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DRILLING AT ACRASIA 5 DEVELOPMENT WELL COMMENCES

Oil Producer Stuart Petroleum Limited (ASX code: STU) advises that as planned, the Acrasia 5 Development well spudded at 16:00 on Saturday 9 October.

Acrasia 5 is being drilled in the eastern section of the overall Acrasia Oil Field, central to the Hutton formation oil pool. It is programmed to reach a total depth of 2,345 metres to access reserves which are not tapped by the existing Acrasia well pattern and thereby increase the productivity, cash flow and profitability of the field.

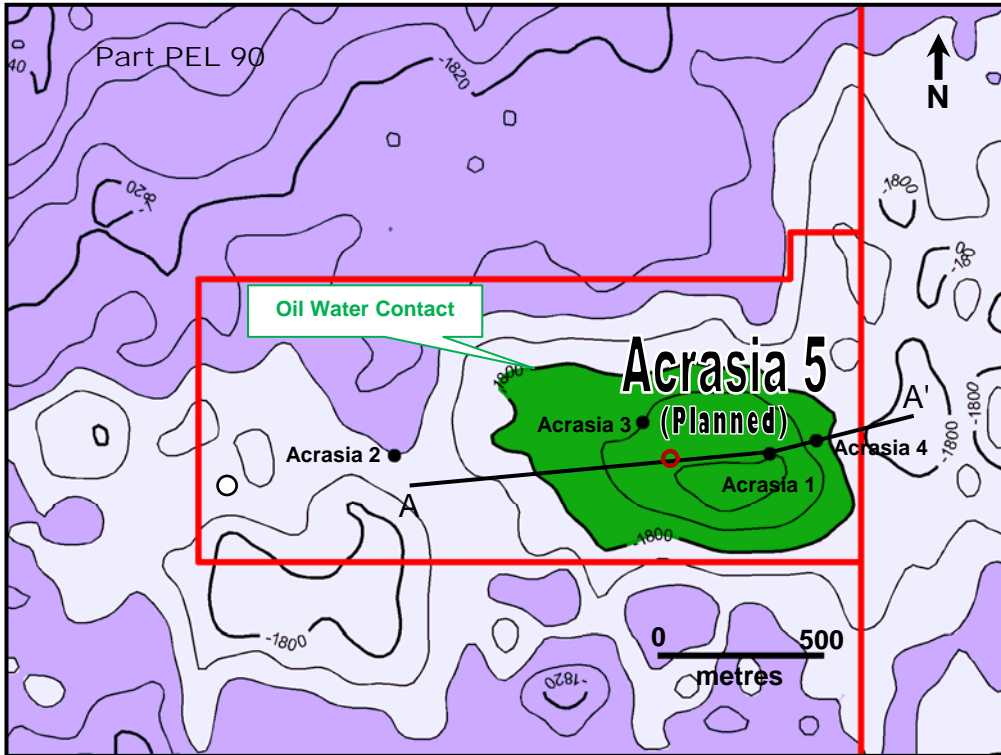
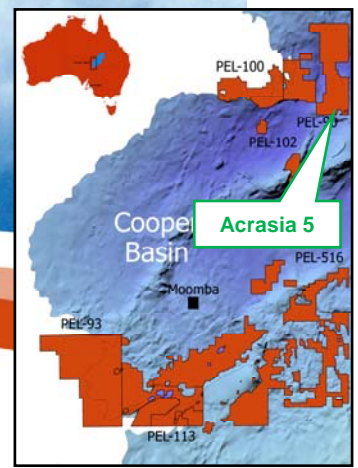
Acrasia 5 is expected to convert approximately 164,000 barrels (100% JV share) of 2P undeveloped reserves into developed reserves in the Hutton and Tinchoo formations and it is expected to begin production at an initial rate of around 300 barrels of oil per day. This well is programmed to contribute approximately 60,000 barrels (100% JV share) to oil production in financial year 2010-2011.

Drilling progress will be reported prior to and during drilling of the primary target.

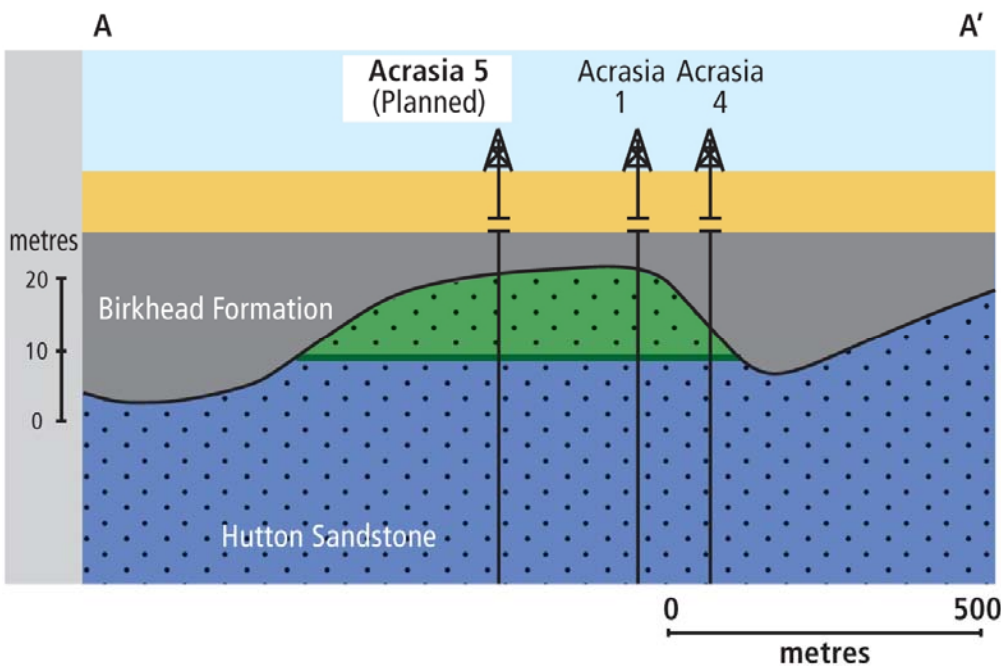
Acrasia 5 Development Well		
Location	PPL 203, Cooper Basin	
Participants	Stuart Petroleum (ASX:STU) - Operator	75%
	Mawson Petroleum Pty Ltd	25%
Spud Date	16:00 9 October 2010	
Progress Report Date	06:00 11 October 2010	
Current Depth	210 m	
Planned Total Depth	2,345 m	
Current Operation	Drilling ahead 12.25 inch hole	
Geology	Drilling ahead in Winton Formation.	
Planned Work	Drill ahead 12.25 inch hole to TD at +/- 925 metres	

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Top Hutton Porosity Depth Structure Contour Map (metres)



Diagrammatic cross-section A - A' showing geological interpretation of seismic and well data from Acrasia 1 and Acrasia 4.

