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2013 Utopia Oil Development Drilling

Bounty Oil and Gas NL (Bounty) is pleased to announce that it will commence the first phase of a potentially high impact oil development drilling programme at its 40% owned Utopia Oilfield, PL 214, SW Queensland (see location – Figure 1 below) in around 8 days. Oil Wells Inc of Kentucky a wholly owned subsidiary of Bridgeport Energy Limited is the operator.

Drilling planned with 3D seismic data:

This drilling has been planned following mapping based on the Utopia 3D Seismic Survey completed in 2011 and the wells are up dip from existing production wells.

The 3D seismic survey has identified several potential closures illustrated in Figure 1 which Bounty's interpretation indicates could contain an additional gross 8 million bbls of recoverable oil (Bounty interest: 3.2 mmbbls).

Development Wells

Bounty will participate in two development wells – Utopia 12 and 14 appraising these new resources.

The first well will be Utopia 12 commencing around 5 February 2013.

Success from these wells is anticipated to more than double Bounty's share of oil production from the Field as well as testing a new part of the Field which has potential for an additional 1.8 million barrels of recoverable oil. Success will also lead into a larger development program later in 2013.

Utopia 12 a development well is located at the highest point on the currently producing field (Utopia Central) (See Figure 1), up dip from the most productive well Utopia 2 which is 440 metres to the south. At U12 the Murta reservoir is anticipated to be 7 metres higher than the Murta zone in Utopia 2; (currently the highest well on the reservoir in the field). The additional section is anticipated to be above the oil water contact with reservoir quality sand. This well alone could deliver Bounty an additional 25 bopd.

Utopia 14 development well will test a separate closure (Utopia East) to the southeast of the main Utopia production area (Utopia Central). Utopia East is located 3.7 km to the East Southeast of Utopia Central (see Figure 1). It is possible that this closure links up with the Utopia Central pool as an additional lobe. The Murta zone at Utopia East is interpreted as being about 4 metres higher than at Utopia 2 within Utopia Central.

Again the additional section to be encountered above the anticipated oil water contact is anticipated to have reservoir quality sands based on interpretation of data from a well drilled 2km west of the drill location. Success in this well will add around 25 bopd to Bounty's production.

Bounty has elected to go non consent in the Utopia 13 well to be drilled as part of the program but retains generous buy back in rights under the joint operating agreement.

Production Optimisation:

Bounty has completed a number of work overs on existing production wells within Utopia Central expected to contribute an additional 20 – 30 bopd to Bounty's oil production

Commenting; Bounty's CEO Philip Kelso said:

"Bounty is excited that at a time of high oil prices with TAPIS hovering around USD\$119 per barrel and a swing back to easily accessed conventional oil we will in 2013 start testing for the potentially large resources of shallow high quality oil in the extensions to Utopia Central.

Success with this drilling is anticipated to very significantly add to Bounty's 1P and 2P reserves with immediate revenue increases from our existing production facilities. Later in 2013 this will lead to an expanded program."

Abbreviations:

<i>barrel of oil:</i>	<i>159litres</i>
<i>bbls:</i>	<i>barrels of oil</i>
<i>mmbbls:</i>	<i>million bbls of oil</i>
<i>bopd:</i>	<i>barrels of oil per day</i>

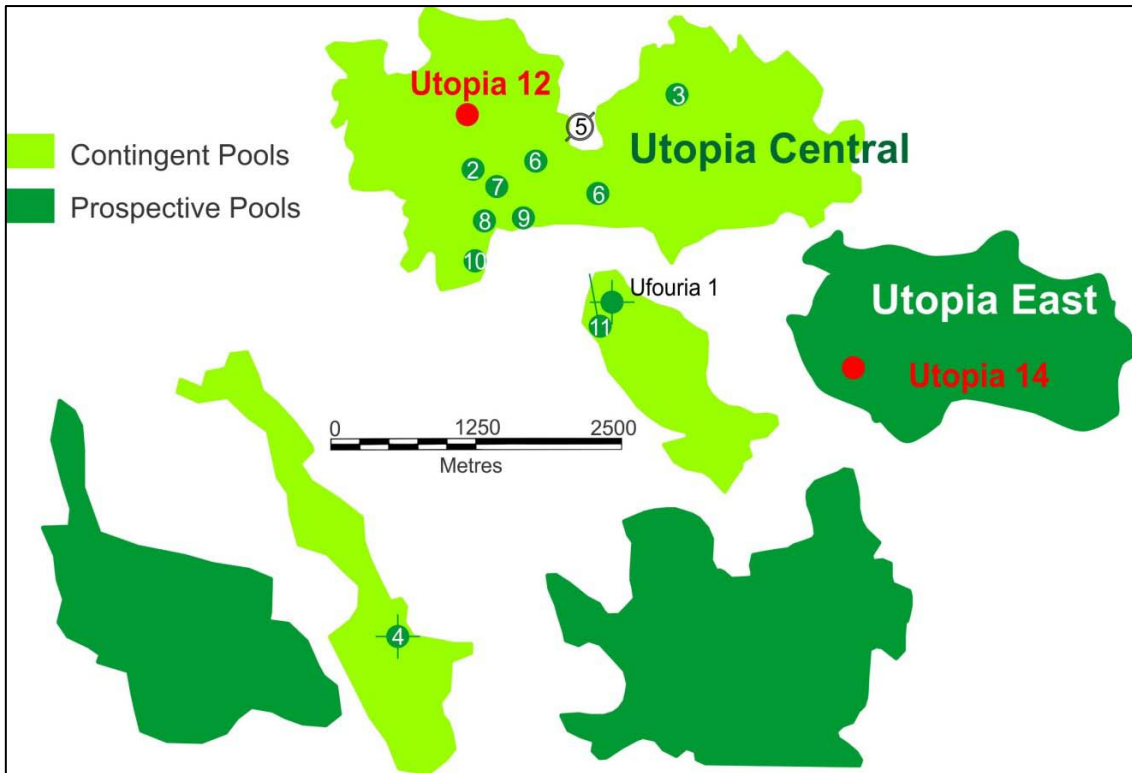


Figure 1 - Structural Closures within PL 214 Utopia Area; SW Queensland

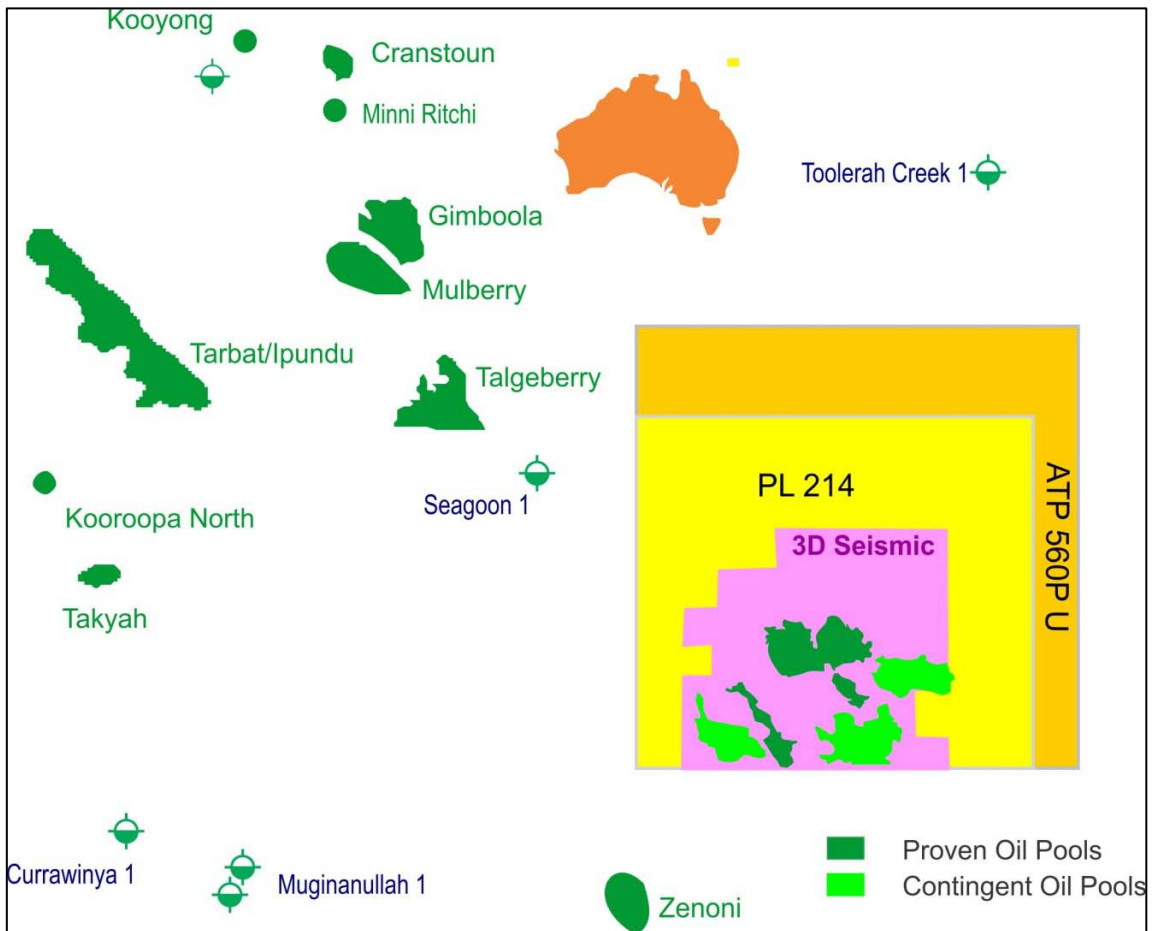


Figure 2 - Regional Setting Utopia Oil Field and surrounding areas; SW Queensland

Bounty is an Australian ASX listed oil producer and explorer (ASX Code: BUY). Its core petroleum production and exploration assets are located onshore in the Cooper/Eromanga Basins and in the Surat Basin in Queensland and South Australia. Its growth assets are spread over a number of high impact projects in Australia and Tanzania where it is exploring for oil and gas. In Australia; offshore it holds AC/P 32 Timor Sea and is a participant in PEP 11, Sydney Basin.

Bounty has interests in other permits including Tanzania where it is a participant in the Kiliwani North Gas Field development and is exploring for additional gas pools with up to 1 TCF potential.

Bounty has reserves and resources approaching 4 million barrels of oil equivalent.

Bounty's Website: www.bountyoil.com

[The information in this report that relates to or refers to petroleum or hydrocarbon reserves, is based on information and reports prepared by, reviewed and/or compiled by the CEO of Bounty Oil & Gas NL Mr Philip F Kelso. Mr Kelso is a Bachelor of Science (Geology) and has practised geology and petroleum geology for in excess of 20 years. He is a member of the Petroleum Exploration Society of Australia and a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. He consents to the reporting of that information in the form and context in which it appears.]