

# Monthly Drilling Report

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The Cooper Basin experienced moderate to heavy rainfall over the period 9 January to 12 January 2015. Rainfall averaged 25 – 50 millimetres across most of the Cooper Basin, with heavier falls of up to 110 millimetres experienced near Innamincka. While no flooding in the Cooper River system occurred or is expected to occur, the rain did result in restricted road access to certain sites due to overlaying surface water, which has subsequently cleared. Consequently, some drilling activity and trucking of oil was delayed, however, all affected activities have since re-commenced and the overall impact on annual production was not material.

## **DEVELOPMENT**

**Australia – Cooper and Eromanga Basins** 

#### **Operated**

#### PPL 255 (formerly PEL 91)

## (Beach 40%, Drillsearch 60%)

Hanson-2 was drilled as a development well approximately 450 metres to the east of the currently producing Hanson-1 well. The well intersected the target top Namur Sandstone 1.8 metres high to prognosis, with six metres of net oil pay in the McKinlay Member and Namur Sandstone reservoirs. The well was subsequently cased and suspended as a future Namur Sandstone and McKinlay Member oil producer.

## **Non-operated**

#### **South Australian Gas**

## (Beach 20.21%, Santos 66.6% and operator, Origin 13.19%)

Big Lake-133 is the final well of a three-well development program for the south-west sector of the Big Lake field. The well was cased and suspended as a future Permian gas producer. Big Lake-133 is also the final well for the 2013 – 2014 infill drilling campaign, targeting conversion of undeveloped reserves to developed reserves at the Cowralli, Moomba North and Big Lake fields.



The Nephrite South and Kanowana fields are located to the north-west of Moomba and the Mudera field is located to the south-east of Moomba. Development drilling in these fields is consistent with the joint venture's current objective for more geographically widespread drilling relative to the closely spaced infill drilling conducted near Moomba.

Nephrite South-11, -12 and -13 are the final three wells of a four-well pad program targeting the Patchawarra Formation in the Nephrite South Field, located approximately 45 kilometres north-west of Moomba. Nephrite South-11 and -12 were cased and suspended as future gas producers, with Nephrite South-11 intersecting 81 metres of net gas pay in the target zone. Nephrite South-13 was spudded on 28 January 2015 and is currently drilling ahead.

Kanowana-11 is a standalone development well in the Kanowana field, located approximately 40 kilometres north-west of Moomba. Kanowana-11 was cased and suspended following intersection of 70 metres of net gas pay in the Patchawarra Formation and 30 metres of net oil pay in the Tirrawarra Sandstone.

Mudera-20 and -18 are the second and third wells, respectively, of a nine-well development program targeting the Coorikiana Sandstone in the Mudera, Marabooka and Strzelecki fields and located approximately 35 kilometres south-east of Moomba. Mudera-20 was cased and suspended as a future gas producer after intersecting approximately 10 metres of net gas pay in the Coorikiana Sandstone. Mudera-18 has reached total depth and is currently being prepared for casing and suspending.

Correa-2, an appraisal well on the Correa field targeting the Tirrawarra Sandstone, is currently drilling ahead.

Coonatie-24, an appraisal well on the Coonatie field targeting the Callamurra Member, is currently drilling ahead.

## **SACB JV Deep Natural Gas**

#### (Beach 20.21%, Santos 66.6% and operator, Origin 13.19%)

Gaschnitz-2 is the last well of a three-well Gaschnitz field exploration drilling campaign targeting the Toolachee, Epsilon and Patchawarra Formations and Tirrawarra Sandstone. The well reached total depth and wireline logs are currently being run.

## **EXPLORATION and APPRAISAL**

## Australia – Cooper and Eromanga Basins

**Operated** 

## PRLs 151 to 172 (formerly PEL 91)

(Beach 40%, Drillsearch 60%)

Sandhurst-1 was drilled as an exploration well in PRL 156 targeting the top Namur Sandstone. The well was plugged and abandoned.



## PRLs 129 to 130 (formerly PEL 106)

#### (Beach 50%, Drillsearch 50%)

Ralgnal-1 is the final well in the joint venture's five-well exploration and appraisal campaign. The program is targeting gas and gas liquids in the Patchawarra Formation. Ralgnal-1 was spudded on 18 January 2015 and is currently driling ahead.

## **Non-operated**

## PRLs 136 to 150 (formerly PEL 104/111)

#### (Beach 40%, Senex 60%)

Martlet North-1 is an exploration well in PRL 148 approximately 1.1 kilometres north-west of the Martlet-1 discovery well. The primary objective for Martlet North-1 is the Namur Sandstone which contained pay at Martlet-1. Martlet North-1 is currently drilling ahead.

#### **Egypt**

#### **Abu Sennan Concession**

## (Beach 22%, Kuwait Energy 50% and operator, Dover 28%)

The ASH-1X ST1 oil exploration well is drilling ahead in the Alam el Buieb. The well is primarily targeting the Alam El Bueib and Khatatba Formations.

The Al Jahraa-4 oil appraisal well reached total depth during the month, with the well currently being prepared for wireline logging. The well is targeting the Abu Roash "C", "D" and "E" members.

## Monthly Drilling Report - Period ending 06:00, 1 February 2015

| Well             | Part | articipants |                      | Progress and summary                                | Primary targets       |
|------------------|------|-------------|----------------------|---|-----------------------|
|                  |      |             |                      | Cooper Basin operated                               |                       |
| Sandhurst-1      | BPT* | 40.00%      | Drilling this month: | 2.012.7 metres                                      | Namur Sandstone       |
| PRL156           | DLS  | 60.00%      | Current Depth:       | 2,012.7 metres (total depth)                        | Namui Ganasione       |
| Oil exploration  | DLO  | 00.0070     | Status:              | Rigging down wireline                               |                       |
| C/E Basin, SA    |      |             | Olalus.              | ragging down whemle                                 |                       |
|                  |      |             | •                    |   | •                     |
| Hanson-2         | BPT* | 40.00%      | Drilling this month: | 1,083 metres  | McKinlay Member       |
| PPL 255          | DLS  | 60.00%      | Current Depth:       | 1,742 metres (total depth)                          | Namur Sandstone       |
| Oil development  |      |             | Status:              | Cased and suspended as a future McKinlay Member and |                       |
| C/E Basin, SA    |      |             |                      | Namur Sandstone oil producer                        |                       |
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| Ralgnal-1        |      | 50.00%      | Drilling this month: | 2,831 metres  | Patchawarra Formation |
| PRL130           | DLS  | 50.00%      | Current Depth:       | 2,831 metres  |                       |
| Gas exploration  |      |             | Status:              | Drilling ahead                                      |                       |
| C/E Basin, SA    |      |             |                      |   |                       |
|                  |      |             | Co                   | oper Basin non-operated                             |                       |
| Martlet North -1 | BPT  | 40.00%      | Drilling this month: | 1,127 metres  | Namur Sandstone       |
| PRL 148          | SXY* | 60.00%      | Current Depth:       | 1,127 metres  |                       |
| Oil exploration  |      |             | Status:              | Drilling ahead                                      |                       |
| C/E Basin, SA    |      |             |                      |   |                       |
|                  |      |             | Is                   |   |                       |
| Mudera-18        | BPT  | 20.21%      | Drilling this month: | 1,121 metres  | Coorikianna Sandstone |
| PPL 22           | STO* | 66.60%      | Current Depth:       | 1,121 metres (total depth)                          |                       |
| Gas development  | ORG  | 13.19%      | Status:              | Preparing to Case and Suspend                       |                       |
| C/E Basin, SA    |      |             |                      |   |                       |
| Gaschnitz-2      | BPT  | 20.21%      | Drilling this month: | 715 metres  | Toolachee Formation   |
| PPL 101          | STO* | 66.60%      | Current Depth:       | 3,969 metres (total depth)                          | Epsilon Formation     |
| Gas exploration  | ORG  | 13.19%      | Status:              | Running wireline logs                               | Patchawarra Formation |
| C/E Basin, SA    | 33   | 70          |                      |   | Tirrawarra Formation  |



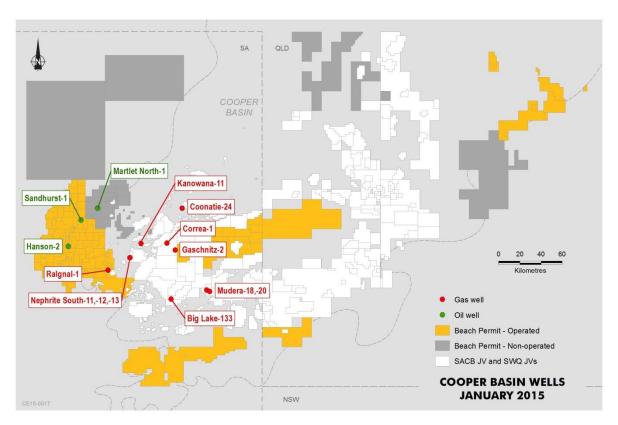
| Well                             | Participants |         | Progress and summary     |  | Primary targets         |
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| Coonatie-24                      | BPT          | 17.14%  | Drilling this month:     | 2,251 metres   | Callamurra Member       |
| PPL 131                          | STO*         | 72.32%  | Current Depth:           | 2,251 metres   |                         |
| Gas appraisal                    | ORG          | 10.54%  | Status:                  | Drilling ahead   |                         |
| C/E Basin, SA                    |              |         |                          |  |                         |
| Correa-2                         | BPT          | 20.21%  | Drilling this month:     | 2,156 metres   | Tirrawarra Sandstone    |
| PPL 80                           | STO*         | 66.60%  | Current Depth:           | 2,156 metres   |                         |
| Gas appraisal                    | ORG          | 13.19%  | Status:                  | Drilling ahead   |                         |
| C/E Basin, SA                    |              |         |                          |  |                         |
| Din Laba 400                     | ВРТ          | 20.21%  | Daillian daile ann adail | 308 metres   | Patchawarra Formation   |
| Big Lake-133<br>PPL 11           | STO*         |         | Drilling this month:     |  | Tirrawarra Sandstone    |
|                                  |              | 66.60%  | Current Depth:           | 3,095 metres (total depth)                             | Tirrawarra Sandstone    |
| Gas development<br>C/E Basin, SA | ORG          | 13.19%  | Status:                  | Cased and suspended as a future Permian gas producer   |                         |
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| Kanowanna-11                     | BPT          | 20.21%  | Drilling this month:     | 3,162 metres   | Patchawarra Formation   |
| PPL 233                          | STO*         | 66.60%  | Current Depth:           | 3,162 metres (total depth)                             | Tirrawarra Sandstone    |
| Gas development                  | ORG          | 13.19%  | Status:                  | Cased and suspended as a future Permian gas producer   |                         |
| C/E Basin, SA                    |              |         |                          |  |                         |
| Mudera-20                        | BPT          | 20.21%  | Drilling this month:     | 1,132 metres   | Coorikiana Sandstone    |
| PPL 22                           | STO*         | 66.60%  | Current Depth:           | 1,132 metres (total depth)                             | Coominana Sandstone     |
| Gas development                  | ORG          | 13.19%  | Status:                  | Cased and suspended as a future Coorikiana Sandstone   |                         |
| C/E Basin, SA                    | ONO          | 13.1370 | Olalus.                  | gas producer   |                         |
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| Nephrite South-11                | BPT          | 20.21%  | Drilling this month:     | 3,282 metres   | Patchawarra Formation   |
| PPL 140                          | STO*         | 66.60%  | Current Depth:           | 3,282 metres (total depth)                             |                         |
| Gas development                  | ORG          | 13.19%  | Status:                  | Cased and suspended as a future Permian gas producer   |                         |
| C/E Basin, SA                    |              |         |                          |  |                         |
| Nephrite South-12                | BPT          | 20.21%  | Drilling this month:     | 3.374 metres   | Patchawarra Formation   |
| PPL140                           | STO*         | 66.60%  | Current Depth:           | 3,374 metres (total depth)                             | atchawana i omiation    |
| Gas development                  | ORG          | 13.19%  | Status:                  | Cased and suspended as a future Permian gas producer   |                         |
| C/E Basin, SA                    | Onto         | 10.1070 | oldido.                  | Cased and Suspended as a ratale i Silinan gas producer |                         |
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| Nephrite South-13                | BPT          | 20.21%  | Drilling this month:     | 891 metres   | Patchawarra Formation   |
| PPL 140                          | STO*         | 66.60%  | Current Depth:           | 891 metres   |                         |
| Gas development                  | ORG          | 13.19%  | Status:                  | Drilling ahead   |                         |
| C/E Basin, SA                    |              |         |                          |  |                         |
|                                  |              |         |                          | International  |                         |
| ASH-1X ST1                       | BPT          | 22.00%  | Drilling this month:     | 1,251 metres   | Alam El Bueib/Khatatba, |
| Abu Sennan                       | KEE*         | 50.00%  | Current Depth:           | 4,045 metres   | Abu Roash C, E          |
| Oil exploration                  | DOV          | 28.00%  | Status:                  | Drilling ahead   |                         |
| Egypt, Western Desert            |              |         |                          |  |                         |
| Al Jahraa-4                      | BPT          | 22.00%  | Drilling this month:     | 2,452 metres   | Abu Roash C, D, E       |
| Abu Sennan                       | KEE*         | 50.00%  | Current Depth:           | 3,417 metres (total depth)                             | ADU NOASII C, D, E      |
| Oil Development                  | DOV          | 28.00%  | Status:                  |  |                         |
| Egypt, Western Desert            | DOV          | 20.00%  | Sidius.                  | Running wireline                                       |                         |
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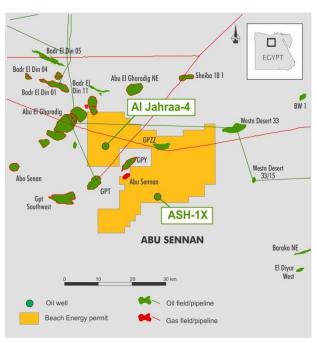
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