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**WALLOON COAL MEASURES COAL SEAM GAS DRILLING REPORT,  
PL171, SURAT BASIN QUEENSLAND.**

Victoria Petroleum NL (Vicpet) has been advised by Queensland Gas Company Limited (QGC) that core drilling operations are in progress in the Walloon Coal Measures in PL 171, in the Surat Basin. Two drilling rigs are on location carrying out coring and drill stem test operations at the Lawton #3 and Lawton#4 core holes.

The Lawton core holes are the first wells to be drilled by QGC in PL171 and are the start of a planned exploration and appraisal drilling program of up to 11 wells over the next 12 months to continue the evaluation of the coal seam gas bearing potential and deliverability of the Walloon Coal Measures.

PL 171 is interpreted to be situated in the prime Walloon Coal Seam Gas fairway on the western side of the Surat Basin.

Drilling reports will be provided to the ASX on a weekly basis and as significant events occur.

Commenting on the start of coal seam gas drilling operations in PL171, Vicpet managing director, John Kopcheff said:

“Vicpet is pleased that drilling operations are underway in PL171 to evaluate that permits interpreted resource of 116 petajoules (PJ) of gas in place net to Vicpet. The aim of the drilling program is to establish an initial 2P and 3P coal seam gas reserves base for PL 171.

“Added to Vicpet’s CSG interests in ATP 574P and the Don Juan Project Surat Basin, Vicpet is confident of significant future value in its CSG holdings with its interest in a gross 2 trillion cubic feet in place CSG resource.”

Victoria Petroleum N.L., holds a 20% interest in PL 171.

Vicpet’s current certified reserves and Gas in Place (GIP) potential across its Surat Basin Walloon Coal Measures interests are as follows:

CSG Project	2P Certified Reserves (PJ Net to VPE)	3P Certified Reserves (PJ Net to VPE)	Estimated Gas In Place Potential (PJ Net to VPE)
Don Juan	15	86	115
PL 171	-	-	116
ATP 574P	-	-	526
Total PJ's	15	86	757

Yours faithfully,



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Information of this report was completed by the Managing Director of Victoria Petroleum N.L, J T Kopcheff BSc (Hons Eco.Geol), FAIMM, MAAPG, MSPE, MPESA, with 38 years experience in petroleum geology and geophysics.

**For information on Victoria Petroleum N. L. drilling activities visit our website at [www.vicpet.com.au](http://www.vicpet.com.au)**

**Competent Person Statement** - The estimates of gas reserves and resources for the Don Juan CSG Field and Comet Block have been prepared by MHA Petroleum Consultants, LLC (MHA) in accordance with the definitions and guidelines set forth in the 2007 Petroleum Resources Management System approved by the Society of Petroleum Engineers. The reserve statement has been compiled by Mr Timothy L Hower Chairman of MHA, together with personnel under his supervision. Mr Hower, who has over 28 years industry experience, and MHA have consented to the inclusion of the technical information contained in this announcement.

