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DRILLING REPORT – 10 January 2008

WELL NAME: NW Paua 1, PNG

Oil Search reports that as at 0600 hrs on 10 January, the NW Paua 1 well was at a depth of 1,825 metres and drilling ahead in a 12-1/4" hole. Progress for the week was 495 metres.

NW Paua 1 is located in PDL 5, five kilometres northeast of the Moran oil field and six kilometres northwest of Paua 1x. Paua 1x was drilled on the steeply dipping and faulted forelimb of the Paua anticline in the mid 1990s and encountered oil shows in the Toro Sandstone and recovered oil from the Iagifu Sandstone. NW Paua 1 is targeting the Toro and Digimu sandstones in a more optimal location on the known hanging-wall structure. The planned total depth of the well is 3,377 metres.

The participants in NW Paua 1 are:

Oil Search Limited	52.5%
ExxonMobil	47.5%
Total	100%

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WELL NAME: Salma-1, Egypt

Oil Search reports that as at 0600 hrs Egyptian time (+2 hrs GMT) on 9 January, the Salma-1 well was at a depth of 3,342 metres. Progress for the week was 302 metres.

During the week, an intermediate wireline logging programme was completed. On re-entry of the well, rapidly deteriorating borehole conditions resulted in the drill-string becoming stuck in the hole. Preparations are now underway to side-track the well.

The Salma prospect is a high risk/high reward stratigraphic trap located in the East Ras Qattara concession, Western Desert, Egypt. The well is targeting the Bahariya, Kharita and for the first time in the East Ras Qattara drilling programme, the Alam el Boueib formation, which is a prolific reservoir elsewhere in the Western Desert of Egypt. The planned total depth of the well is 3,681 metres.

The participants in Salma-1 are:

Sipetrol International S.A.	50.5%, operator
Oil Search (Egypt) Limited	49.5%
Total	100%

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WELL NAME: South Gharib-X1, Egypt

Oil Search reports that as at 0600 hrs Egyptian time (+2 hrs GMT) on 9 January, the South Gharib-X1 exploration well was at a depth of 2,413 metres and running 9-5/8" casing. Progress for the week was 365 metres.

The South Gharib prospect is located in the Umm El Yusr Exploration area in the Area A concession, Eastern Desert, Egypt. The well is targeting the Cretaceous Nubia sandstones. The planned total depth of the well is 3,490 metres.

The participants in South Gharib-X1 are:

Oil Search (Eastern Desert) S.A.E.	100%*
Total	100%

*Petrogas E&P LLC is earning a 30% interest in Area A under a farm in agreement announced on 15 November 2007.

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WELL NAME: Dhulai'h-1, Yemen

Oil Search reports that as at 0600 hrs Yemen time (+2 hrs GMT) on 9 January, the Dhulai'h-1 well was at a depth of 1,491 metres and preparing to drill ahead in an 8-1/2" hole. Progress for the week was 65 metres.

During the week, an open hole drill stem test was performed over the Qishn reservoir interval but failed to flow hydrocarbons.

Dhulai'h-1 is located approximately 10 kilometres northeast of the West Ghobata-1 well and will test a four-way dip closed structure. The primary objective of the well is the Qishn Clastics, with secondary objectives in the Lam, Kuhlan Sandstone and Fractured Basement. The planned total depth of the well is 1,800 metres.

The current participants in Block 49 are:

Oil Search (Yemen) Limited	42.33%
Virgin Resources Limited	25.60%
CCC	17.07% (operator)
The Yemen Company	15.00%
Total	100%

* The well is being drilled by Virgin Resources Limited as part of a farm in agreement.

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