

Jolly-1 spudded in Penola Trough, Otway Basin

13 January 2014

Cooper Energy announces that Jolly-1, the first of two deep wells targeting the Casterton Formation within the Penola Trough of the onshore Otway Basin, was spudded in PEL 495 on 11 January by the Ensign 916 rig. At 6:00 am on 13 January the well was preparing to run 13-3/8" surface casing.

The primary objective of Jolly-1 is to assess the unconventional oil and gas potential of shales within the Casterton Formation through drilling to a prognosed total depth of 4,000 metres and collecting over 100 metres of conventional core. It is anticipated that the well will intersect the Casterton Formation approximately 1,000 metres deeper than Sawpit-2, which was drilled to a total depth of 2,585 metres in March 2013. The Casterton Formation is considered to be the primary source rock for the existing conventional gas/condensate fields in the Penola Trough.

Jolly-1 is within South Australian exploration permit PEL 495 6.5 kilometres south south-west of Sawpit-2, which was drilled in 2013.

The well has an anticipated duration of 57 days. After completion of Jolly-1 the rig will move to PRL 32 to drill Bungaloo-1, the second of two wells in the program.

Participating interests in the PEL 495 and PRL-32 are:

- Cooper Energy (30%)
- Beach Energy (70% and Operator).

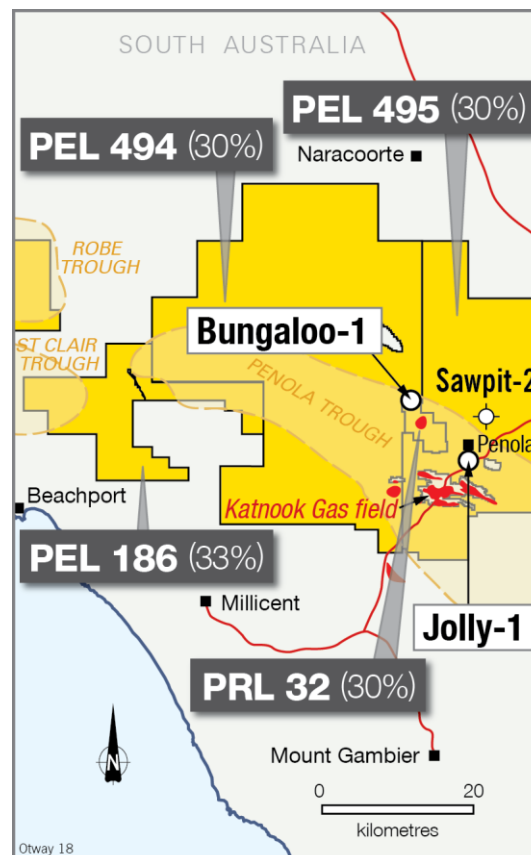
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Location of Jolly-1 and Bungaloo-1 Otway Basin South Australia



- Cooper Energy tenement
- Gas field
- Gas pipeline
- Depositional trough
- Plugged and abandoned well
- Proposed well