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Dear Sir,

ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

BASKER-MANTA-GUMMY ("BMG") OIL & GAS PROJECT

Reference is made to the Stock Exchange Release made on 19 December 2008 by ROC Oil Company Limited ("ROC") on behalf of its subsidiary, Anzon Australia Limited ("AZA") in relation to termination by the participants in the BMG Project of the Letter of Intent with BW Offshore ("BW") for supply of a floating production and storage and offloading vessel ("FPSO") for the proposed BMG Phase 2 Project.

Beach Petroleum Limited has today received notice of a claim against the participants in the BMG Project by BW in the Federal Court of Australia seeking recovery of costs relating to terminating third party vendor contracts entered into by BW in relation to performance of initial activities under the LOI. Costs claimed are in the order of US\$90.1 million. Participants in the BMG Project dispute that these costs are payable and intend to defend the claim.

Participating interests in the BMG Project are as follows:

Anzon Australia Limited (Operator).....	40%
Beach Petroleum Limited.....	30%
CIECO Exploration and Production (Australia) Pty Ltd	20%
Sojitz Energy Australia Pty Ltd	10%

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Reg Nelson", on a light-colored background.

Reg Nelson
Managing Director, FAusIMM