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WELL NAME: Mananda 5, PNG

Oil Search reports that as at 0600 hrs PNG time (-1 hr AEST) on 18 November, Mananda 5 was at a depth of 980 metres and the 13 3/8" casing was being set. Progress for the week was 674 metres.

Mananda 5 is located in PPL 219, approximately 25 kilometres north west of the SE Mananda and Agogo oil fields. The well is targeting the Toro, Digimu and lagifu sandstones in the seismically defined Mananda Attic hanging wall anticline. The mean success case volume is 30 million barrels recoverable.

The well has a planned total depth of approximately 2,700 metres. Subject to results, Mananda 5 may be deepened to evaluate the Koi-Iange sandstone and constrain an underlying footwall target.

The participants in Mananda 5 are:

Oil Search (PNG) Limited	71.25%
Nippon Oil Exploration (Niugini) Limited	20.00%
Merlin Petroleum Company	8.75%
Total	100%

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WELL NAME: Al Meashar-2, Block 7, Yemen

Oil Search reports that as at 06:00 Yemen time on 17 November (-8 hrs AEST), the Al Meashar-2 well in Block 7, Yemen was at a depth of 2,579 metres and drilling ahead in the Lam Member of the Madbi Formation in a 12-1/4" hole. Progress for the week was 260 metres.

Al Meashar-2 is an appraisal well of the Al Meashar-1 oil discovery made in early 2010. The well is being drilled from the existing Al Meashar-1 well pad using Managed Pressure Drilling to minimise damage from drilling fluids in the reservoir. The planned total measured depth of the well is approximately 3,740 metres.

The participants in Block 7 are:

Oil Search (ROY) Ltd	34%, Operator.
Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Co. (Aden) Ltd	21.25%
ARC Energy Holdings Ltd*	21.25%
Mitsui Exploration & Production Middle East B.V	8.5%
Yemen General Corporation for Oil and Gas	15%
Total	100%

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