

# **ASX** Announcement

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# **Wheatons-1 Spud Notice**

Dear Shareholders,

We are pleased to announce that the Wheatons-1 exploration well in PEL92 spudded at 1100 hours yesterday, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2011. The surface hole has been drilled to 678 metres and the current operation is making preparations to run the 95%" casing.

The well's primary objective is the Namur Sandstone with secondary objectives in the Birkhead, Hutton and Poolowanna Formations. Wheatons-1 is located 10 km northeast of the Parsons oil field and 6.4 km northwest of the Callawonga oil field. The well will be drilled to a total depth of about 1,860 metres and is expected to take about 10 days to drill and evaluate.

The primary objective Namur Sandstone, which is the oil reservoir in the nearby oil fields, is estimated to contain 0.55<sup>1</sup> million barrels of Prospective Resources (P50). The deeper formations would be expected to add to this estimate if they result in discovery.

Further ASX releases on Wheatons-1 will be made when appropriate.

By order of board,

## Ian Gregory

Company Secretary

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### **Competent Persons Statement**

Pursuant to the requirements of the ASX Listing Rules 5.11, 5.11.1, 5.12 and 5.13, the reported recoverable hydrocarbon estimates are based on information compiled by Mr Sergey Shevchenko. Mr Shevchenko holds a BSc in Geophysics. He has worked in the government, mineral and petroleum industry as a practising geoscientist for 30 years. Mr Shevchenko is employed full-time by Cooper Energy as its Senior Geophysicist and has consented in writing to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on the information in the form and context in which it appears.

Wheatons Prospect Map with Wheatons-1 Well Location and nearby Oil Fields.

