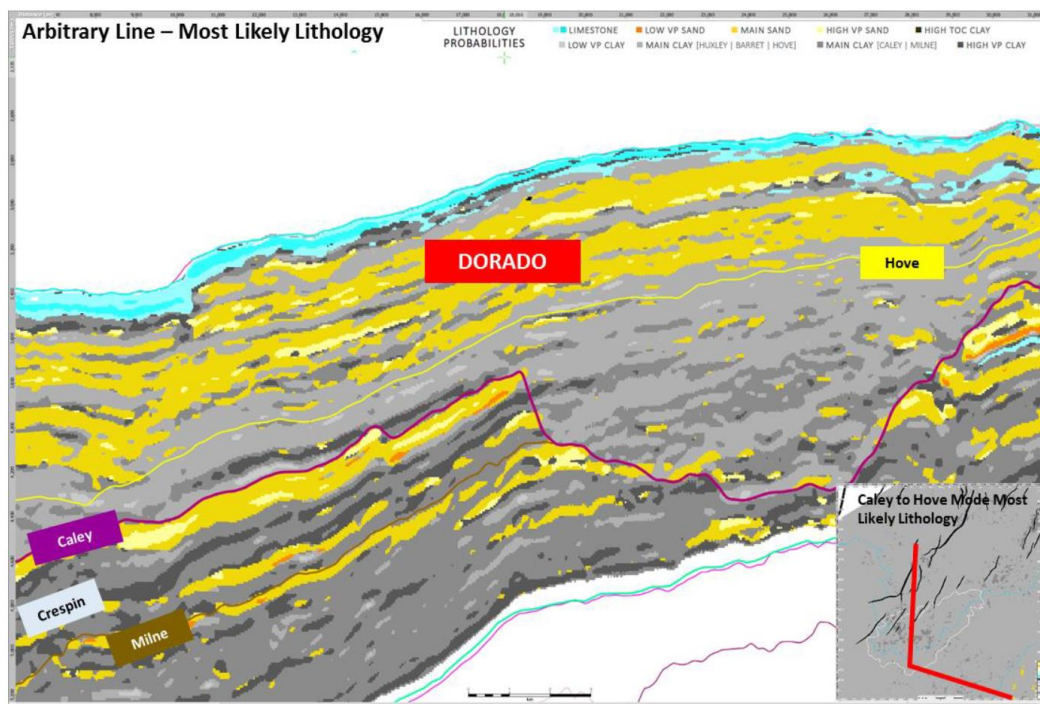
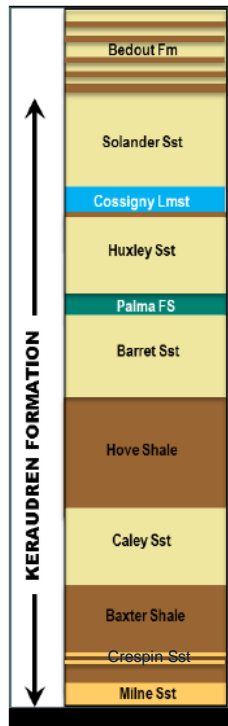


Figure 4: Geological formation diagram



Primary objective is to evaluate the hydrocarbon potential of the **Caley Sandstone** within the Keraudren Formation

Secondary objectives are to evaluate the hydrocarbon potential of the **Crespin and Milne Sandstones**

Cautionary Statement

There are numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating reserves and resources, and in projecting future production, development expenditures, operating expenses and cash flows. Oil and gas reserve engineering and resource assessment must be recognised as a subjective process of estimating subsurface accumulations of oil and gas that cannot be measured in an exact way.

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Resources

All contingent and prospective resources presented in this report are prepared as at 23 April 2018 (Reference: CVN ASX release 23 April 2018). The estimates of contingent and prospective resources included in this announcement have been prepared in accordance with the definitions and guidelines set forth in the SPE-PRMS and have been prepared using probabilistic methods.

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

Competent Person Statement Information

The Resource estimates outlined in this report 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 ASX Listing Rules and has consented to the form and context in which this statement appears.

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