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Report for the quarter ended 31 December 2002 To the Australian Stock Exchange

Origin Energy Limited (Origin) hereby submits this quarterly report to the Australian Stock Exchange which covers the activities of wholly owned subsidiary Origin Energy Resources Limited and 85% owned subsidiary Oil Company of Australia Limited (OCA).

Highlights during the quarter were:

- On 18 December 2002, Origin and OCA announced a long term gas supply arrangement with AGL under which the companies will supply 340 PJ of gas over 15 years from 1 May 2005. Approximately 52% of the gas will be supplied by OCA from its Queensland gas fields.
- A vigorous coal seam gas (CSG) programme was maintained with twenty-three (23) wells drilled, including eleven (11) on the Fairview and Durham fields, and ongoing production testing of a number of recently completed production pilots and individual wells.
- On 18 December 2002, a long term gas supply arrangement with AGL was announced, whereby 505 PJ of gas will be supplied from the Cooper Basin between 2003 and 2016. Origin's net share of gas will be approximately 71 PJ.
- Nine (9) wells (4 gas appraisal; 2 gas development; 2 oil development and 1 oil exploration) were drilled in the Cooper/Eromanga Basins. All but one well were cased and suspended as potential future producers.
- Two wells, the appraisal well, Hovea 4/4ST (L1/L2), and the exploration well, Jingemia 1 (EP 413), in the onshore Perth Basin, encountered significant oil columns in the Dongara Sandstone. The Hovea field was brought on stream in early October while Jingemia 1 produced oil at an average rate of 1900 bbls/day during a production test.
- With the receipt of all government environmental approvals and verification of the platform design by insurers, the Joint Venture approved the BassGas Development and gave notice to Clough to proceed with construction.
- Subsurface studies, development engineering planning (including offshore surveying) and environmental studies continued on the Thylacine (T/30P) and Geographe (VIC/P43) fields aimed at a decision on the development concept in April 2003.
- A four well (exploration/appraisal) programme in the Myall Creek area of the Surat Basin was successful with three wells flowing gas at commercial rates. These wells were cased and suspended as future producers.
- Two wells (one exploration/one development) drilled in the Denison Trough tested gas at commercial rates and were cased and suspended as future producers.
- The Morangie 1 well in WA-226P, offshore Perth basin, was plugged and abandoned.

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1. SALES

The share of product sold during the quarter is summarised as follows:

Sales Volumes

Product	Unit	This Quarter	Previous Quarter	% Change	2nd Quarter 2001/02	YTD 2002/03	YTD 2001/02
Natural Gas	PJ						
SA Cooper & SWQ		9.08	10.90		9.15	19.98	19.87
Otway Basin		1.66	1.91		1.79	3.57	3.88
Perth Basin		0.70	0.70		0.59	1.40	1.36
Carnarvon Basin		1.83	1.81		1.91	3.63	3.93
Coal Seam Gas		2.43	2.31		2.13	4.74	4.21
Surat / Denison		2.60	2.81		2.71	5.42	5.35
USA		-	0.00		-	0.00	-
Total		18.30	20.45	-10%	18.28	38.75	38.60
Crude Oil	kbbls						
SA Cooper & SWQ		122.51	90.67		68.62	213.18	139.87
Surat / Denison		12.90	15.76		32.58	28.66	72.02
Eromanga		-	0		99.41	-	227.01
Perth Basin		90.59	0.62		-	91.21	-
USA		-	0.06		-	1.89	-
Total		225.95	108.99	107%	200.61	334.94	438.90
Condensate/naphtha	kbbls						
SA Cooper & SWQ		161.95	139.23		250.00	301.18	338.83
Otway Basin		6.72	8.44		7.56	15.16	15.21
Perth Basin		1.35	1.63		0.55	2.98	1.62
Surat / Denison		13.25	10.49		12.20	23.73	26.69
Total		183.26	159.79	15%	270.31	343.05	382.35
LPG	ktonnes						
SA Cooper & SWQ		11.60	16.91		21.74	28.52	25.46
Surat / Denison		2.40	2.18		1.80	4.58	3.81
Total		14.00	19.09	-27%	23.54	33.09	29.27
Ethane	ktonnes						
SA Cooper & SWQ		8.63	12.47		11.93	21.10	23.19
Total		8.63	12.47	-31%	11.93	21.10	23.19

Sales	PJE	This Quarter	Previous Quarter	% Change	2nd Quarter 2001/02	YTD 2002/03	YTD 2001/02
Internal		4.00	4.51		4.05	8.52	8.63
External		17.74	19.02		18.64	36.76	37.24
Total		21.75	23.53	-8%	22.69	45.28	45.87

Sales Revenue (\$000)

External	72,805	71,747	1%	73,495	144,552	140,780
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Sales Volumes by Basin (PJE)

SA Cooper & SWQ	11.69	13.66		12.59	25.35	24.97
Otway Basin	1.69	1.96		1.83	3.65	3.96
Perth Basin	1.24	0.71		0.59	1.95	1.37
Carnarvon Basin	1.83	1.81		1.91	3.63	3.93
Coal Seam Gas	2.43	2.31		2.13	4.74	4.21
Surat / Denison	2.87	3.07		3.05	5.94	6.10
Eromanga	0	0		0.58	-	1.32
USA	-	0.00	0.01	-	0.01	-
Total	21.75	23.53	-8%	22.69	45.28	45.87

Conversion factors :

Crude oil	5.83 PJ/million bbls
Condensate	5.41 PJ/million bbls
LPG	49.3 PJ/million tonnes
Ethane	51.7 PJ/million tonnes

2. MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

2.1 South Australia

2.1.1 Cooper/Eromanga Basin

SA Unit Area (Interest 13.19%)

A long term gas supply arrangement with AGL for the supply of 505 PJ of gas from the Cooper Basin was announced on 18 December 2002. The SA Unit will supply 355 PJ of the contract volume between 2003 and 2016.

Two gas development wells (Marabooka 6 and 7) were drilled in the quarter. Both were cased and suspended as future producers.

Two oil development wells (Big Lake 73 and 74) were drilled in the quarter. Both were cased and suspended as future producers.

A \$64 million project (the "ACE" project) to upgrade the Moomba plant control system was approved by the joint venture during the quarter.

Patchawarra East Block (Interest 10.536%)

No significant activity during the quarter.

2.1.2 Otway Basin

**PPL 62 (Interest 75.7143%, Katnook area gas fields (Operator)),
PPL 168 (Interest 75.7143%, Redman gas field (Operator))**

No significant activity during the quarter.

2.2 Queensland

2.2.1 Cooper/Eromanga Basins

**ATP 259P - SWQ Gas Unit (Origin Energy Resources Limited 16.5% and
Oil Company of Australia Limited 0.2375%)**

A long term gas supply arrangement with AGL for the supply of 505 PJ of gas from the Cooper Basin was announced on 18 December 2002. The SWQ Unit will supply 150 PJ of the contract volume between 2004 and 2016.

The Gas Sales Agreement with Pasminco has been extended until 31 March 2003 to allow time for negotiation of a longer-term agreement.

There was no drilling activity during the quarter.

ATP 259P (Origin Energy Resources Limited Block Interests 10-27%)

No significant activity during the quarter.

2.2.2 Surat Basin

PLs 30, 56 & 74 / PPL 22 (Oil Company of Australia Limited 20%, Angari Pty Limited 49% (Operator) in PLs 56 and 74; Oil Company of Australia Limited 20%, Angari Pty Limited 55% (Operator) in PL 30)

No significant activity during the quarter.

PLs 53 and 174 / PPL 63 (Oil Company of Australia Limited 100% (Operator))

A three well appraisal programme was conducted over the PL174 area during the quarter. Myall Creek 3 (PL174) intersected commercial gas in the Tinowon Formation. The upper zone was tested by DST-2 and flowed at 8.6 MMscfd at 1525 psig FTTH on a 1/2" choke. The Tinowon also flowed gas on DST-1 over a lower interval at a low declining rate of 0.15 MMscfd.

Riverside South 1 (PL 174), the second appraisal well in the programme, was plugged and abandoned.

Myall Creek 4 (PL174) intersected commercial gas in the Tinowon Formation. DST-1 flowed water at 94 BWPD with minor gas (54 Mscfd). DST-2 flowed gas at 50 Mscfd. DST-3 flowed gas from the upper zone at 3.2 MMscfd at a FTTH of 508 psia on a 1/2" choke. The well was cased and suspended as a future Tinowon production well.

PLs 70 & 71 (Oil Company of Australia Limited 22.5% (Operator), Angari Pty Limited 67.5% in PL 71; Oil Company of Australia Limited 100% (Operator) in PL 70)

No significant activity during the quarter.

PLs 10, 11, 12, 28, 69 & 89 (Oil Company of Australia Limited 10.745%, Oil Investments Ltd 35.505%); (Oil Company of Australia Limited 5.8075%, Oil Investments Ltd 19.1925% in Snake Creek East Exclusion Zone)

No significant activity during the quarter.

PLs 21, 22, 27 & 64 (Oil Company of Australia Limited 64% (Operator), Oil Investments Limited 19% and Angari Pty Limited 4.5% in PLs 21, 22 and 27; Oil Company of Australia Limited 83% (Operator) and Angari Pty Limited 4.5% in PL 64)

No significant activity during the quarter.

PL 14 / PPL 3 (Oil Company of Australia Limited 100% (Operator))

No significant activity during the quarter.

2.2.3 Bowen Basin

On 18 December 2002, Origin and OCA announced a long term gas supply arrangement with AGL under which the companies will supply 340 PJ of gas over 15 years from 1 May 2005. Of this amount, approximately 52% will be supplied by OCA largely from its Queensland CSG interests.

PLs 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 54, 67, 173 & 183 / PPLs 10 & 11 (Oil Company of Australia Limited 50% (Production Operator))

The Glentulloch 6 development well, located approximately 500m southeast of Glentulloch 5, was drilled during the quarter. The well intersected all horizons as prognosed and tested gas at 1.7 MMscfd over the upper Aldebaran Sandstone units. The well was cased and suspended as a future gas producer. The completion and tie-in of this well will be undertaken early in the first quarter 2003.

**PL 94 (Oil Company of Australia (Moura) Pty Ltd 100% (Operator))
PL 94 Sublease (north of latitude 24°37'20"S) (Oil Company of Australia (Moura) Pty Ltd 50% (Operator))**

Lowell Petroleum NL and Helm Energy - Australia, LLC has taken up the option to earn 50% in the northern part of PL 94 (Mungi Prospect) by contributing to a two well program in the Mungi field. The Mungi 4 vertical well which was drilled, fracture stimulated and completed during the previous period, was placed on production test. The well peaked at over 1 MMscfd and has now been shut in pending development. The second well was a horizontal surface to in seam well. This dual lateral well, which was drilled in September, was completed for production in December.

PL 101 (Oil Company of Australia Limited 50% (Operator), Oil Company of Australia (Moura) Pty Ltd 50%)

A four well appraisal/development was undertaken on the Peat field. The wells were drilled and fracture stimulated during December. The wells will be completed for production in early 2003.

PLs 90, 91, 92, 99, 100 (Fairview) (Oil Company of Australia Limited 4.47%, Oil Company of Australia (Moura) Pty Ltd 2.34%, OCA (CSG) Pty Limited 17.0%, Origin Energy Resources Limited 0.1%)

A total of 3 development wells were drilled during the quarter.

2.3 Western Australia

2.3.1 Perth Basin

L11 (Interest 67.0%, Beharra Springs gas field (Operator))

No significant activity during the Quarter.

2.3.2 Carnarvon Basin

L9 (Interest 56.55%, Tubridgi gas field (Operator))

No significant activity during the quarter.

2.4 Victoria

2.4.1 Otway Basin

PPL 8 (Interest 100%, Dunbar gas field (Operator))

The Dunbar field has not produced this quarter.

PPL 2 (Interest 100%, Iona gas field excluding Iona gas reservoir (Operator))

No significant activity during the quarter.

VIC/P43 (Interest 30%)

Subsurface studies and development engineering for a range of potential co-operative development concepts have continued, including a major peer review conducted during November. The technical studies are aimed at a decision on the development concept in April 2003. Offshore survey activity commenced in December, including pipeline route and potential platform site geophysical surveys. These surveys will extend into 2003 to include seabed coring at potential platform sites to provide data to aid the concept selection process.

Environmental studies in support of site selection for the onshore pipeline crossing and gas plant have also continued with the aim of having the draft EES/EIS completed by April 2003. This activity included a series of public meetings in the Port Campbell area during December.

Studies into the joint development of the Thylacine (T/30P) and Geographe (VIC/P43) fields have continued.

First gas from the Otway Gas Project is planned for delivery to the market by 2006.

2.5 Tasmania

2.5.1 Otway Basin

T/30P (Interest 30%)

Studies into the joint development of the Thylacine (T/30P) and the Geographe (VIC/P43) fields have continued.

2.5.2 Bass Basin

T/RL1 (Interest 37.5% (Operator))

State and Commonwealth Environmental Approvals for the BassGas Development were received during the quarter. A Works Approval has been obtained for the gas plant located near Lang Lang.

A First Stage Design Verification Certificate has been issued by Lloyds Register to cover the platform design

Following the receipt of the Platform Design Verification and the Environmental Approvals, the Joint Venture approved the Project and a Notice to Proceed to Construction was issued to Clough.

Construction activities at Lang Lang will commence in January 2003.

3. EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES

3.1 South Australia

3.1.1 Cooper/Eromanga Basin

SA Unit Area (Interest 13.19%)

Four gas appraisal wells (Nephrite South 3, Merrimelia North 2, Cowralli 5 and Tindilpie 4) were drilled in the quarter. Cowralli 5 was plugged and abandoned and the remaining three wells were cased and suspended as future gas producers.

One wildcat oil well (Moomba 165) was drilled in the quarter and cased and suspended as a future oil producer.

Patchawarra East Block (Interest 10.536%)

No significant activity during the quarter.

3.1.2 Otway Basin

PEL 27 (Interest 100.0%(Operator))

The Designated Authority approved an application to remove a drilling obligation in the current permit year, leaving a well commitment in the following permit year.

PEL 32 (Interest 75.7143% (Operator))

Interpretation of recently acquired seismic data and reprocessing of historical data shows that the Haselgrove South and Ladbroke Grove fields extend beyond the current PPL boundaries. An application for a new PPL encompassing these outlying areas was made to the Designated Authority during the quarter.

PEL 57 (Interest 50% (Operator))

An extension of the high resolution gravity survey previously acquired over the Summer Hill lead was acquired during the quarter. Interpretation of the 74 km Honan's Scrub Seismic Survey, acquired over the intra-Crayfish Group Orana lead in May 2002, continued.

PEL 66 (Interest 70% (Operator))

Geological and geophysical studies to evaluate the prospectivity of the permit are planned.

PEL 83 (Interest 60% (Operator))

A seismic data reprocessing program over the Wetherall feature commenced.

3.2 Queensland

3.2.1 Cooper/Eromanga Basin

ATP 259P - SWQ Gas Unit (Origin Energy Resources Limited 16.5% and Oil Company of Australia Limited 0.2375%)

No significant activity during the quarter.

ATP 259P (Block Interests 10-27%)

No significant activity during the quarter.

ATP 633P (Oil Company of Australia Limited 50% (Operator))

The Right-to-Negotiate (RTN) process is continuing to effect grant of this title.

3.2.2 Surat Basin

ATP 212P (Oil Company of Australia Limited 20%, Angari Pty Limited 49% (Operator))

No significant activity during the quarter.

ATP 336P (Oil Company of Australia Limited 10.745%, Oil Investments Ltd 35.505%)

No significant activity during the quarter.

ATP 375P (Oil Company of Australia Limited 100% (Operator))

Horseshoe 2, an exploration commitment well in ATP375P, intersected gas-bearing sands in the Tinowon Formation. The reservoir was drilled underbalanced using nitrogen and flowed at 3.1 MMscfd at a FTHP of 491 psi on a 1/2" choke. A Rewan Formation sand was also tested in the well and flowed gas at a rate of 0.2 MMscfd during DST-1.

ATP 470P Redcap & Rolston (Oil Company of Australia Limited 22.5% (Operator), Angari Pty Limited 67.5% in ATP 470P Redcap; Oil Company of Australia Limited 100% (Operator) in ATP 470P Rolston)

No significant activity during the quarter.

ATP 471P Weribone Pooling Area (Oil Company of Australia Limited 50.64% (Operator))

No significant activity during the quarter.

ATP 606P (Oil Company of Australia Limited 68.6% (Operator), OCA (CSG) Pty Limited 15.0%)

Analysis of core data collected from 3 wells drilled the previous quarter were undergoing analysis.

ATP 631P (Oil Company of Australia Limited 72.4% (Operator), OCA (CSG) Pty Limited 15.0%)

No significant activity during the quarter.

ATP 680P (Oil Company of Australia Limited 100% (Operator))

An exploration corehole, Mt Organ 1, completed drilling during the period.

ATP 692P (Oil Company of Australia Limited 50% (Operator))

A four hole production pilot program in the Talinga field continued during the quarter.

3.2.3 Bowen Basin

ATP 337P (Oil Company of Australia Limited 50%)

A significant seismic acquisition and reprocessing program has been planned by the Joint Venture to address high graded areas of ATP337P. This work will commence once a seismic crew is available.

Sardine Creek 1, an exploration well in ATP337P, successfully intersected net gas pay in the sand units of the Aldebaran Sandstone during the quarter. A DST conducted over the interval flowed gas at a final rate of 0.7 MMscfd. The well has been cased and suspended as a future gas producer.

ATP 525P (Oil Company of Australia Limited 50% (Operator), Oil Company of Australia (Moura) Pty Ltd 50%)

OCA has applied to relinquish this permit.

ATP 526P (Oil Company of Australia Limited 4.47%, Oil Company of Australia (Moura) Pty Ltd 2.34%, OCA (CSG) Pty Limited 17.0%, Origin Energy Resources Limited 0.1%)

Five exploration wells were drilled in ATP 526P during the quarter.

ATP 553P (Oil Company of Australia Limited 50%)

The seismic program planned for ATP 337P will also address areas in ATP 553P.

ATP 564P (Oil Company of Australia (Moura) Pty Ltd 50% (Operator))

Production testing of the Mungi 1 and Harcourt 1 exploration wells continued during the quarter.

A horizontal surface to in seam well was completed in the Harcourt field during the period. Production testing will commence in early 2003..

ATP 584P (Oil Company of Australia Limited 65.025% (Operator), OCA (CSG) Pty Limited 21.5%, Origin Energy Limited 0.25%)

No significant activity to report.

An application to renew the permit for a further four years has been made.

ATP 592P (Durham) (Oil Company of Australia Limited 65.025% (Operator), OCA (CSG) Pty Limited 21.5%, Origin Energy Limited 0.25%)

A six well production well program on the Durham field was completed during the quarter. One well remains to be cavity completed. Four wells commenced production testing as part of the field evaluation process. Two coreholes were completed during the period.

ATP 602P (Oil Company of Australia (Moura) Pty Ltd 50% (Operator))

Lowell Petroleum NL and Helm Energy - Australia, LLC earned a 50% interest in ATP 602P by contributing to the drilling of a horizontal surface to in seam well in the Timmy prospect. This well was drilled during the period and awaits completion for production in early 2003.

ATP 623P (Oil Company of Australia Limited 72.4% (Operator), OCA (CSG) Pty Limited 15.0%)

No significant activity during the quarter.

ATP 701P Application (Durham) (Oil Company of Australia Limited 3.264% (Operator), OCA (Durham) Pty Ltd 95%, OCA (CSG) Pty Limited 1.075%)

Negotiations on an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) with the native title claimants were progressed during the quarter.

3.3 Victoria

3.3.1 Otway Basin

PEP 150 (Interest 50% (Operator))

Negotiations on a RTN Conjunctive Agreement with the native title claimants commenced during the quarter.

PEP 152 (Interest 50.51% (Operator))

The Joint Venture agreed during the quarter to drill the Koroit West 1 well in fulfilment of the Year 3 work obligation. The well, which targeted an intra-Belfast sandstone, was subsequently drilled in January 2003 and has been plugged and abandoned.

PEP 159 (Interest 50% (Operator))

Preparations commenced for the Banganna 1 well, which is scheduled to be drilled in early 2003 in fulfilment of the Year 2 work obligation. The well targets a Laira Formation / Pretty Hill Sandstone objective.

PEP 160 (Interest 40%)

The Designated Authority approved the Joint Venture's application to defer the drilling commitment from Permit Year 3 to Permit Year 5. Initial interpretation of the West Casterton 2D seismic survey has been completed, and a reprocessing program is being planned.

VIC/P43 (Interest 30%)

Evaluation of prospectivity in the permit is continuing.

3.4 Tasmania

3.4.1 Otway Basin

T/30P (Interest 30%)

Evaluation of prospectivity in the permit is continuing.

3.4.2 Bass Basin

T/18P (Interest 41.4% (Operator))

Mapping and geophysical evaluation of the Trefoil prospect incorporating recently reprocessed seismic data has been completed. Geological modeling to produce revised volumetric estimates has commenced.

3.5 Western Australia

3.5.1 Perth Basin

EP 320/L11 (Interest 67.0% (Operator))

Evaluation of the results from the 2001 drilling program and regional structural /stratigraphic updates incorporating recent results from wells in the area, is continuing.

EP 413 (Interest 49.18% (Operator))

Jingemia 1 was cased and suspended as a future oil producer after encountering an oil column of at least 28 metres thickness in the Dongara Sandstone. The well is 5 kilometres southwest of the Hovea oil field. Testing of the well over a 14 day period produced a total of 19,020 barrels of oil at an average rate of 1900 barrels of oil per day.

L1 and L2 (Acquiring 50% Interest)

Hovea 4, which spudded on 20 November as a combination appraisal and development well from the Hovea Production Facility ("HPF"), was completed for production in early January after being sidetracked due to stuck drill string. The well intersected the Dongara Sandstone reservoir at a position some 800 metres to the north of the HPF and encountered a 44 metre true vertical thickness oil reservoir in excellent quality sands. As a result of the problems encountered whilst drilling, the horizontal section planned for the well was not attempted.

Construction continued on a permanent storage and offloading facility at the HPF. This facility is due to be commissioned by early February.

Processing of the Hibbertia 3D seismic survey was finalised in December.

Production from the Hovea field recommenced on 2 October and a total of 134,000 barrels of oil was produced during the Quarter.

EP 368 (Acquiring 15% Interest)

An application to renew EP 368 for a further 5-year term has been approved by the Designated Authority.

WA 226P (Acquiring 28.75% Interest (Operator))

Morangie 1 spudded on 16 October and reached initial total depth on 23 October. Subsequent sidewall cores, contrary to cuttings samples observed whilst drilling, showed good to excellent fluorescence over the upper part of the primary Wagina Formation objective. As a result of the additional information, a program of wireline pressure measurements with reservoir fluid sampling capability (MDT) was undertaken to confirm that the shows were indicative of non commercial residual hydrocarbons and to obtain reservoir quality data for forward exploration planning. To obtain the MDT measurements it was necessary to sidetrack the well and re-drill the Wagina Formation close to the original well bore. The MDT measurements confirmed that the shows were indicative of non commercial residual hydrocarbons and that the zone was water saturated. As a result the well was plugged and abandoned on 29 October.

An application to renew WA 226P for a further 5-year term has been submitted to the Designated Authority for approval.

3.6 Northern Territory/Western Australia

3.6.1 Bonaparte Basin

WA-6-R, NT/RL1 (Interest 5%)

The Operator is continuing to pursue marketing efforts to commercialise the field, including holding discussions with other operators in the area to investigate the possibility of incorporating Petrel into other developments. The joint venture budget proposed by the Operator (Santos) for continuation of technical studies and marketing activity in 2003 was approved in December.

3.7 New Zealand

3.7.1 East Coast Basin

PEP 38328 (Interest 37.5%)

Technical studies are ongoing including 60km of seismic reprocessing.

PEP 38332 (Interest 37.5%)

Technical studies are ongoing including 50km of seismic reprocessing.

PEP 38330 (Interest 22.5%)

A recently approved work program of technical studies will begin January 2003.

3.7.2 Onshore Taranaki Basin

PEP 38718 (Interest 20%)

It is planned that the Tuihu 1 exploration well, which was drilled and suspended in 2001, will be deepened into the Kapuni Formation mid-year 2003.

PEP 38728 (Interest 15%)

A work programme and budget encompassing further technical analysis of the results of the Makino 1B well and the prospectivity of the permit has been agreed

by the joint venture and submitted to the Ministry of Economic Development for consideration.

PEP 38729 (Interest 25%)

A work programme and budget encompassing further technical analysis of the results of the Opito1 well and the prospectivity of the permit has been agreed by the Joint Venture and submitted to the Ministry of Economic Development for consideration.

PEP 38744 (Interest 50% (Operator))

Technical studies were initiated during the quarter, with the seismic reprocessing programme due for completion early January 2003.

3.7.3 Offshore Taranaki Basin

PEP 38478 (Interest 50%)

This permit was awarded to Origin and NZOG (Operator) in September 2002 as an extension to the onshore permit PEP 38729. A work program of 200km 2D seismic reprocessing has been agreed by the joint venture and initiated.

3.8 United States of America

3.8.1 Gulf of Mexico (Onshore)

Production continued from the Burlington United Lands 1 well during the quarter.

The Company has earned a 9.83% interest in the prospect area around the well.

4. EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE

<u>E & D Expenditure</u>	A\$'000	This Quarter	Previous Quarter	% Change	2nd Quarter 2001/02	YTD 2002/03	YTD 2001/02
Exploration / Appraisal		24,651	5,492	349%	15,753	30,143	36,396
Development / Plant		33,969	22,500	51%	19,835	56,469	38,377
Total		58,620	27,992		35,588	86,612	74,773

The details and development activities and the expenditure and revenues relating to those activities referred to in this report have not been audited.