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NEW STAFF MEMBER JOINS PEX TEAM

Pex Publications would like to extend a very warm welcome to our newest editorial team member Evelyn Singh, who replaces Karyl Mackay as journalist and editor of the Who's Drilling and Drilling Report newsletters.

Evelyn graduated from Murdoch University in 2005 having successfully completed a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication (Journalism and PR) and Media Studies (Media Analysis) and started with us in early July this year following a four month contract with the Resource Information Unit.



Evelyn hasn't had extensive oil and gas experience, and is enjoying the challenge of learning the ins and outs of what is a very large and complex industry within Australia, New Zealand and PNG as it relates to her role in publishing Who's Drilling every week. Once she has conquered Who's Drilling, Evelyn will also be assisting our editorial team with mPex and RENergy.



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AUGUST'S PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTS

OIL & GAS RADAR (formerly the Lipscombe Report)

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Frankland-1 in WA-286-P delayed by weather with this winter's biggest storms bringing up consistently large swells over past week or so; delays eating into Roc-led JV's available drilling time before Ensco-67 goes to Apache

Eni scheduled to take Songa Venus first, ahead of rig share partner Inpex, in late October following refurbishment in Singapore; Songa Mercur rounding Capetown en route to Singapore for 6-week fit out & safety check, with delivery to Chevron in Australia around mid-November

Chevron taking Songa Mercur for initial 4-5 wells then floater moving to rig share partner Santos, whose likely drilling options include Browse Basin WA-274-P & WA-281-P where Inpex recently farmed in, Fletcher-1 in WA-191-P & more Exeter/Mutineer oilfield drilling, & following up Amulet-1 oil discovery in WA-8-L

Confirmation received that Peak Group secured Premium Drilling's newbuild Wilcraft jackup (as reported in last week's Oil & Gas Radar) for minimum 13-month, 13-well multi-client Australian drilling contract starting early next year

Clio-1 in WA-205-P good gas discovery for Chevron although full significance of wildcat, situated within 20km of Gorgon gasfield, not known until gas quality fully assessed [also Shell 33.33%]

BP thought to be close to selling Io/Jansz giant gasfield interests, subject to pre-emptive rights, including 12.5% of WA-25-R (Eurythion/Io) & WA-26-R (Io South); BP also holds similar interests in nearby WA-22-R (Geryon), WA-23-R (Urania) & WA-24-R (Maenad/Orthrus)

PEX MONTHLY

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Rig fire incident to delay Kuda Tasi appraisal

Woodside's plans to appraise the borderline economic (based on commodity prices of a few years ago) Kuda Tasi oilfield in Timor Sea JPDA 03-01 have taken a setback following a fire aboard the Nanhai 6 semi-submersible rig on location which put two men in hospital. With two separate investigations to take place, one by a joint Woodside-Maersk team and the other by the regulatory body Timor Sea Development Authority, no one can confidently predict what remedial action will be required and so when the rig will be cleared to continue operations.

Floater's crazy schedule reverts back to normal

The madness that at one stage saw the idea being kicked around of the Ocean Patriot completing a double-shuffle from Gippsland Basin to New Zealand and back again to drill Anzon's outstanding Basker-Manata option has abated. Once it has completed the current Longtom-3 appraisal in VIC-P-54, the rig is now scheduled to move to the 40-day, 50-80mil bbl oil target Cutter-1 in Canterbury Basin PEP-38259 and then continue uninterrupted its New Zealand program.



PEX MONTHLY continued...

ADS Rig-6 makes good travel time across the country

ADS Rig-6 made good time in its relocation to the Surat Basin for a multi-operator program, Ausam's Bellbird West-1 spudding 25 July after Golden Dynasty's Scrubby-1 in Canning Basin L-8 was P&A'd at TD 1250m on 30 June. Australian Drilling Services took advantage of a 'back freight' opportunity when Century Rig-18 was dropped at Dongara in the northern Perth Basin at around the same time.

Methanol to challenge permit 'seismic activity' record

Methanol Australia is gearing up to make a splash in the world of seismic, with not one, but two offshore surveys planned to be underway in the same permit - at the same time. Methanol will open the Australian account for single streamer CGG vessel Polar Duke in NT-P-68, which has been contracted for a 600km 2D taking nine days from early September. The company then went one better, booking PGS' Orient Explorer for a 410km² 3D in the permit, scheduled to start around the same time, which is logistically highly unlikely.

Schuette lining up shot at ASX listing

US oil & gas man David Schuette takes advantage of current market conditions to prepare Austin Exploration for an IPO to raise \$10mil via 50mil, \$0.20 shares; minimum subscription \$9mil. Major shareholders will be Texas based DMS Exploration & Bombay-listed tea, oil and gas group Assam Company with 21% each. Four wells are planned within the first 12 months, with an early focus on low risk US prospects in Louisiana & Texas.

Jacobson bobs up with well known Sheila

Former Tap technical director Ted Jacobson puts together Rialto Energy with an IPO prospectus out for a float based on a single project; farming in for 30% of Beagle Sub-basin WA-291-P from Tap Oil. Rialto intends to fund 60% of a 2D survey, paying up to a maximum of \$900,000 then funding along equity lines thereafter. So in effect Rialto will earn its 30% by paying \$30,000 per percentage point. In March Tap renewed WA-291-P over a reduced area of 4538km² with a work program featuring 750km 2D seismic in year-1/2 and one well due in year-4, budgeted at \$6mil in the work program. However Rialto says it 'will endeavour to drill the well at the first opportunity, and has identified Sheila as the 'leading drill-ready candidate in the current prospect inventory'.



MPEX DAILY

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Longtom-3 finds 100m extra gas sand in run up to testing

Nexus has wound up drilling at its sole risked Longtom-3 appraisal well in VIC-P-54 with after reaching a total measured depth of 4676m in the horizontal well, where current operations are running the 7" liner ahead of casing the section. The drilling was terminated for well preservation reasons, with the decision taken to avoid risking formation damage due to continual drilling fluid exposure, which may have either compromised the effectiveness of the completion of the well, or at worst, led to abandonment.

New survey to give NZOG permit complete data coverage

New Zealand Oil & Gas has kicked off an onshore/offshore 'transition zone' seismic survey in its 75% operated 238km² northern Taranaki Basin permit PEP-38729, which will link previously recorded onshore and offshore data to better delineate the combined ~70mil bbl Felix and Opito Updip structures.

The Falcon has landed after offshore Jamaica shoot

Gippsland Offshore is another step closer to its first exploration drill in its new 50% operated blocks in Jamaica's offshore Walton Basin, announcing the completion of the acquisition of 24,000km of airborne gravity and magnetic data using BHP Billiton's proprietary FALCON technology in three separate areas.

Oilex thins out Australian interest allowing Bow to build

The newly emerging corporate strategies for two ASX-listed juniors continues to take shape and become far more clearly defined with the latest announcement of asset divestment and purchase, with Bow today entering a deal to acquire all onshore Queensland oil and gas assets held by Oilex and its 100% held subsidiary Seqoil.

Highs and lows of US game

With the market growing more accustomed to hearing production rate horror stories coming out of a swag of US projects being participated in by ASX-listed juniors, finally we hear something resembling a commercial flow rate coming out of the difficult region in which a large and often cash-poor crowd is attempting to do business. Marion Energy and partner Odyssey have announced that a flow test of the Cordingly Canyon 15-1 well at the Helper project onshore Utah has flowed 2MMcfd gas and will go into immediate production.

WHO'S DRILLING

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Drilling at Nexus' Longtom-3H in VIC-P-54 encountered 16m of net gas sand at the targeted level within the Admiral Formation; this result increased the total gas thickness from 395-660m.

For Beach's Kenmore-38 in PL-32, DST-1 recovered 0.5 barrels of oil, 0.5 barrels of mud in pipe and no fluid to surface over the interval 1375 to 1386m.

At InterOil's Elk-1 in PPL-238 DST-1, conducted over the interval 1640-1649m, recovered hydrocarbon liquids that are undergoing further evaluation.



REENERGY

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Ethanol round up: winners & losers

- A new grain-based ethanol plant is to be built near Dalby in southern Queensland by a consortium of 50 Darling Downs grain farmers and several private investors
- The plant is projected to have a capacity to produce 160 million litres of ethanol per year, but will be built in two stages
- At full capacity, it will require over 400,000 tonnes of locally produced grain as feedstock, providing the farmers a new stable market

Power and Water want wind at Tennant Creek

- Northern Territory utility Power and Water Corporation is calling for EOIs from businesses to 'enter into an agreement to purchase electricity generated by wind power in Tennant Creek'
- It is envisaged that one or more wind turbines would be constructed on private property at Tennant Creek, and power sold in to the grid for an agreed period
- Power & Water expect wind generation capacity 'will be a balance between the maximum generation that the existing power system can accommodate and the desire to create as many RECs as possible'

Naroghid gets state government green light

- Wind Farm Developments' Naroghid Wind Farm, 4km north of Cobden in Victoria, given go-ahead by state government
- Planning permit approved for 21-turbine, 42MW wind farm which will have the capacity to power nearly 25,000 homes a year
- Site across ~600 hectares of predominately cleared grazing land
- 9-12 months construction phase scheduled to start by the end of this year

Green Rock preparing for next stage of geothermal project

- ASX-listed Green Rock Energy (GRK) preparing for a down-hole mini hydraulic fracturing program at its Olympic Dam Geothermal Energy project
- 'Mini-frac' program, to be undertaken by CSIRO, will be performed on the Blanche-1 exploratory geothermal well
- Information gained should provide an 'understanding of the magnitude and direction of the ambient stress field and fracturing properties of the hot granites'

STOCKANALYSIS HIGHLIGHTS

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The flood of new Australian companies heading to the USA continues unabated. So far, the only people making sustainable earnings out of all this effort are the smiling US asset vendors. Many small Aussie companies with operations in the USA have seen their shares weaken as investors become less confident of eventual positive cash flow from these newco's. StockAnalysis believes that a day of reckoning is at hand for the sector as the spin wears thin. Meanwhile, the local exploration traffic continues its jam. Rig motors are kept constantly warm in the Perth and Cooper Basins, while offshore in the Otway, Gippsland and Carnarvon, plenty of activity threatens to actually find more oil. So far our local industry has not had much success. A small field discovery at Amulet has not supported Tap Oil, which will need to pull out a winner at Cutter to stop its decline as Woollybutt production continues its slide.

Subscribers to StockAnalysis have been well directed to stock such as Pan Pacific, Mirabela and Otto Energy, all of which have made pleasing gains since recommendation and I continue to delight in feedback from subscribers who are excited about reading each issue.



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