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MAARI PRODUCTION RESTARTED

On 22 November 2010, the Company advised that the operator of Maari field, OMV New Zealand Limited (OMV), reported a small oil spill had occurred on Saturday 20 November 2010 from the FPSO *Raroa*. As a precautionary measure, production was shut-in at the facility.

As noted in the attached statement from OMV, production has restarted at the Maari facility.

Detailed cargo tank and under hull inspections confirmed the source of the recent oil sheen was a small amount of residual oil trapped beneath the FPSO *Raroa's* hull from the accidental discharge on 18 October 2010 during de-ballasting operations. As previously advised, the cause of 18 October 2010 spill has been identified and measures put in place to ensure that this type of accidental discharge does not happen again.

The participants in Maari and Manaia are:-

Horizon Oil International Limited	10%
[a wholly owned subsidiary of Horizon Oil Limited (HZN)]	
OMV NZ Limited (Operator)	69%
Todd Maari Limited	16%
Cue Taranaki Pty Limited (CUE)	5%

Yours faithfully,

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Media statement

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Production restarted at Maari

OMV New Zealand said today that production had restarted on Saturday at the Maari facility, following the confirmation that the sheen seen on 20 November was due to a small amount of residual oil trapped beneath the FPSO Raroa's hull.

Production was shut down as a necessary precaution and a thorough review was undertaken which included divers examining parts of the vessel's hull. OMV consulted with Maritime New Zealand and divers have now cleaned the affected area and production restarted.

The residual oil came from the 18 October incident when oil was noticed on the water near the Raroa during de-ballasting operations. Measures have been implemented to ensure that type of accidental discharge will not happen again.

OMV takes environmental matters very seriously and has a history of strong environmental management. It remains committed to working with regulators, partners and contractors to ensure best practices are maintained everywhere it operates, including here in New Zealand.

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