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All comparative data is in relation to the prior corresponding period, 1 July 2007 to 31 December 2007, unless otherwise stated.



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Performance Highlights

ConocoPhillips' investment for a 50% interest in Origin's CSG assets has driven a Statutory Profit of \$6.7 billion for the half year...

- Rejected BG Group's takeover offer
- Conducted CSG monetisation process
- Established Australia Pacific LNG (APLNG) with ConocoPhillips to develop Australia's largest CSG to LNG project
- Transformed Origin's balance sheet through the investment by ConocoPhillips of \$6.9 billion upfront and carry of \$1.15 billion

... and resulted in Origin having \$6.4 billion of cash on deposit and undrawn committed debt facilities

Origin has continued to build its existing energy business during the first half with Underlying Profit up 38% to \$277 million...

Revenue	\$4,216 million	up	10%
EBITDAF	\$686 million	up	12%
Statutory Profit	\$6,663 million	up	1891%
Underlying Profit	\$277 million	up	38%
EPS - Statutory	761.0 cps	up	1887%
EPS - Underlying	31.6 cps	up	38%
OCAT	\$363 million	down	6%
Free cash flow per share	25 cps	down	17%
Interim dividend fully franked	25 cps	up	108%
Origin cash on deposit ⁽¹⁾	\$4,073 million		
Origin undrawn debt facilities ⁽²⁾	\$2,313 million		

... and increased interim dividends by 108% to 25 cps, consistent with Origin's intention to rebase annual dividends to 50 cps and target an increased dividend payout ratio of at least 60% of underlying earnings

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(1) Excluding Contact

(2) Excluding Contact and bank guarantees



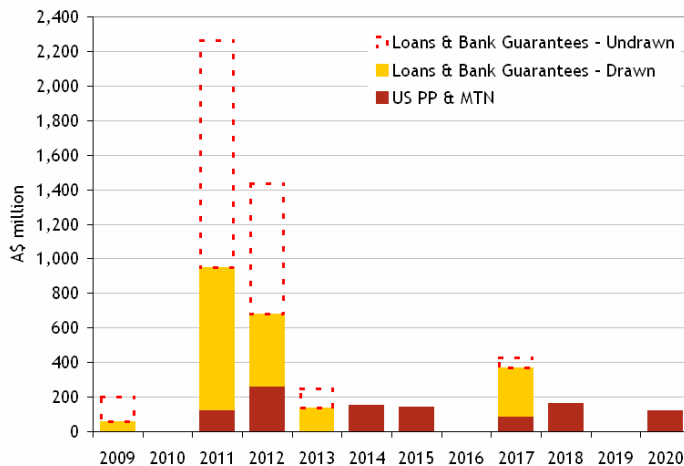
As the operating and economic environment for businesses becomes more challenging, Origin has been able to continue to grow its existing business...

- Full half year contribution from Otway Gas Project
- Continued development of New Zealand business with full half year contribution from Taranaki Basin and progress on Ahuroa Gas Storage project
- Acquired the 640 MW Uranquinty Power Station and committed to the 550 MW Mortlake Power Station
- Secured long-term electricity hedge purchase and gas supply agreement with 450 MW Braemar 2 Power Station in Queensland
- Entered long-term wind power purchase agreement with ACCIONA Energy for 192 MW
- Appraisal activities significantly increased 2P reserves by over 750 PJ and 3P reserves by almost 1,000 PJ in the APLNG joint venture
- Selected Wipro Technologies as partner in the transformation of Origin's Retail systems
- Subsequent to half year end, completed Uranquinty Power Station, which is now fully operational and commenced commissioning of the Quarantine Power Station expansion

... through the completion of current projects, acquisitions and commitment to new development projects

Origin is now in an unparalleled position to continue to grow and develop its business with access to \$6.4 billion of cash and undrawn committed debt facilities and substantial additional balance sheet capacity...

Origin Debt & Bank Guarantee Maturity Profile



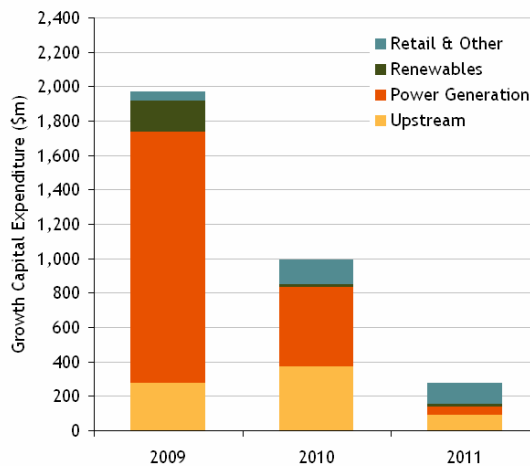
Source: Origin

Financial Year Ending

Note: Excluding Contact

- Conservative debt maturity profile
- \$2.3 billion in undrawn committed facilities
- \$4.1 billion in cash on deposit

Origin Forward Growth Capex Profile



Source: Origin

Financial Year Ending

- Declining capex commitments

... at a time when we expect a number of opportunities to grow and develop the business



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Financial Review

Profit & Loss - Statutory

(\$ million)	Dec 08	Dec 07	Change
Revenue	4,216	3,817	10%
EBITDAF ⁽¹⁾	686	614	12%
EBIT	7,590	634	1098%
Net financing costs ⁽²⁾	(95)	(104)	(9)%
Tax expense	(676)	(146)	363%
Minority Interests	(16)	(49)	(68)%
NPAT - Statutory	6,663	335	1891%
EPS - Statutory	761.0 cps	38.3 cps	1887%
Free cash flow per share ⁽³⁾	24.7 cps	29.6 cps	(17)%

- Statutory Profit dominated by the gain arising from the APLNG transaction

(1) Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, amortisation, financial instruments and significant items. Includes 50% EBITDAF contribution of APLNG from 29 October 2008. EBITDAF for 2007 is revised to only recognise EBITDAF contribution from equity accounted investees

(2) Excluding capitalised interest

10 (3) Free cash flow is defined here as cash available to fund distributions to shareholders and growth capital expenditure. It includes deductions for stay-in-business capital expenditure, interest and tax

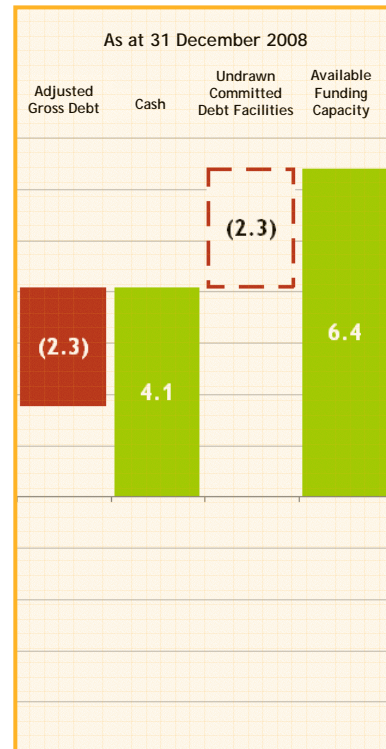
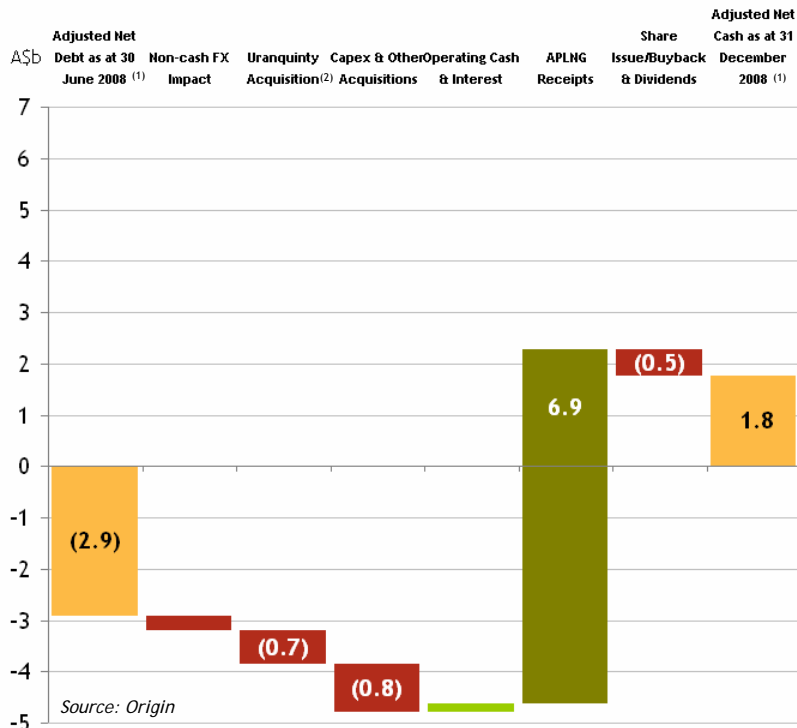


Profit & Loss - Underlying

(\$ million)	Dec 08	Dec 07	Change
Statutory NPAT	6,663	335	1891%
Significant items			
Changes in fair value of financial instruments	(102)		
Impairment of assets	(217)		
Net Impact of APLNG Transaction	6,706		
Total significant items	6,386	(134)	
Underlying NPAT	277	200	38%
Underlying EPS (cents)	31.6	22.9	38%

- Underlying NPAT and EPS are both up by 38%

APLNG transaction has provided Origin with substantial funding capacity...



... with cash and undrawn committed debt facilities of \$6.4 billion

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(1) Net Cash/(Debt) excluding mark to market adjustments on debt

(2) Uranquinty acquisition includes debt assumed on acquisition

Note: All amounts exclude Contact Energy

EBITDAF of \$686m is up 12% primarily due to growth in the Retail and Exploration & Production segments

Segments (\$ million)	Dec 08	Dec 07	Change
Exploration & Production	175	133	32%
Generation	21	33	(34)%
Retail	300	201	49%
Contact	190	248	(24)%
Total	686	614	12%

Note: Corporate costs of \$51m have been allocated to the Australian segments (\$30m December 2007)

- **EBITDAF:** now includes the EBITDAF contribution from equity accounted investees. The segments results for the Dec 07 half have been restated on this basis
- **E&P:** Increased production and higher oil prices, lower average unit operating costs
- **Generation:** Mainly relates to Worsley plant outage in Western Australia
- **Retail:** Tariff increases for electricity and gas customers
- **Contact:** Hydrology impacts and transmission constraints

Capital Expenditure

(\$ million)	Dec 08	Dec 07
Stay-in-business	115	70
Growth		
Exploration & Production	286	305
Retail	59	38
Generation	556	240
Contact	129	56
Total capital expenditure	1,144	708
Acquisitions (net of cash)	131	6
Capex including acquisitions	1,275	714

- Growth capex has risen with the spend on several Generation projects, CSG (pre-completion of the APLNG transaction), Kupe and power station and geothermal spending by Contact
- Acquisitions predominantly reflects the net consideration for Uranquinty which was acquired in July 2008 for a fully constructed enterprise value of \$700 million (net \$126 million cash paid on acquisition, future capital expenditure, of which \$123 million was spent this half, and assumption of existing debt facilities and obligations)

Origin announced that on completion of the APLNG transaction it would undertake an on-market buyback of shares of up to \$1.275 billion

Share Buyback Activity

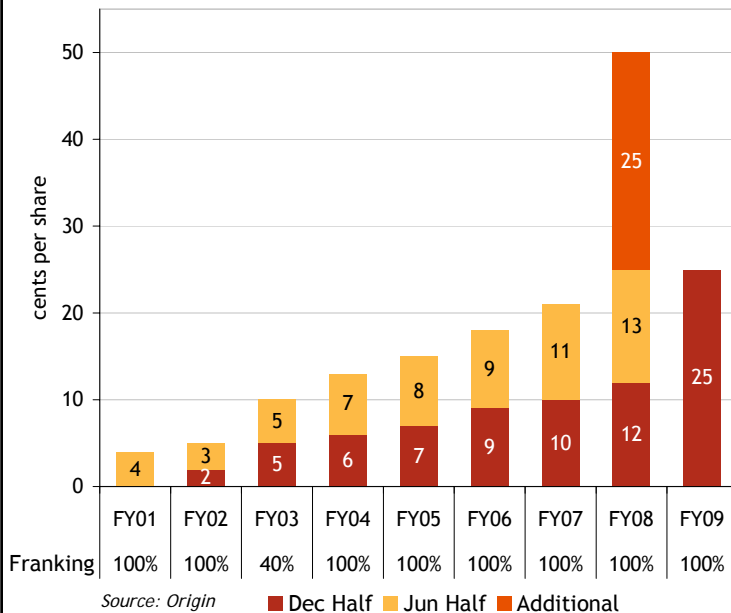
Shares purchased to date	12.1 million
Average price paid	\$16.11 per share
Total consideration	\$195 million

- The buyback commenced on 13 November 2008
- Origin decided not to participate in the buyback during the low liquidity period over Christmas and early January
- In early January the extent of the global financial crisis led the company to review the medium to long term prospects for access to capital
- As is common industry practice the buyback was suspended on 1 February 2009, several weeks before the release of the first half financial results
- Assessment of further capital management initiatives will be made in the next financial year

The Company has now elected to terminate the on-market buyback of shares to preserve its financial capacity in the current economic environment

A fully franked interim dividend of 25 cps (up 108%) has been declared...

Dividends History



- Ex-dividend date 3 March 2009
- Date of record 10 March 2009
- Payable 25 March 2009
- Dividend payout ratio of 79% of Underlying EPS, or 3% of Statutory EPS
- Dividend Reinvestment Plan remains suspended and will not apply to this interim dividend

... consistent with previously announced intention to rebase dividends at 50 cps annually and target a higher payout ratio of at least 60% of Underlying Earnings

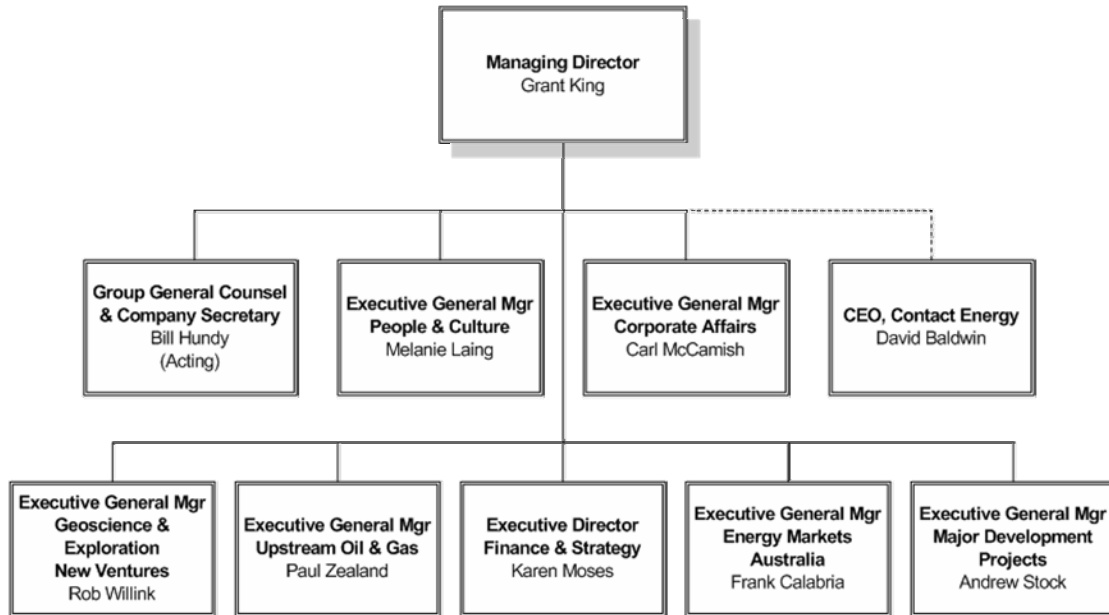


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Operational Review



The Executive Management Team of Origin has been reorganised to best reflect the challenges and opportunities for our existing business...



... and to continue the development of a stable and effective management team and to target new opportunities for growth



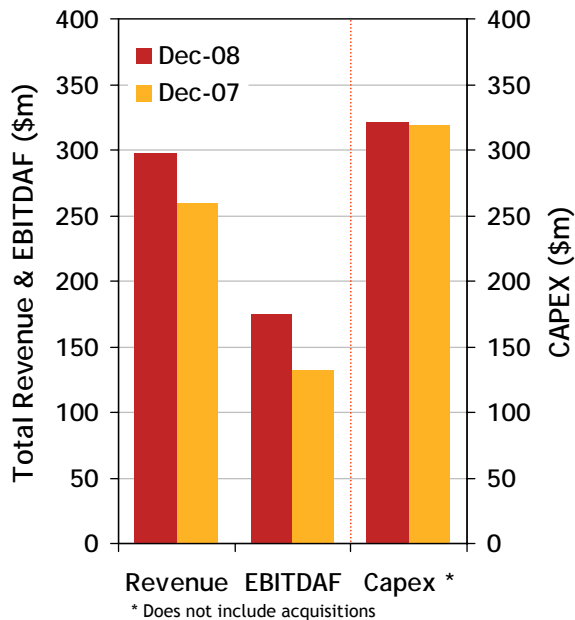


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Exploration & Production



Exploration & Production: Record Production, Sales and Revenue reflect contributions from new assets...



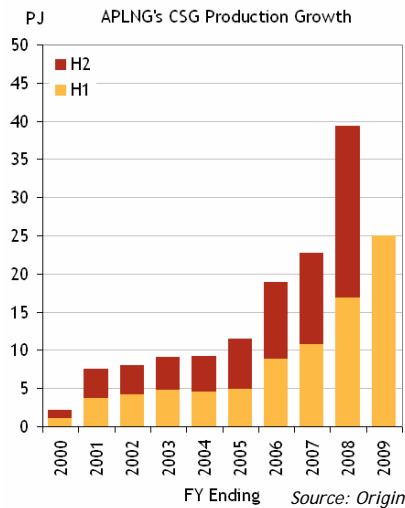
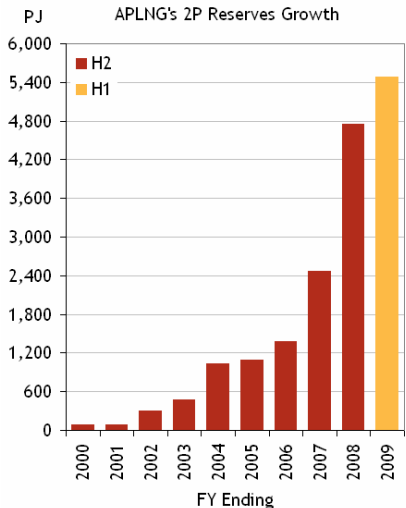
- EBITDAF of \$175m up 32% with increased production from Otway Gas Project, Taranaki assets and CSG partially offset by lower production from BassGas and dilution of CSG interests from the APLNG transaction
- Falling oil prices and increased spreads on condensate relative to oil resulted impacted liquids revenues
- APLNG transaction completed establishing 50:50 CSG to LNG joint venture with ConocoPhillips
- APLNG appraisal activities increased CSG reserves by over 750 PJ 2P and almost 1,000 PJ 3P⁽¹⁾
- Kupe Gas Project on schedule to commence commercial operations in Sept Quarter 2009
- Exploration commitments reviewed increasing short term 3D seismic commitments to replace more onerous long-term well commitments

... which more than offset the impact of maturing assets and the impact of the APLNG transaction on CSG interests



(1) Against APLNG's last published CSG reserves position as at 30 June 2008. Origin has a 50% interest in APLNG

APLNG continues strong growth in CSG production and reserves...



APLNG's CSG Interests ⁽¹⁾ (PJ)	30 Jun 2008	31 Dec 2008	Change ⁽²⁾	Increase
1P Reserves	1,375	1,527	+ 152	+ 11%
2P Reserves	4,751	5,482	+ 731	+ 15%
3P Reserves	10,138	11,110	+ 972	+ 10%
Contingent Resource (2C)	15,869	14,964	- 905	- 6%

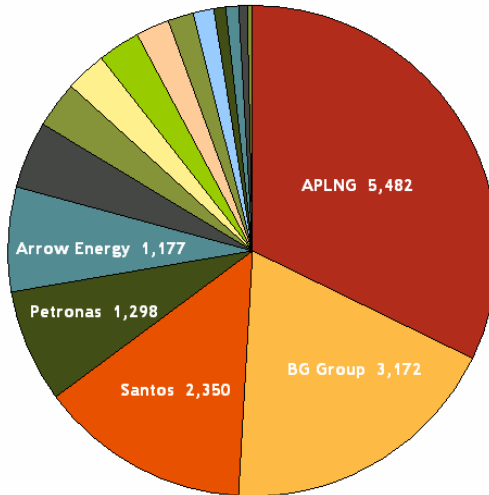
... with a significant increase in proved and probable reserves and contingent resources being converted as expected

(1) Origin has a 50% interest in APLNG
 (2) Reserves as at 31 December 2008 are shown net of CSG production for H1 FY 2009

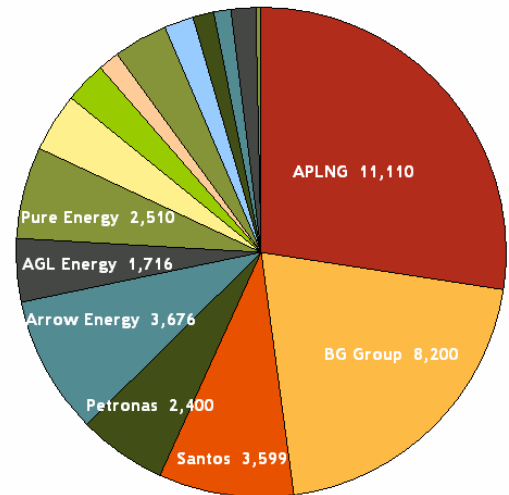


APLNG has a leading CSG reserves position...

Eastern Australia 2P CSG Reserves by Company



Eastern Australia 3P CSG Reserves by Company



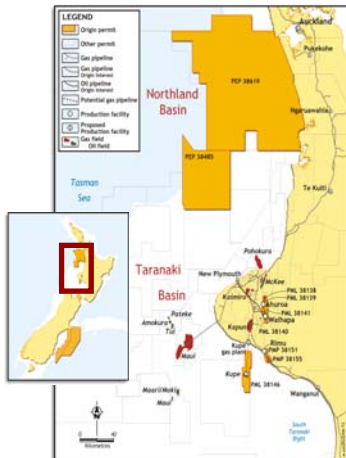
Source: RLMS Eastern Australia CSG Reserves 19/2/09, updated for APLNG's reserves position announced on 26/2/09

... both on a 2P and 3P basis

With the next phase of APLNG's CSG development to be funded by ConocoPhillips, and a number of development projects nearing completion...



Kupe Gas Project



Kupe Gas Project

- Offshore operations were successfully completed early in the half year
- Project is 90% complete with commercial operations expected to commence in the September Quarter 2009
- Construction progress of the on-shore production station and tank farm is over 70% complete and progressing well
- Origin is the Project Operator and has a 50% interest
- Gross annual production expected to be around 20 PJ of sales gas together with over 2 million barrels of condensate and LPG

Ahuroa Gas Storage Update

- Construction of gas injection facilities completed with initial injection undertaken in December 2008
- Design of full injection and withdrawal facilities has been completed
- Project expected to be operational in 2010
- Funded by Contact Energy

... a period of major upstream capex is coming to an end



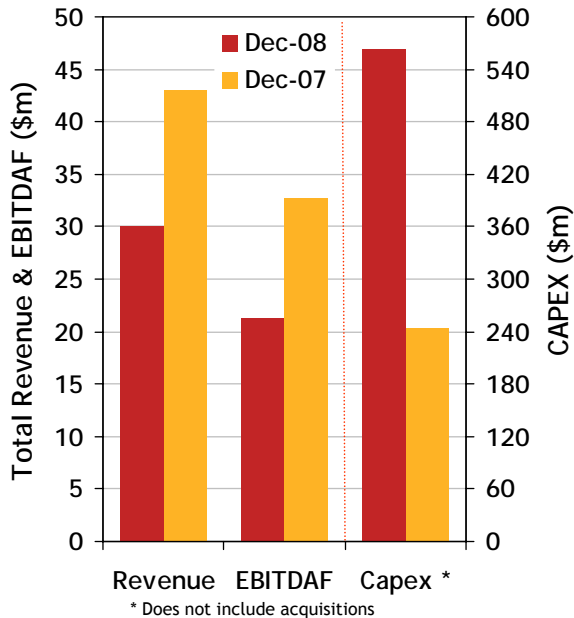


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Generation



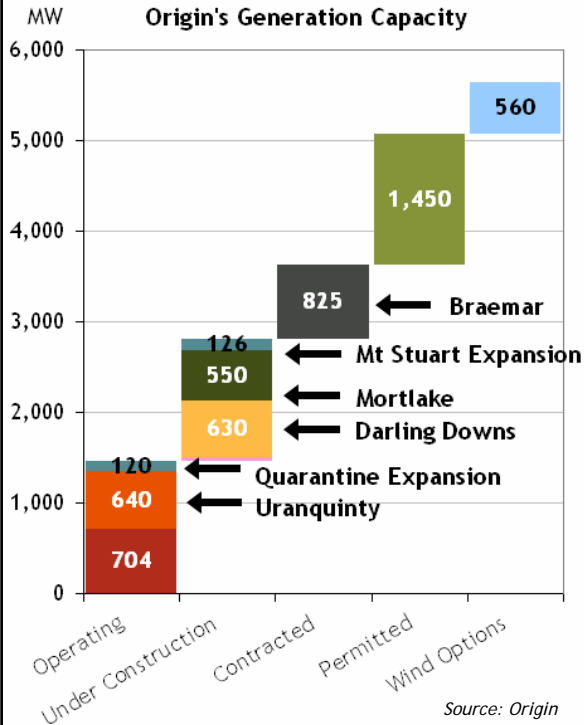
Generation: EBITDAF was lower primarily due to the Worsley plant outage...



- EBITDAF was \$21 million, \$11 million lower than the prior half year
- The Worsley cogeneration plant in WA had an extended outage after a power turbine failure in mid August. Insurance claims will be pursued in relation to this outage
- Significant progress made on ongoing developments - Uranquinty completed and online and Quarantine expansion being commissioned, while Mt Stuart expansion, Darling Downs CCGT, Cullerin Range wind farm and Mortlake projects all progressed to schedule
- Commitment to Mortlake OCGT announced in July and development of project has commenced

... while the acquisition of Uranquinty and ongoing major generation developments are significantly increasing Origin's generation capacity to support the retail business

Origin's fleet of gas-fired power stations is well placed to benefit in a carbon-constrained environment...



- Addition of Uranquinty and Quarantine expansion has more than doubled Origin's generation equity interests to 1,465 MW
- Origin has committed to build an additional 1,340 MW of power generation, further doubling capacity by the end of 2010
- Low carbon intensity portfolio developed based on robust economics in the current market environment
- Opportunity for significant benefits in a carbon-constrained future and well-placed to benefit even under a low carbon price scenario
- Mt Stuart expansion is on track and due for completion in late 2009
- Development costs for Spring Gully site have been written off but development permits retained
- Origin will own or have capacity rights by the end of 2010 to almost 3,500 MW, which represents around 50% of Origin's current peak retail demand

26 ... comprising a flexible portfolio with a lower emissions intensity than the NEM



Uranquinty Power Station is now completed and fully operational...



All 4 completed Uranquinty PS turbines

Uranquinty Power Station

- 640 MW Peaking Plant (4 x 160 MW OCGT)
- Located near Wagga Wagga, New South Wales
- Completed and fully operational
- Access to gas from across the East Coast
- Peaking plant that can be run at higher load factors if required



New unit at Quarantine PS

Quarantine Power Station Expansion

- 120 MW expansion (1 x 120 MW OCGT)
- More than doubles existing capacity of plant to 215 MW
- Located on Torrens Island, South Australia
- Peaking plant that can be run at higher load factors if required
- Commissioning underway, to be completed in early March 2009

... and the Quarantine Power Station expansion is being commissioned

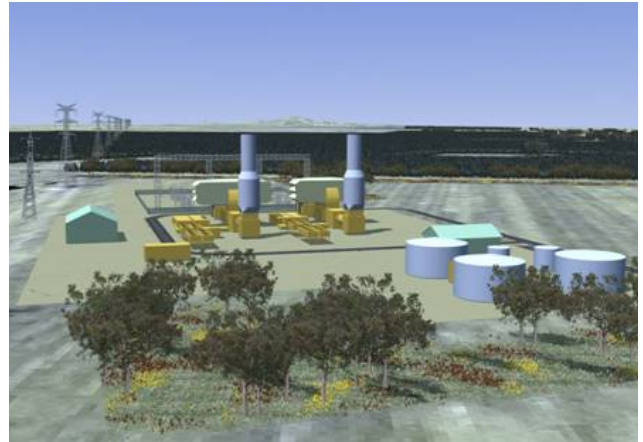
Darling Downs Power Station is progressing well...



Darling Downs PS Turbine Building steel erection

Darling Downs Power Station

- 630 MW Base Load plant
- Largest CCGT plant in Australia
- All gas turbines installed
- Commissioning to commence in early 2010
- Progressing on time and on budget



Impression of Mortlake PS once constructed

Mortlake Power Station

- 550 MW Peaking plant
- Expected to be completed in late 2010
- Designed for conversion to CCGT at a later stage if required

... and the development of the Mortlake project has commenced

Origin also continues to develop a number of renewable energy options...



Wind turbine blades being delivered to Cullerin Range

Wind

- Construction of the 30 MW wind farm at Cullerin Range is well progressed with commissioning expected in mid-2009
- Origin has development sites for another 58 MW and an option over up to 500 MW of wind farm development sites from Epuron



Drilling floor of Geodynamics' Rig 100 pre-spud

Source: Geodynamics

Geothermal

- Geodynamics' Proof of Concept closed loop testing is underway with commissioning of the 1 MW pilot plant expected in March 2009

Solar

- SLIVER photovoltaic development provides long-term solar opportunity and work to commercialise technology continues

29 ... in response to the demand for lower carbon intensity generation and growing mandated renewable energy targets 

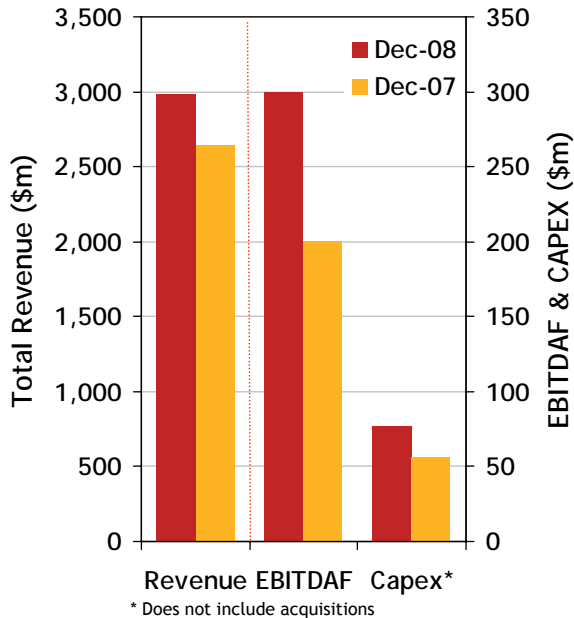


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Retail



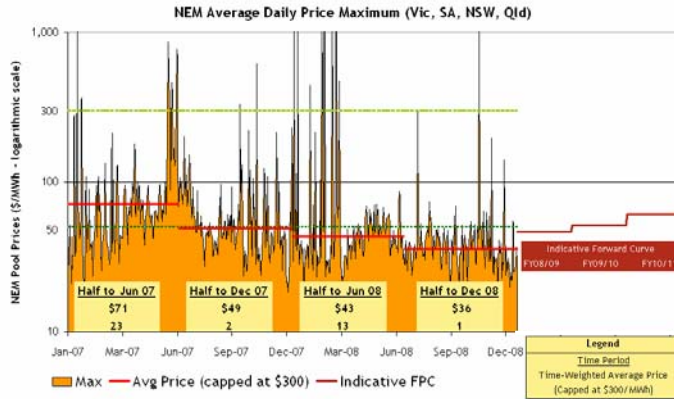
Retail: EBITDAF grew by \$99 million to \$300 million. Higher gas and electricity revenues were realised following tariff increases in the prior period leading to a very strong first half...



- EBITDAF grew by \$99 million or 49% from \$201 million to \$300 million
- Cost to serve increased on higher corporate allocations, higher costs in dealing with customers experiencing payment difficulties, and systems upgrade and implementation costs
- Churn remained high in Victoria and decreased in most other markets. Customer accounts (after adjustments) remained stable and Origin retained clear market leadership in Green Energy products
- Systems and process transformation and back-office outsourcing projects were initiated - with Wipro selected as Origin's key transformation partner

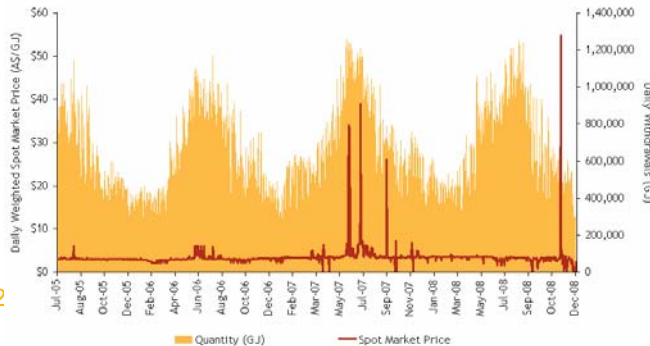
... while the second half will see lower contributions due to higher expected wholesale energy costs

Tariffs were higher and purchasing costs of electricity were lower than in the prior corresponding period resulting in significant margin expansion...



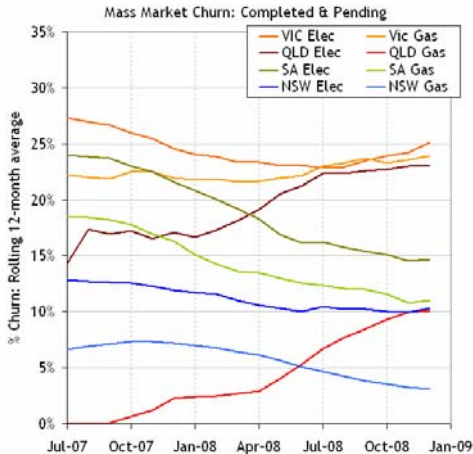
Source Electricity Chart: NEMMCO, AFMA & Origin
 Source Gas Chart: Origin and VENCORP

Victorian Gas Weighted Average Spot Price and Demand

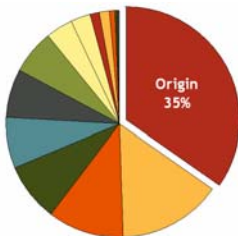


... however the wholesale cost of energy is expected to be substantially higher in the second half resulting in margins for the year being similar to the prior year

Origin acquired over 238k new accounts to maintain customer numbers



Source: Various websites including VENCORP, NEMMCO, Gasmarketco & Company Information
GreenPower™ Customer Numbers



December 2008 Origin Customer Numbers⁽¹⁾

(000's)	Natural Gas	Electricity	Total
Jun 2008	880	1,729	2,609
Change	-2	+7	+4
Dec 2008	878	1,735	2,613

- Opening customer numbers revised (-45k) following customer data review as part of system cleansing phase of retail transformation. Restatement does not impact revenues, costs or volumes as customers had been signed but not been established in billing systems
- Around 314,000 electricity customer accounts now established in SA and NSW
- Customers signed to green energy products up 12% to around 480,000⁽²⁾ (up from 423,000 at 30 June 2008), including 35% market share of national GreenPower™ customers
- Origin sold 90,000 tonnes of carbon offsets directly and through third party retail channels (up from 50,000 at 31 December 2007)

(1) Based on the adjusted customer number opening balance. Refer to MD&A for further details

(2) Includes GreenPower, Green Gas and customers in transfer

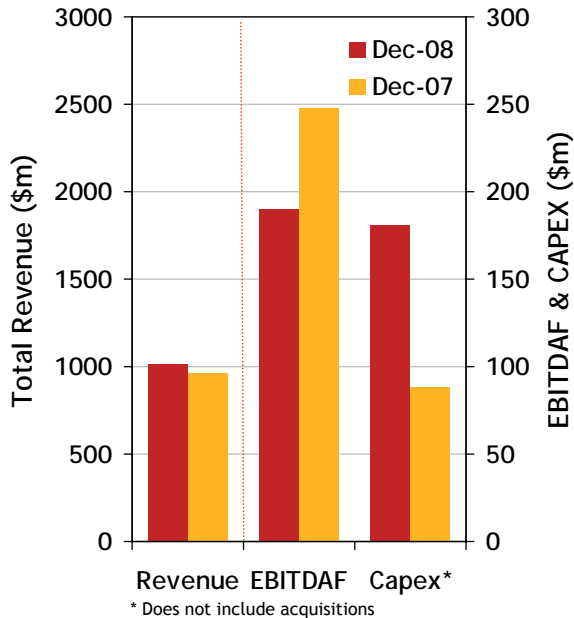




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Contact Energy

Contact Energy: While earnings were significantly reduced due to the combined impact of weather conditions and transmission constraints...



- EBITDAF was \$190m, 24% lower than the prior half year primarily due to an unusual combination of weather events and transmission constraints between the North and South Islands which adversely impacted wholesale costs and generation revenue
- While this particular combination of conditions is unlikely to be repeated in the short term, and some elements of the transmission constraints will most likely be resolved in the September Quarter 2009, the reduction in inter-island transmission capacity adds new risk exposures to Contact's earnings
- Contact has implemented a series of strategies to help mitigate future transmission risks
 - September 2008 South Island tariff adjustments
 - Deconstraining transmission out of the lower South Island
 - Procurement advisory group for HVDC pole 3, which is expected to be in operation in 2012

... Contact has put in place a number of mitigating measures and the outlook for growth of generation remains strong



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Outlook

The second half of the financial year is expected to be more challenging than the first half

- Lower margins in the Retail business due to higher wholesale electricity costs, although margins for the full year are expected to be consistent with the prior year
- Future well commitments replaced by less expensive seismic exploration, which will be expensed in the second half
- Lower average prices for oil and condensate

Compared to the prior year

- Adverse hydrology conditions and transmission constraints in New Zealand have reduced Contact's earnings

Compared to prior expectations

- Lower interest rates will reduce the earnings uplift of the substantial cash that Origin has on deposit

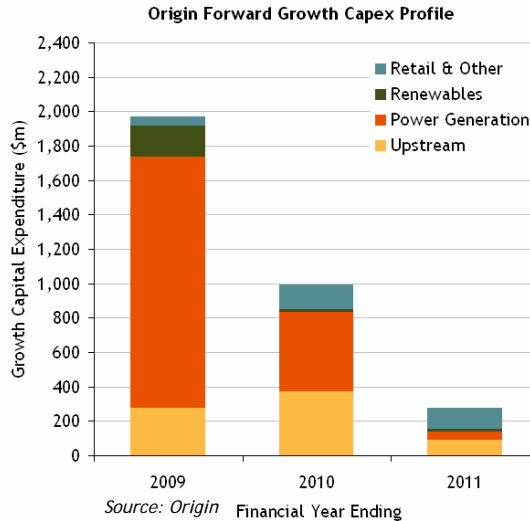
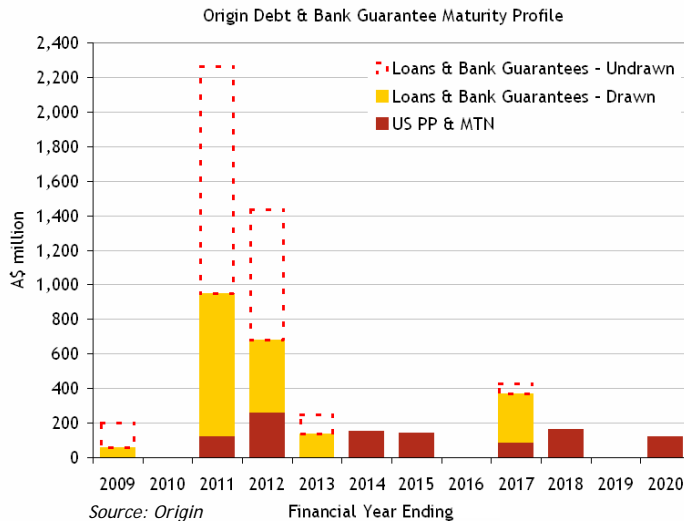
Based on these factors and current market conditions
Underlying Profit for the full year is expected to be up
20% to 25% compared with the prior year

Origin will continue to progress the development of several major projects which are expected to make contributions following the end of the current financial year...

- Construction of the 30 MW Cullerin Range wind farm in New South Wales which is due for completion in mid 2009
- The Kupe Gas Project in New Zealand which is targeting to commence commercial operations in the September Quarter 2009
- The 126 MW expansion of the Mt Stuart power station in Queensland which is due for completion in late 2009
- Completion of the 630 MW combined cycle base load gas fired Darling Downs power station in Queensland which is expected to commence commissioning in early 2010
- Full year effect of substantial cash balance
- Development of the 550 MW gas fired peaking power station at Mortlake in Victoria due for completion in late 2010
- Continued development of CSG operations with current production expected to more than double and reach over 100 PJ per annum by 2011
- Projects under development by Contact include the 200 MW Stratford peaking power station, the Ahuroa gas storage facility and a number of geothermal projects

... which will drive near term growth in earnings

Origin's strategy as a fuel-integrated generator retailer will continue to create opportunities for the existing business and APLNG creates a major opportunity for growth and access to international markets



With access to \$6.4 billion of cash and undrawn debt facilities, Origin is well placed to fund these and other opportunities to grow and develop the business

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