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DRILLING REPORT – 6 January 2011

WELL NAME: Mananda 5, PNG

Oil Search reports that as at 0600 hrs PNG time (-1 hr AEST) on 6 January, Mananda 5 was at a depth of 2,125 metres. During the week a 7" liner was set and preparations are underway to drill ahead in a 6" hole, towards the lagifu sandstone. Drilling progress for the week was 38 metres.

Mananda 5 is located in PPL 219, approximately 18 kilometres north west of the SE Mananda oil field. Following the discovery of hydrocarbons within the Toro sandstone, the well is being deepened to evaluate the lagifu and Koi-lange sandstones and constrain an underlying footwall target. The total depth of the well is dependent upon the results of the evaluation of the lagifu and Koi-lange sandstones.

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 5 January (-8 hrs AEST), the Al Meashar-2 well in Block 7, Yemen, was preparing to run a drill stem test of the basement reservoir section.

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%

* A wholly owned subsidiary of AWE Limited

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