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DRILLING REPORT - 14 July 2011

WELL NAME: IDT 25, PNG

Oil Search reports that during the week, the IDT 25 development/exploration well located in the PDL 2 Kutubu field was suspended as a future Toro reservoir oil producer and the rig was released on 11 July. The exploration target, the Koi lange interval, will be tested using a Hydraulic Workover Unit which is anticipated to be on-site in October.

The rig is now being moved to Hedinia 10, a near-field exploration target within PDL 2, which is expected to commence drilling in the next week.

The participants in IDT 25 are:

| Oil Search (PNG) Limited | 60.05% |
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| Ampolex (PNG Petroleum), Inc. | 11.61% |
| Merlin Pacific Oil Company Limited | 2.91% |
| Merlin Petroleum Company | 18.69% |
| Petroleum Resources Kutubu Limited | 6.75% |
| Total | 100% |

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