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MATUKU-1 WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT No. 3

PEP 51906 – OFFSHORE TARANAKI BASIN, NEW ZEALAND

Octanex N.L. (**ASX Code: OXX**) (**Company**) has been advised by OMV New Zealand Limited, the Operator of the Matuku-1 exploration well being drilled in the offshore Taranaki Basin permit PEP 51906, that at 06:00 hours (NZST) on Tuesday, 24 December 2013, the well was at a depth of 3167m MDRT (measured depth below rotary table) and preparing to drill ahead in the 12¼" hole.

Planned operations over the coming week are to complete the 12¼" hole section, run and cement in the 9½" casing string and then carry out a leak-off test prior to drilling the 8½" hole through the zones of interest (*as detailed below*).

The well is targeting the hydrocarbon potential of the Kapuni Group Farewell Formation F sandstone reservoir (T10 sands); with sandstones of the Kapuni Group Kaimiro Formation D Sand (T20 sands) and Pakawau Group North Cape Formation (K90) being secondary targets – see the attached Figure 1 *Prospect Map* of Matuku and the well targets.

Matuku-1 is programmed as a vertical well that is being drilled by the Kan Tan IV semi-submersible rig in water depths of approximately 130m. The Operator currently intends drilling the well to a total depth (**TD**) of 4750m MDRT.

Matuku-1 is scheduled to take 45 days to drill to TD and then abandon.

The Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Octanex NZ Limited, holds a 22.5% participating interest in the PEP 51906 permit and this interest is being free carried by OMV through the drilling of the Matuku-1 well – see the attached Figure 2 *Location Map* for the Permit and Matuku-1.

The participants in the PEP 51906 permit and its Joint Venture are:

OMV New Zealand Limited	65.0%
Octanex NZ Limited	22.5%
Australia and New Zealand Petroleum Limited	12.5%
<i>(Subsidiary of New Zealand Oil & Gas Ltd (ASX Code: NZO))</i>	

On behalf of the Board



J.G. Tuohy
Company Secretary

24 December 2013

Figure 1: *Matuku Prospect – 3D perspective of Target Zones*

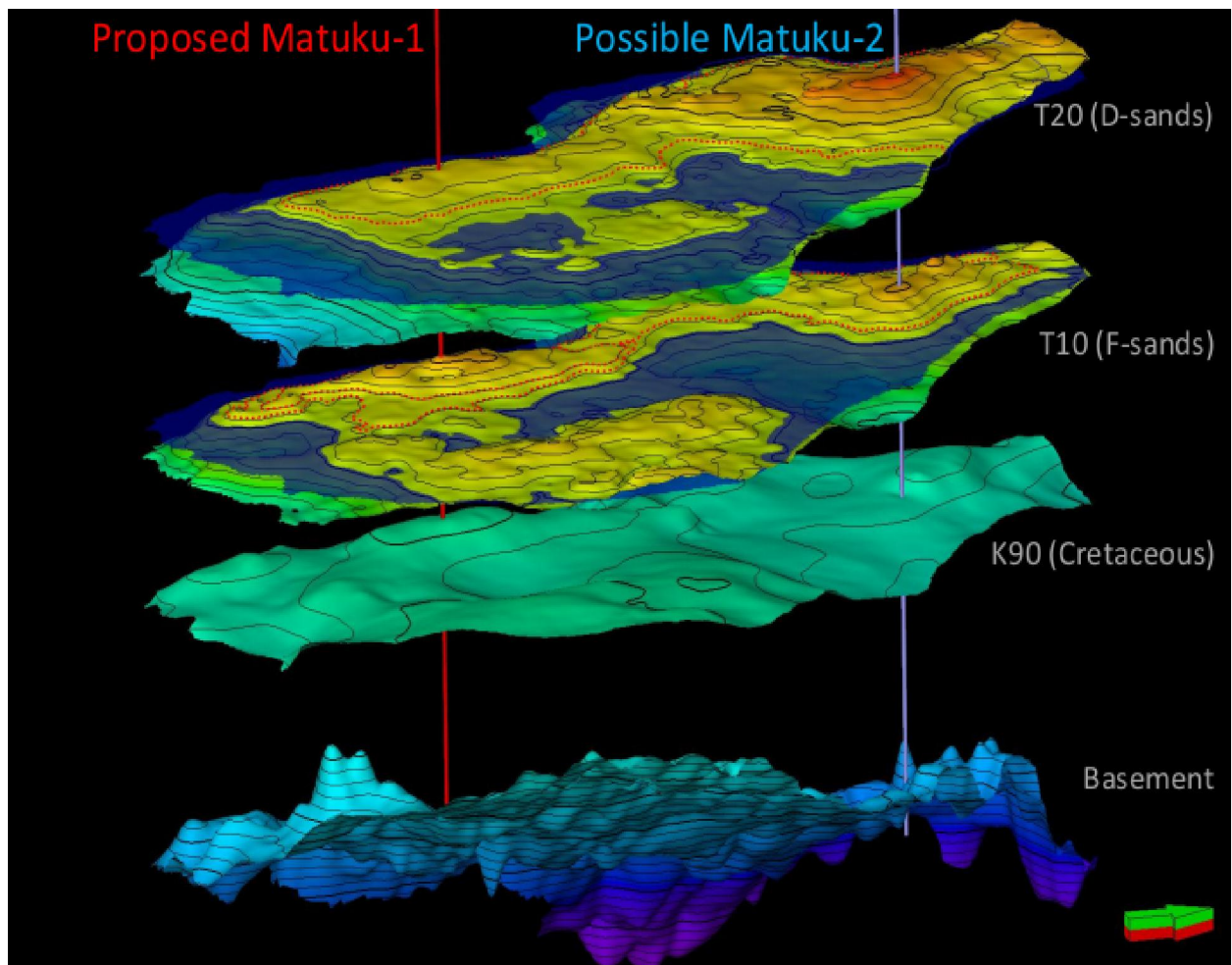


Figure 2: Location Map of PEP 51906 and the Matuku-1 Well

