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SOURCE ROCK STUDY OTWAY BASIN WELLS



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Summary of Analytical Method

Total organic carbon was obtained by combustion after acid leaching of carbonate minerals. The finely pulverised sample was extracted with 87% chloroform - 13% methylalcohol and the extract evaporated to remove the solvent. Asphaltenes were removed from the extracted organic matter with petroleum ether and the asphaltene free fraction separated by liquid chromatography on 20 parts activated alumina under 80 parts activated silica gel. The saturates were eluted with petroleum ether, the aromatics with mixed solvent-benzene 15% in petroleum ether 85%, and the polar compounds with methanol containing approx. 10% benzene. Residual strongly polar compounds were not eluted.

Some of the samples yielded sulphur in the extracted organic matter and this was removed using active copper powder.

The saturate fractions were examined by gas chromatography using the following operating parameters:

Column SCOT 45 m x 0.5 mm diameter coated with OV101  
Injection and detection temp 300°C

FID detection

Nitrogen carrier 4 mls/minute

Column temperature 60° for 3 mins. then programmed at 4° per minute to 180°C, held for 1 minute and reprogrammed at 3° per minute to 255°C and held for 60 minutes.

Alkane concentrations were obtained by measurement of peak areas above naphthenic hump.

SOURCE ROCK

SAMPLE NO: 1  
 WELL: Nautilus Al Otway Basin  
 SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Core 8? U Cretaceous, Paaratte Form  
 DEPTH: 5688' 5½" - 5688' 11"  
 (1733.84 - 1733.98 m)  
 TYPE OF SAMPLE: Dark brown carbonaceous mudstone

Total organic carbon (TOC) 2.13 %  
 Weight of sample extracted 39.8 gm  
 Extracted organic matter (EOM) 2611 ppm  
 EOM as fraction of TOC 122.6 mg/g  
 Wt. EOM 103.9 mg plus sulphur 30.1 mg

Analysis of extracted organic matter:-

Asphaltenes 59.5 % (wt)  
 Saturates 3.2 %  
 Aromatics 2.6 %  
 Resins 13.0 %  
 Less on column 21.7 %

n-Alkane distribution of saturates:-

n-Alkane	C <sub>13</sub>	C <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>17</sub>	C <sub>18</sub>	C <sub>19</sub>	C <sub>20</sub>	C <sub>21</sub>	C <sub>22</sub>	C <sub>23</sub>
Rel abund.	-	-	-	3.6	5.2	6.6	6.8	5.6	4.8	4.8	4.6
n-Alkane	C <sub>24</sub>	C <sub>25</sub>	C <sub>26</sub>	C <sub>27</sub>	C <sub>28</sub>	C <sub>29</sub>	C <sub>30</sub>	C <sub>31</sub>	C <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>33</sub>	C <sub>34</sub>
Rel abund.	4.8	4.6	4.0	9.4	5.0	16.6	4.4	9.2	-	-	-

Isoprenoid distribution in saturates:

IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph
-	-	23.60	4.20
$\frac{IP16}{IP18}$	$\frac{IP18}{Pr}$	$\frac{Pr}{Ph}$	$\frac{IP16}{nC_{15}}$
-	-	5.62	-
$\frac{IP18}{nC_{16}}$	$\frac{Pr}{nC_{17}}$	$\frac{Ph}{nC_{18}}$	
-	-	4.54	0.64

SOURCE ROCK

SAMPLE NO: 2  
 WELL: Nautilus A1 Otway Basin  
 SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Core 9 U. Cretaceous Belfast Mudston  
 DEPTH: 6103' 6" - 6104' (1860.33 - 1860.50)  
 TYPE OF SAMPLE: Dark grey shale

Total organic carbon (TOC) 1.56%  
 Weight of sample extracted 20.40 gm  
 Extracted organic matter (EOM) 1265 ppm  
 EOM as fraction of TOC 81.1 mg/g  
 Wt. EOM 25.8 mg

Analysis of extracted organic matter:-

Asphaltenes 48.4 % (wt)  
 Saturates 7.0 %  
 Aromatics 3.1 %  
 Resins 27.1 %  
 Loss on column 14.4 %

n-Alkane distribution of saturates:-

n-Alkane	C <sub>13</sub>	C <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>17</sub>	C <sub>18</sub>	C <sub>19</sub>	C <sub>20</sub>	C <sub>21</sub>	C <sub>22</sub>	C <sub>23</sub>
Rel abund.	-	0.2	1.0	2.4	4.1	4.5	4.3	3.3	3.3	4.0	5.4
n-Alkane	C <sub>24</sub>	C <sub>25</sub>	C <sub>26</sub>	C <sub>27</sub>	C <sub>28</sub>	C <sub>29</sub>	C <sub>30</sub>	C <sub>31</sub>	C <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>33</sub>	C <sub>34</sub>
Rel abund.	5.3	9.0	6.3	13.6	7.3	15.3	4.0	5.4	1.3	-	-

Isoprenoid distribution in saturates:

	IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph	
	-	-	8.40	3.00	
IP16	IP18	Pr	IP10	IP15	
IP18	Pr	Ph	nC <sub>14</sub>	nC <sub>15</sub>	
	-	2.80	-	-	
				2.08	0.67



SOURCE ROCK

SAMPLE NO: 4  
 WELL: Crayfish 1 Otway Basin  
 SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Core 11 Lower Cretaceous, Eumeralla Form  
 DEPTH: 4816' (1467.92 m)  
 TYPE OF SAMPLE: Grey to dark grey mudstone

Total organic carbon (TOC) 7.75%  
 Weight of sample extracted 15.2 gm  
 Extracted organic matter (EOM) 8329 ppm  
 EOM as fraction of TOC 107.5 mg/g  
 Wt. EOM 126.6 mg

Analysis of extracted organic matter:-

Asphaltenes 29.2 % (wt)  
 Saturates 13.2 %  
 Aromatics 4.9 %  
 Resins 26.0 %  
 Loss on column 26.7 %

n-Alkane distribution of saturates:-

n-Alkane	C <sub>13</sub>	C <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>17</sub>	C <sub>18</sub>	C <sub>19</sub>	C <sub>20</sub>	C <sub>21</sub>	C <sub>22</sub>	C <sub>23</sub>
Rel abund.	0.5	1.2	1.5	2.1	2.9	3.5	4.5	3.5	4.8	4.8	9.6
n-Alkane	C <sub>24</sub>	C <sub>25</sub>	C <sub>26</sub>	C <sub>27</sub>	C <sub>28</sub>	C <sub>29</sub>	C <sub>30</sub>	C <sub>31</sub>	C <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>33</sub>	C <sub>34</sub>
Rel abund.	5.0	8.4	4.1	8.7	4.4	10.8	4.6	12.3	2.8	-	-

Isoprenoid distribution in saturates:

	IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph
	-	-	14.0	1.80
IP16 IP18	IP18 Pr	Pr Ph	IP16 IP18	IP18 Pr
-	-	7.72	-	4.83
				0.52

SOURCE ROCK

SAMPLE NO: 5  
 WELL: Crayfish 1 Otway Basin  
 SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Core 15 Lower Cretaceous Pretty Hill Sandstone Equivalents  
 DEPTH: 5455' 6½" - 5456' 3" (1662.85 - 1663.07 m)  
 TYPE OF SAMPLE: Laminated carbonaceous mudstone

Total organic carbon (TOC) 0.26%  
 Weight of sample extracted 28.6 gm  
 Extracted organic matter (EOM) 245 ppm  
 EOM as fraction of TOC 94.1 mg/g  
 Wt. EOM 7.0 mg

Analysis of extracted organic matter:-

Asphaltenes 40.0 % (wt)  
 Saturates 24.3 %  
 Aromatics 4.3 %  
 Resins 18.6 %  
 Loss on column 12.8 %

n-Alkane distribution of saturates:-

n-Alkane	C <sub>13</sub>	C <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>17</sub>	C <sub>18</sub>	C <sub>19</sub>	C <sub>20</sub>	C <sub>21</sub>	C <sub>22</sub>	C <sub>23</sub>
Rel abund.	-	1.8	6.8	12.8	17.2	16.8	13.0	9.2	5.3	4.2	3.3

n-Alkane	C <sub>24</sub>	C <sub>25</sub>	C <sub>26</sub>	C <sub>27</sub>	C <sub>28</sub>	C <sub>29</sub>	C <sub>30</sub>	C <sub>31</sub>	C <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>33</sub>	C <sub>34</sub>
Rel abund.	2.6	2.5	1.8	1.5	0.7	0.5					

Isoprenoid distribution in saturates:

	IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph		
	-	-	14.1	12.2		
<u>IP16</u> IP18	<u>IP18</u> Pr	<u>Pr</u> Ph	<u>IP16</u> nC <sub>17</sub>	<u>IP18</u> nC <sub>19</sub>	<u>Pr</u> nC <sub>21</sub>	<u>Ph</u> nC <sub>23</sub>
-	-	1.15	-	-	0.82	0.73

SOURCE ROCK

SAMPLE NO: 5  
 WELL: Crayfish 1 Otway Basin  
 SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Core 15 Lower Cretaceous Pretty Hill Sandstone Equivalents  
 DEPTH: 5455' 6½" - 5456' 3"  
 (1662.85 - 1663.07 m)  
 TYPE OF SAMPLE: Laminated carbonaceous mudstone

Total organic carbon (TOC) 0.26%  
 Weight of sample extracted 28.6 gm  
 Extracted organic matter (EOM) 245 ppm  
 EOM as fraction of TOC 94.1 mg/g  
 Wt. EOM 7.0 mg

Analysis of extracted organic matter:-

Asphaltenes 40.0 % (wt)  
 Saturates 24.3 %  
 Aromatics 4.3 %  
 Resins 18.6 %  
 Loss on column 12.8 %

n-Alkane distribution of saturates:-

n-Alkane	C <sub>13</sub>	C <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>17</sub>	C <sub>18</sub>	C <sub>19</sub>	C <sub>20</sub>	C <sub>21</sub>	C <sub>22</sub>	C <sub>23</sub>
Rel abund.	-	1.8	6.8	12.8	17.2	16.8	13.0	9.2	5.3	4.2	3.3
n-Alkane	C <sub>24</sub>	C <sub>25</sub>	C <sub>26</sub>	C <sub>27</sub>	C <sub>28</sub>	C <sub>29</sub>	C <sub>30</sub>	C <sub>31</sub>	C <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>33</sub>	C <sub>34</sub>
Rel abund.	2.6	2.5	1.8	1.5	0.7	0.5					

Isoprenoid distribution in saturates:

	IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph		
	-	-	14.1	12.2		
IP16 IP18	IP18 Pr	Pr Ph	IP16 nC <sub>16</sub>	IP18 nC <sub>18</sub>	Pr nC <sub>17</sub>	Ph nC <sub>19</sub>
-	-	1.15	-	-	0.82	0.73



SOURCE ROCK

SAMPLE NO: 7  
 WELL: Crayfish 1 Otway Basin  
 SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Core 22 Lower Cretaceous, Pretty Hill Sandstone equivalents  
 DEPTH: 8104' 7½" - 8105' 1½"  
 (2470.29 - 2470.44 m)  
 TYPE OF SAMPLE: Carbonaceous mudstone with fine-coaly laminae

Total organic carbon (TOC) 15.88%  
 Weight of sample extracted 5.65 gm  
 Extracted organic matter (EOM) 21560 ppm  
 EOM as fraction of TOC 135.8 mg/g  
 Wt. EOM 121.8 mg

Analysis of extracted organic matter:-

Asphaltenes 51.1 % (wt)  
 Saturates 5.7 %  
 Aromatics 5.0 %  
 Resins 24.4 %  
 Loss on column 13.8 %

n-Alkane distribution of saturates:-

n-Alkane	C <sub>13</sub>	C <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>17</sub>	C <sub>18</sub>	C <sub>19</sub>	C <sub>20</sub>	C <sub>21</sub>	C <sub>22</sub>	C <sub>23</sub>
Rel. abund.	1.3	4.0	5.9	9.3	11.5	13.3	14.8	9.1	8.3	6.2	4.8
n-Alkane	C <sub>24</sub>	C <sub>25</sub>	C <sub>26</sub>	C <sub>27</sub>	C <sub>28</sub>	C <sub>29</sub>	C <sub>30</sub>	C <sub>31</sub>	C <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>33</sub>	C <sub>34</sub>
Rel. abund.	3.3	2.7	1.9	1.7	1.1	0.8	-	-	-	-	-

Isoprenoid distribution in saturates:

	IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph
	-	-	4.85	0.85
IP16 IP18	IP18 Pr	Pr PB	IP16 nC <sub>17</sub>	IP18 nC <sub>18</sub>
	-	5.60	-	-
				0.42
				0.065

SOURCE ROCK

SAMPLE NO: 7  
 WELL: Crayfish 1 Otway Basin  
 SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Core 22 Lower Cretaceous, Pretty Hill Sandstone equivalents  
 DEPTH: 8104' 7½" - 8105' 1½"  
 (2470.29 - 2470.44 m)  
 TYPE OF SAMPLE: Carbonaceous mudstone with fine coaly laminae  
 Total organic carbon (TOC) 15.88%  
 Weight of sample extracted 5.65 gm  
 Extracted organic matter (EOM) 21560 ppm  
 EOM as fraction of TOC 135.8 mg/g  
 Wt. EOM 121.8 mg  
 Analysis of extracted organic matter:-  
 Asphaltenes 51.1 % (wt)  
 Saturates 5.7 %  
 Aromatics 5.0 %  
 Resins 24.4 %  
 Loss on column 13.8 %

n-Alkane distribution of saturates:-

n-Alkane	C <sub>13</sub>	C <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>17</sub>	C <sub>18</sub>	C <sub>19</sub>	C <sub>20</sub>	C <sub>21</sub>	C <sub>22</sub>	C <sub>23</sub>
Rel. abund.	1.3	4.0	5.9	9.3	11.5	13.3	14.8	9.1	8.3	6.2	4.8
n-Alkane	C <sub>24</sub>	C <sub>25</sub>	C <sub>26</sub>	C <sub>27</sub>	C <sub>28</sub>	C <sub>29</sub>	C <sub>30</sub>	C <sub>31</sub>	C <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>33</sub>	C <sub>34</sub>
Rel. abund.	3.3	2.7	1.9	1.7	1.1	0.8	-	-	-	-	-

Isoprenoid distribution in saturates:

	IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph		
	-	-	4.85	0.85		
$\frac{IP16}{IP15}$	$\frac{IP18}{Pr}$	$\frac{Pr}{Ph}$	$\frac{IP16}{nC15}$	$\frac{IP18}{nC16}$	$\frac{Pr}{IG1}$	$\frac{Ph}{IG2}$
-	-	5.60	-	-	0.42	0.065

SOURCE ROCK

SAMPLE NO: 8  
 WELL: Crayfish 1 Otway Basin  
 SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Core 26 Lower Cretaceous Pretty Hill Sandstone equivalents  
 DEPTH: 9545' 5" - 9545' 8"  
 (2909.44 - 2909.52 m)  
 TYPE OF SAMPLE: Fine grey silty sandstone with sparse carbonaceous remains

Total organic carbon (TOC) 1.07 %  
 Weight of sample extracted 32.55 gm  
 Extracted organic matter (EOM) 728 ppm  
 EOM as fraction of TOC 68.0 mg/g  
 Wt. EOM 23.7 mg

Analysis of extracted organic matter:-

Asphaltenes 44.7 % (wt)  
 Saturates 8.9 %  
 Aromatics 6.8 %  
 Resins 31.2 %  
 Loss on column 8.4 %

n-Alkane distribution of saturates:-

n-Alkane	C <sub>13</sub>	C <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>17</sub>	C <sub>18</sub>	C <sub>19</sub>	C <sub>20</sub>	C <sub>21</sub>	C <sub>22</sub>	C <sub>23</sub>
Rel abund.	0.5	2.9	5.4	8.2	10.0	11.0	10.9	9.4	8.0	7.3	6.3
n-Alkane	C <sub>24</sub>	C <sub>25</sub>	C <sub>26</sub>	C <sub>27</sub>	C <sub>28</sub>	C <sub>29</sub>	C <sub>30</sub>	C <sub>31</sub>	C <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>33</sub>	C <sub>34</sub>
Rel abund.	5.5	4.4	3.6	2.7	1.8	1.3	0.6	0.2	-	-	-

Isoprenoid distribution in saturates:

	IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph		
	-	-	2.10	1.20		
IP16	IP18	Pr	IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph
IP15	Pr	Ph	nC <sub>15</sub>	nC <sub>15</sub>	nC <sub>17</sub>	nC <sub>14</sub>
-	-	1.73	-	-	0.21	0.11

SOURCE ROCK

SAMPLE NO: 9  
 WELL: Crayfish 1 Otway Basin  
 SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Core 27 Lower Cretaceous Pretty Hill Sandstone equivalents  
 DEPTH: 9959' 0" - 9959' 7" (3035.50 - 3035.68 m)  
 TYPE OF SAMPLE: Grey sandy mudstone

Total organic carbon (TOC) 1.00 %  
 Weight of sample extracted 30.15 gm  
 Extracted organic matter (EOM) 965 ppm  
 EOM as fraction of TOC 96.5 mg/g  
 Wt. EOM 29.1 mg

Analysis of extracted organic matter:-

Asphaltenes 55.0 % (wt)  
 Saturates 5.9 %  
 Aromatics 4.1 %  
 Resins 22.3 %  
 Loss on column 12.7 %

n-Alkane distribution of saturates:-

n-Alkane	C <sub>13</sub>	C <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>17</sub>	C <sub>18</sub>	C <sub>19</sub>	C <sub>20</sub>	C <sub>21</sub>	C <sub>22</sub>	C <sub>23</sub>
Rel abund.	0.4	2.6	5.1	7.9	9.6	10.1	9.3	7.9	7.7	8.6	8.0
n-Alkane	C <sub>24</sub>	C <sub>25</sub>	C <sub>26</sub>	C <sub>27</sub>	C <sub>28</sub>	C <sub>29</sub>	C <sub>30</sub>	C <sub>31</sub>	C <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>33</sub>	C <sub>34</sub>
Rel abund.	7.0	5.0	3.8	2.6	1.8	1.3	0.6	0.5	0.2	-	-

Isooprenoid distribution in saturates:

	IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph
	-	-	1.40	1.20
IP16/IP18	IP18/Pr	Pr/Ph	IP16/Pr	IP18/Ph
	-	1.17	-	-
				0.14
				0.12

SOURCE ROCK

SAMPLE NO: 10  
 WELL: Crayfish 1 Otway Basin  
 SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Core 28 Lower Cretaceous Pretty Hill Sandstone Equivalents  
 DEPTH: 10482' 11" - 10483' 6" (3195.19 - 3195.37 m)  
 TYPE OF SAMPLE: Dark grey silty mudstone

Total organic carbon (TOC) 1.60 %  
 Weight of sample extracted 27.5 gm  
 Extracted organic matter (EOM) 800 ppm  
 EOM as fraction of TOC 50.0 mg/g  
 Wt. EOM 22.0 mg

Analysis of extracted organic matter:-

Asphaltenes 27.3 % (wt)  
 Saturates 10.5 %  
 Aromatics 10.0 %  
 Resins 44.1 %  
 Loss on column 8.1 %

n-Alkane distribution of saturates:-

n-Alkane	C <sub>13</sub>	C <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>17</sub>	C <sub>18</sub>	C <sub>19</sub>	C <sub>20</sub>	C <sub>21</sub>	C <sub>22</sub>	C <sub>23</sub>
Rel abund.	0.5	2.9	5.7	9.4	13.3	14.8	12.9	9.5	7.4	6.5	5.6
n-Alkane	C <sub>24</sub>	C <sub>25</sub>	C <sub>26</sub>	C <sub>27</sub>	C <sub>28</sub>	C <sub>29</sub>	C <sub>30</sub>	C <sub>31</sub>	C <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>33</sub>	C <sub>34</sub>
Rel abund.	4.5	3.1	1.9	1.0	0.7	0.3					

Isoprenoid distribution in saturates:

	IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph		
	-	-	3.80	5.95		
$\frac{IP16}{IP15}$	$\frac{IP18}{Pr}$	$\frac{Pr}{Ph}$	$\frac{IP16}{nC_{15}}$	$\frac{IP15}{nC_{16}}$	$\frac{Pr}{nC_{17}}$	$\frac{Ph}{nC_{18}}$
-	-	0.64	-	-	0.29	0.40

SOURCE ROCK

SAMPLE NO: 10  
 WELL: Crayfish 1 Otway Basin  
 SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Core 28 Lower Cretaceous Pretty  
 Hill Sandstone Equivalents  
 DEPTH: 10482' 11" - 10483' 6"  
 (3195.19 - 3195.37 m)  
 TYPE OF SAMPLE: Dark grey silty mudstone

Total organic carbon (TOC) 1.60 %  
 Weight of sample extracted 27.5 gm  
 Extracted organic matter (EOM) 800 ppm  
 EOM as fraction of TOC 50.0 mg/g  
 Wt. EOM 22.0 mg

Analysis of extracted organic matter:-  
 Asphaltenes 27.3 % (wt)  
 Saturates 10.5 %  
 Aromatics 10.0 %  
 Resins 44.1 %  
 Loss on column 8.1 %

n-Alkane distribution of saturates:-

n-Alkane	C <sub>13</sub>	C <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>17</sub>	C <sub>18</sub>	C <sub>19</sub>	C <sub>20</sub>	C <sub>21</sub>	C <sub>22</sub>	C <sub>23</sub>
Rel abund.	0.5	2.9	5.7	9.4	13.3	14.8	12.9	9.5	7.4	6.5	5.6
n-Alkane	C <sub>24</sub>	C <sub>25</sub>	C <sub>26</sub>	C <sub>27</sub>	C <sub>28</sub>	C <sub>29</sub>	C <sub>30</sub>	C <sub>31</sub>	C <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>33</sub>	
Rel abund.	4.5	3.1	1.9	1.0	0.7	0.3					

Isoprenoid distribution in saturates:

	IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph
	-	-	3.80	5.95
$\frac{IP16}{IP18}$	$\frac{IP18}{Pr}$	$\frac{Pr}{Ph}$	$\frac{IP16}{nC_{15}}$	$\frac{IP18}{nC_{17}}$

SOURCE ROCK

SAMPLE NO: 11  
 WELL: Argonaut Al Otway Basin  
 SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Core 3 Upper Cretaceous  
 Curdies - Paaratte Form  
 DEPTH: 3219' 10" - 3220' 3 1/2"  
 (981.40 - 981.54 m)  
 TYPE OF SAMPLE: Grey silty sandstone with carbonaceous  
 laminae

Total organic carbon (TOC) 8.01%  
 Weight of sample extracted 19.20 gm  
 Extracted organic matter (EOM) 5490 ppm  
 EOM as fraction of TOC 68.5 mg/g  
 Wt. EOM 105.4 mg plus sulphur 46.9 mg

Analysis of extracted organic matter:-

Asphaltenes 72.8 % (wt)  
 Saturates 1.0 %  
 Aromatics <0.1 %  
 Resins 15.3 %  
 Loss on column 10.8 %

n-Alkane distribution of saturates:-

n-Alkane	C <sub>13</sub>	C <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>17</sub>	C <sub>18</sub>	C <sub>19</sub>	C <sub>20</sub>	C <sub>21</sub>	C <sub>22</sub>	C <sub>23</sub>
Rel abund.	-	0.8	1.7	6.6	10.7	16.1	11.8	8.1	3.7	3.2	2.1
n-Alkane	C <sub>24</sub>	C <sub>25</sub>	C <sub>26</sub>	C <sub>27</sub>	C <sub>28</sub>	C <sub>29</sub>	C <sub>30</sub>	C <sub>31</sub>	C <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>33</sub>	C <sub>34</sub>
Rel abund.	3.9	4.4	3.7	5.0	3.3	6.1	*	3.4	*	1.5	0.8

Isoprenoid distribution in saturates:

IP16	IP18	Pr	IP16	IP18	Pr
-	-	5.65	-	9.05	-
IP16 IP18	IP18 Pr	Pr IP18	IP16 IP18	IP18 IP16	Pr IP18
-	-	0.63	-	-	0.53

\* - Identification of peak doubtful.

SOURCE ROCK

SAMPLE NO: 12  
 WELL: Argonaut Al Otway Basin  
 SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Core 6 Upper Cretaceous  
 Curdies - Paaratte Form  
 DEPTH: 4832' 7" - 4833' 0 1/2"  
 (1472.97 - 1473.11 m)  
 TYPE OF SAMPLE: Dark grey silty mudstone with very fine-  
 light grey sandstone laminae

Total organic carbon (TOC) 3.10 %  
 Weight of sample extracted 25.90 gm  
 Extracted organic matter (EOM) 595 ppm  
 EOM as fraction of TOC 19.2 mg/g  
 Wt. EOM 15.4 mg

Analysis of extracted organic matter:-

Asphaltenes 24.7 % (wt)  
 Saturates 11.0 %  
 Aromatics 1.3 %  
 Resins 23.4 %  
 Loss on column 39.6 %

n-Alkane distribution of saturates:-

n-Alkane	C <sub>13</sub>	C <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>17</sub>	C <sub>18</sub>	C <sub>19</sub>	C <sub>20</sub>	C <sub>21</sub>	C <sub>22</sub>	C <sub>23</sub>
Rel abund.	-	0.5	1.6	4.4	6.7	6.4	4.4	2.6	1.4	1.6	1.8

n-Alkane	C <sub>24</sub>	C <sub>25</sub>	C <sub>26</sub>	C <sub>27</sub>	C <sub>28</sub>	C <sub>29</sub>	C <sub>30</sub>	C <sub>31</sub>	C <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>33</sub>	C <sub>34</sub>
Rel abund.	1.9	3.0	2.9	8.5	5.0	20.0	5.3	15.6	1.9	4.5	-

Isoprenoid distribution in saturates:

IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph
-	-	4.20	3.55

IP16 IP18	IP18 Pr	Pr Ph	IP16 nC <sub>15</sub>	IP18 nC <sub>16</sub>	Pr nC <sub>17</sub>	Ph nC <sub>18</sub>
-	-	1.19	-	-	0.63	0.55



SOURCE ROCK

SAMPLE NO: 13  
 WELL: Argonaut A1 Otway Basin  
 SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Core 11 Upper Cretaceous  
 Curdies - Paaratte' Form  
 DEPTH: 8970' 2" - 8970' 7"  
 (2734.11 - 2734.23 m)  
 TYPE OF SAMPLE: Dark grey silty mudstone

Total organic carbon (TOC) 2.06 %  
 Weight of sample extracted 28.75 gm  
 Extracted organic matter (EOM) 1645 ppm  
 EOM as fraction of TOC 79.9 mg/g  
 Wt. EOM 47.3 mg

Analysis of extracted organic matter:-

Asphaltenes 51.6 % (wt)  
 Saturates 7.0 %  
 Aromatics 3.0 %  
 Resins 27.1 %  
 Loss on column 11.3 %

n-Alkane distribution of saturates:-

n-Alkane	C <sub>13</sub>	C <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>17</sub>	C <sub>18</sub>	C <sub>19</sub>	C <sub>20</sub>	C <sub>21</sub>	C <sub>22</sub>	
Rel abund.	-	-	1.5	3.1	5.0	5.6	5.8	5.1	3.3	3.7	3.0

n-Alkane	C <sub>24</sub>	C <sub>25</sub>	C <sub>26</sub>	C <sub>27</sub>	C <sub>28</sub>	C <sub>29</sub>	C <sub>30</sub>	C <sub>31</sub>	C <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>33</sub>
Rel abund.	3.5	4.5	4.6	7.2	6.2	12.2	5.2	11.9	2.8	4.9

Isoprenoid distribution in saturates:

	IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph
	-	-	14.35	5.50

IP16 IP18	IP18 Pr	Pr Ph	IP16 IP18	IP18 IP16	Pr IP18	Ph IP16
-	-	2.62	-	-	2.88	0.90



SOURCE ROCK

SAMPLE NO: 15  
 WELL: Argonaut A1 Otway Basin  
 SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Core 15 U. Cretaceous Waare Formation  
 DEPTH: 11677' 0" - 11677' 4"  
 (3559.15 - 3559.25 m)  
 TYPE OF SAMPLE: Fine sandstone with abundant carbonaceous matter

Total organic carbon (TOC) 1.14 %  
 Weight of sample extracted 22.0 gm  
 Extracted organic matter (EOM) 1422 ppm  
 EOM as fraction of TOC 124.8 mg/g  
 Wt. EOM 31.3 mg

Analysis of extracted organic matter:-

Asphaltenes 51.1 % (wt)  
 Saturates 7.7 %  
 Aromatics 5.1 %  
 Resins 26.2 %  
 Loss on column 9.9 %

n-Alkane distribution of saturates:-

n-Alkane	C <sub>13</sub>	C <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>17</sub>	C <sub>18</sub>	C <sub>19</sub>	C <sub>20</sub>	C <sub>21</sub>	C <sub>22</sub>	C <sub>23</sub>
Rel abund.	-	1.4	1.9	3.5	4.9	6.6	8.6	8.9	9.7	10.2	8.1
n-Alkane	C <sub>24</sub>	C <sub>25</sub>	C <sub>26</sub>	C <sub>27</sub>	C <sub>28</sub>	C <sub>29</sub>	C <sub>30</sub>	C <sub>31</sub>	C <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>33</sub>	C <sub>34</sub>
Rel abund.	6.0	4.8	4.4	4.9	4.2	4.3	2.7	2.7	1.2	1.0	-

Isoprenoid distribution in saturates:

	IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph		
	-	-	14.20	4.05		
IP16 IP18	IP18 Pr	Pr Ph	IP16 nC15	IP18 nC16	Pr nC17	Ph nC18
-	-	3.50	-	-	0.53	0.60

SOURCE ROCK

SAMPLE NO: 16  
 WELL: Prawn Al Otway Basin  
 SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Core 2 Palaeocene Dilwyn Formation  
 DEPTH: 3940' - 3941'  
 (1200.91 - 1202.22 m)  
 TYPE OF SAMPLE: Dark brown sandy siltstone

Total organic carbon (TOC) 1.87 %  
 Weight of sample extracted 38.55 gm  
 Extracted organic matter (EOM) 654 ppm  
 EOM as fraction of TOC 35.0 mg/g  
 Wt. EOM 25.2 mg

Analysis of extracted organic matter:-

Asphaltenes 38.5 % (wt)  
 Saturates 9.5 %  
 Aromatics 2.0 %  
 Resins 11.9 %  
 Loss on column 38.1 %

n-Alkane distribution of saturates:-

n-Alkane	C <sub>13</sub>	C <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>17</sub>	C <sub>18</sub>	C <sub>19</sub>	C <sub>20</sub>	C <sub>21</sub>	C <sub>22</sub>	C <sub>23</sub>
Rel abund.	-	1.8	6.3	14.5	16.8	10.4	5.4	3.0	1.3	1.5	1.7
n-Alkane	C <sub>24</sub>	C <sub>25</sub>	C <sub>26</sub>	C <sub>27</sub>	C <sub>28</sub>	C <sub>29</sub>	C <sub>30</sub>	C <sub>31</sub>	C <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>33</sub>	C <sub>34</sub>
Rel abund.	1.4	2.4	2.0	5.8	2.4	10.4	2.3	7.1	0.6	1.8	1.1

Isoprenoid distribution in saturates:

	IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph		
	-	-	8.20	6.70		
$\frac{IP16}{IP18}$	$\frac{IP18}{Pr}$	$\frac{Pr}{Ph}$	$\frac{IP16}{nC_{15}}$	$\frac{IP18}{nC_{16}}$	$\frac{Pr}{nC_{17}}$	$\frac{Ph}{nC_{18}}$
-	-	1.15	-	-	0.49	0.69







SOURCE ROCK

SAMPLE NO: 20  
 WELL: Prawn Al Otway Basin  
 SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Core 12 Upper Cretaceous Belfast  
 Mudstone Flaxmans Formation  
 DEPTH: 8711' 0" - 8711' 6"  
 (2655.11 - 2655.27 m)  
 TYPE OF SAMPLE: Medium Grey carbonaceous shale

Total organic carbon (TOC) 2.39 %  
 Weight of sample extracted 25.45 gm  
 Extracted organic matter (EOM) 1859 ppm  
 EOM as fraction of TOC 77.8 mg/g  
 Wt. EOM 47.3 mg

Analysis of extracted organic matter:-

Asphaltenes 44.6 % (wt)  
 Saturates 7.4 %  
 Aromatics 4.7 %  
 Resins 28.5 %  
 Loss on column 14.8 %

n-Alkane distribution of saturates:-

n-Alkane	C <sub>13</sub>	C <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>17</sub>	C <sub>18</sub>	C <sub>19</sub>	C <sub>20</sub>	C <sub>21</sub>	C <sub>22</sub>	C <sub>23</sub>
Rel abund.	0.3	1.7	2.3	3.3	4.8	5.3	5.2	4.1	4.0	4.4	5.4

n-Alkane	C <sub>24</sub>	C <sub>25</sub>	C <sub>26</sub>	C <sub>27</sub>	C <sub>28</sub>	C <sub>29</sub>	C <sub>30</sub>	C <sub>31</sub>	C <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>33</sub>	C <sub>34</sub>
Rel abund.	5.5	7.1	6.6	10.3	6.6	10.4	3.8	5.7	1.5	1.7	-

Isoprenoid distribution in saturates:

	IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph		
	-	-	13.75	3.32		
$\frac{IP16}{IP18}$	$\frac{IP18}{Pr}$	$\frac{Pr}{Ph}$	$\frac{IP16}{Pr}$	$\frac{IP18}{Ph}$	$\frac{Pr}{IP16}$	$\frac{Ph}{IP18}$
-	-	4.15	-	-	2.85	0.66



SOURCE ROCK

SAMPLE NO: 21  
 WELL: Prawn A1 Otway Basin  
 SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Core 13 Upper Cretaceous Belfast  
 Mudstone Flaxmans Formation  
 DEPTH: 9292' 11½" - 9293' 3½"  
 (2832.49 - 2832.59 m)  
 TYPE OF SAMPLE: Dark grey shale

Total organic carbon (TOC) 2.26 %  
 Weight of sample extracted 41.15 gm  
 Extracted organic matter (EOM) 2950 ppm  
 EOM as fraction of TOC 130.5 mg/g  
 Wt. EOM 121.4 mg  
 Analysis of extracted organic matter:-  
 Asphaltenes 47.0 % (wt)  
 Saturates 5.4 %  
 Aromatics 3.8 %  
 Resins 16.5 %  
 Loss on column 27.3 %

n-Alkane distribution of saturates:-

n-Alkane	C <sub>13</sub>	C <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>17</sub>	C <sub>18</sub>	C <sub>19</sub>	C <sub>20</sub>	C <sub>21</sub>	C <sub>22</sub>	C <sub>23</sub>
Rel abund.	1.0	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.9	3.8	4.4	3.4	3.9	4.5	5.5
n-Alkane	C <sub>24</sub>	C <sub>25</sub>	C <sub>26</sub>	C <sub>27</sub>	C <sub>28</sub>	C <sub>29</sub>	C <sub>30</sub>	C <sub>31</sub>	C <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>33</sub>	C <sub>34</sub>
Rel abund.	6.1	8.3	7.9	11.7	7.2	9.5	3.5	4.1	1.0	0.9	-

Isoprenoid distribution in saturates:

	IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph
	-	-	25.55	3.75
IP16	IP18	Pr	IP16	IP18
IP18	Pr	Ph	Pr	Ph
		6.80	-	-
			6.58	1.07

SOURCE ROCK

SAMPLE NO: 22  
 WELL: Prawn A1 Otway Basin  
 SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Core 15 Lower Cretaceous Otway Group  
 DEPTH: 10168' 2½" - 10168' 8"  
 (3099.27 - 3099.41 m)  
 TYPE OF SAMPLE: Grey fine sandstone

Total organic carbon (TOC) 0.26 %  
 Weight of sample extracted 19.85 gm  
 Extracted organic matter (EOM) 212 ppm  
 EOM as fraction of TOC 81.4 mg/g  
 Wt. EOM 4.2 mg

Analysis of extracted organic matter:-

Asphaltenes 19.0 % (wt)  
 Saturates 33.3 %  
 Aromatics 4.8 %  
 Resins 33.3 %  
 Loss on column 9.6 %

n-Alkane distribution of saturates:-

n-Alkane	C <sub>13</sub>	C <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>17</sub>	C <sub>18</sub>	C <sub>19</sub>	C <sub>20</sub>	C <sub>21</sub>	C <sub>22</sub>	C <sub>23</sub>
Rel abund.	-	-	-	1.2	4.1	7.3	8.7	9.7	11.7	15.0	14.5
n-Alkane	C <sub>24</sub>	C <sub>25</sub>	C <sub>26</sub>	C <sub>27</sub>	C <sub>28</sub>	C <sub>29</sub>	C <sub>30</sub>	C <sub>31</sub>	C <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>33</sub>	C <sub>34</sub>
Rel abund.	11.6	7.3	4.4	2.5	1.4	0.6	-	-	-	-	-

Isoprenoid distribution in saturates:

	IP15	IP18	Pr	Ph
	-	-	2.40	3.35
IP16 IP19	IP18 Pr	Pr Ph	IP16 nC <sub>18</sub>	IP15 nC <sub>18</sub>
-	-	0.72	-	-
				Pr nC <sub>17</sub>
				IP nC <sub>18</sub>
				0.59
				0.48

SOURCE ROCK

SAMPLE NO: 23  
 WELL: Prawn A1 Otway Basin  
 SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Core 16 Lower Cretaceous Otway Group  
 DEPTH: 10466' 6" - 10467' 2½"  
 (3190.19 - 3190.40 m)  
 TYPE OF SAMPLE: Lithic sandstone with carbonaceous fragments

Total organic carbon (TOC) 1.42 %  
 Weight of sample extracted 21.60 gm  
 Extracted organic matter (EOM) 1440 ppm  
 EOM as fraction of TOC 101.4 mg/g  
 Wt. EOM 31.1 mg

Analysis of extracted organic matter:-

Asphaltenes	54.3	% (wt)	
Saturates	6.4	%	} 133.9 ppm
Aromatics	2.9	%	
Resins	16.4	%	
Loss on column	20.0	%	

n-Alkane distribution of saturates:-

n-Alkane	C <sub>13</sub>	C <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>17</sub>	C <sub>18</sub>	C <sub>19</sub>	C <sub>20</sub>	C <sub>21</sub>	C <sub>22</sub>	C <sub>23</sub>
Rel abund.	1.4	3.4	3.8	5.1	7.3	8.3	7.8	7.4	8.4	10.7	10.4
n-Alkane	C <sub>24</sub>	C <sub>25</sub>	C <sub>26</sub>	C <sub>27</sub>	C <sub>28</sub>	C <sub>29</sub>	C <sub>30</sub>	C <sub>31</sub>	C <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>33</sub>	C <sub>34</sub>
Rel abund.	8.5	6.0	4.2	3.1	2.0	1.4	0.5	0.3	-	-	-

Isoprenoid distribution in saturates:

	IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph		
	-	-	3.75	2.65		
IP16	IP18	Pr	IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph
IP18	Pr	Ph	IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph
		1.72	-	-	0.51	0.34

SOURCE ROCK

SAMPLE NO: 24  
 WELL: Voluta 1 Otway Basin  
 SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Core 2 Palaeocene Dilwyn Formation  
 DEPTH: 2983' (909.22 m)  
 TYPE OF SAMPLE: Dark grey micaceous siltstone

Total organic carbon (TOC) 1.98 %  
 Weight of sample extracted 24.65 gm  
 Extracted organic matter (EOM) 2564 ppm  
 EOM as fraction of TOC 129.5 mg/g  
 Wt. EOM 63.2 mg plus sulphur 26.5 mg

Analysis of extracted organic matter:-

Asphaltenes	60.1 % (wt)
Saturates	3.6 %
Aromatics	0.5 %
Resins	8.4 %
Loss on column	27.4 %

n-Alkane distribution of saturates:-

n-Alkane	C <sub>13</sub>	C <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>17</sub>	C <sub>18</sub>	C <sub>19</sub>	C <sub>20</sub>	C <sub>21</sub>	C <sub>22</sub>	C <sub>23</sub>
Rel. abund.	Very highly naphthenic										

n-Alkane	C <sub>24</sub>	C <sub>25</sub>	C <sub>26</sub>	C <sub>27</sub>	C <sub>28</sub>	C <sub>29</sub>	C <sub>30</sub>	C <sub>31</sub>	C <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>33</sub>	C <sub>34</sub>
Rel. abund.											

Isoprenoid distribution in saturates:

	IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph		
	$\frac{IP16}{IP18}$	$\frac{IP18}{Pr}$	$\frac{Pr}{IP17}$	$\frac{IP16}{nC15}$	$\frac{IP18}{nC16}$	$\frac{Pr}{nC17}$
		0.73			0.64	0.96



SOURCE ROCK

SAMPLE NO: 26  
 WELL: Voluta 1 Otway Basin  
 SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Core 8 Upper Cretaceous Paaratte Formation  
 DEPTH: 5893' - 5893' 6"  
 (1796.19 - 1796.34 m)  
 TYPE OF SAMPLE: Dark grey siltstone

Total organic carbon (TOC) 1.98 %  
 Weight of sample extracted 31.55 gm  
 Extracted organic matter (EOM) 796 ppm  
 EOM as fraction of TOC 40.2 mg/g  
 Wt. EOM 25.1 mg

Analysis of extracted organic matter:-

Asphaltenes 27.5 % (wt)  
 Saturates 11.6 %  
 Aromatics 2.8 %  
 Resins 40.2 %  
 Loss on column 17.9 %

n-Alkane distribution of saturates:-

n-Alkane	C <sub>13</sub>	C <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>17</sub>	C <sub>18</sub>	C <sub>19</sub>	C <sub>20</sub>	C <sub>21</sub>	C <sub>22</sub>	C <sub>23</sub>
Rel abund.	-	0.2	1.0	3.4	5.7	6.3	5.2	4.1	1.9	1.8	1.8
n-Alkane	C <sub>24</sub>	C <sub>25</sub>	C <sub>26</sub>	C <sub>27</sub>	C <sub>28</sub>	C <sub>29</sub>	C <sub>30</sub>	C <sub>31</sub>	C <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>33</sub>	C <sub>34</sub>
Rel abund.	2.0	4.2	2.9	12.9	4.8	21.2	4.1	11.5	0.9	3.5	0.6

Isoprenoid distribution in saturates:

	IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph		
	-	-	4.60	2.85		
IP16 IP15	IP18 Pr	Pr Ph	IP16 nPr	IP18 nPh	Pr nPr	Ph nPh
-	-	1.61	-	-	0.81	0.43

SOURCE PAGE

SAMPLE NO: 27  
 WELL: Voluta 1 Otway Basin  
 SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Core 9 Upper Cretaceous Paaratte Formation  
 DEPTH: 6290' 1" - 6290' 8"  
 (1917.22 - 1917.4 m)  
 TYPE OF SAMPLE: Dark grey clayey siltstone

Total organic carbon (TOC) 2.94 %  
 Weight of sample extracted 30.25 gm  
 Extracted organic matter (EOM) 803 ppm  
 EOM as fraction of TOC 27.3 mg/g  
 Wt. EOM 24.3 mg

Analysis of extracted organic matter:-

Asphaltenes 30.9 % (wt)  
 Saturates 11.9 %  
 Aromatics 3.3 %  
 Resins 25.1 %  
 Loss on column 28.8 %

n-Alkane distribution of saturates:-

n-Alkane	C <sub>13</sub>	C <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>17</sub>	C <sub>18</sub>	C <sub>19</sub>	C <sub>20</sub>	C <sub>21</sub>	C <sub>22</sub>	C <sub>23</sub>
Rel abund.	0.4	1.6	3.1	4.8	7.3	7.9	6.6	3.6	1.9	1.8	2.0
n-Alkane	C <sub>24</sub>	C <sub>25</sub>	C <sub>26</sub>	C <sub>27</sub>	C <sub>28</sub>	C <sub>29</sub>	C <sub>30</sub>	C <sub>31</sub>	C <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>33</sub>	C <sub>34</sub>
Rel abund.	1.9	4.0	2.6	12.3	5.2	18.2	3.0	8.4	0.4	2.4	0.6

Isoprenoid distribution in saturates:

	IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph		
	-	-	7.50	4.05		
IP16	IP18	Pr	IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph
IP18	Pr	Ph	IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph
-	-	1.85	-	-	1.02	0.55

SOURCE PAGE

SAMPLE NO: 28  
 WELL: Voluta 1 Otway Basin  
 SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Core 10 Upper Cretaceous Paaratte Formation  
 DEPTH: 6690' 4" - 6690' 11"  
 (2039.21 - 2039.39 m)  
 TYPE OF SAMPLE: Dark grey siltstone

Total organic carbon (TOC) 1.49 %  
 Weight of sample extracted 46.2 gm  
 Extracted organic matter (EOM) 517 ppm  
 EOM as fraction of TOC 34.7 mg/g  
 Wt. EOM 23.9 mg

Analysis of extracted organic matter:-

Asphaltenes 63.2 % (wt)  
 Saturates 13.0 %  
 Aromatics 2.1 %  
 Resins 18.4 %  
 Loss on column 3.3 %

n-Alkane distribution of saturates:-

n-Alkane	C <sub>13</sub>	C <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>17</sub>	C <sub>18</sub>	C <sub>19</sub>	C <sub>20</sub>	C <sub>21</sub>	C <sub>22</sub>	C <sub>23</sub>
Rel abund.	-	0.9	2.2	3.9	6.6	7.8	6.0	3.8	2.1	3.0	3.9
n-Alkane	C <sub>24</sub>	C <sub>25</sub>	C <sub>26</sub>	C <sub>27</sub>	C <sub>28</sub>	C <sub>29</sub>	C <sub>30</sub>	C <sub>31</sub>	C <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>33</sub>	C <sub>34</sub>
Rel abund.	3.8	4.0	3.0	8.5	4.3	15.1	4.0	10.6	1.6	3.5	1.0

Isoprenoid distribution in saturates:

	IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph		
	-	-	7.35	4.15		
IP16	IP18	Pr	IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph
IP18	Pr	Ph	no.1	no.1	no.1	no.1
-	-	1.77	-	-	1.12	0.57





SOURCE ROCK

SAMPLE NO: 30  
 WELL: Voluta 1 Otway Basin  
 SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Core 15 Upper Cretaceous Belfast  
 Mudstone  
 DEPTH: 8767' 8" - 8768' 2"  
 (2672.39 - 2672.54 m)  
 TYPE OF SAMPLE: Dark grey clayey siltstone

Total organic carbon (TOC) 1.40 %  
 Weight of sample extracted 36.1 gm  
 Extracted organic matter (EOM) 513 ppm  
 EOM as fraction of TOC 36.6 mg/g  
 Wt. EOM 18.5 mg

Analysis of extracted organic matter:-

Asphaltenes 32.4 % (wt)  
 Saturates 5.4 %  
 Aromatics 4.3 %  
 Resins 38.9 %  
 Loss on column 19.0 %

n-Alkane distribution of saturates:-

n-Alkane	C <sub>13</sub>	C <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>17</sub>	C <sub>18</sub>	C <sub>19</sub>	C <sub>20</sub>	C <sub>21</sub>	C <sub>22</sub>	C <sub>23</sub>
Rel abund.	-	1.9	4.3	6.7	7.6	7.6	6.2	5.0	3.8	4.0	4.6
n-Alkane	C <sub>24</sub>	C <sub>25</sub>	C <sub>26</sub>	C <sub>27</sub>	C <sub>28</sub>	C <sub>29</sub>	C <sub>30</sub>	C <sub>31</sub>	C <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>33</sub>	C <sub>34</sub>
Rel abund.	4.7	5.5	5.3	8.0	5.7	8.9	3.3	5.4	0.8	0.7	

Isoprenoid distribution in saturates:

IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph
-	-	14.05	4.85
$\frac{IP16}{IP18}$	$\frac{IP18}{Pr}$	$\frac{Pr}{Ph}$	$\frac{IP16}{nC_{16}}$
-	-	2.89	-
			$\frac{IP18}{nC_{17}}$
			1.85
			$\frac{Pr}{nC_{18}}$
			0.69

SOURCE ROCK

SAMPLE NO: 31  
 WELL: Voluta 1 Orway Basin  
 SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Core 16 Upper Cretaceous Belfast  
 Mudstone  
 DEPTH: 9961' 6" - 9962'  
 (3036.27 - 3036.42 m)  
 TYPE OF SAMPLE: Dark grey sandy siltstone

Total organic carbon (TOC) 1.23 %  
 Weight of sample extracted 51.3 gm  
 Extracted organic matter (EOM) 784 ppm  
 EOM as fraction of TOC 63.7 mg/g  
 Wt. EOM 40.2 mg

Analysis of extracted organic matter:-

Asphaltenes 33.1 % (wt)  
 Saturates 3.7 %  
 Aromatics 2.7 %  
 Resins 29.9 %  
 Loss on column 30.6 %

n-Alkane distribution of saturates:-

n-Alkane	C <sub>13</sub>	C <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>17</sub>	C <sub>18</sub>	C <sub>19</sub>	C <sub>20</sub>	C <sub>21</sub>	C <sub>22</sub>	C <sub>23</sub>
Rel abund.	-	1.2	3.5	6.5	9.1	9.4	8.7	7.2	5.3	5.1	5.5
n-Alkane	C <sub>24</sub>	C <sub>25</sub>	C <sub>26</sub>	C <sub>27</sub>	C <sub>28</sub>	C <sub>29</sub>	C <sub>30</sub>	C <sub>31</sub>	C <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>33</sub>	C <sub>34</sub>
Rel abund.	5.3	5.6	5.2	6.8	4.5	5.8	2.0	2.8	0.5		

Isoprenoid distribution in saturates:

	IP15	IP18	-Pr	Ph
	-	-	13.0	5.25
IP16	IP18	-Pr	IP16	IP15
IP15	Pr	Ph	IP15	Pr
	-	2.46	-	-
				1.43
				0.56



SOURCE BOOK

SAMPLE NO: 33  
 WELL: Voluta 1 Otway Basin  
 SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION: Core 21 Upper Cretaceous Belfast  
 Mudstone  
 DEPTH: 11988' 10 1/2" - 11989' 7"  
 (3654.21 - 3654.42 m)  
 TYPE OF SAMPLE: Dark grey clayey siltstone

Total organic carbon (TOC) 0.98 %  
 Weight of sample extracted 38.95 gm  
 Extracted organic matter (EOM) 752 ppm  
 EOM as fraction of TOC 76.8 mg/g  
 Wt. EOM 29.3 mg

Analysis of extracted organic matter:-

Asphaltenes 29.7 % (wt)  
 Saturates 13.7 %  
 Aromatics 5.8 %  
 Resins 27.3 %  
 Loss on column 23.5 %

n-Alkane distribution of saturates:-

n-Alkane	C <sub>13</sub>	C <sub>14</sub>	C <sub>15</sub>	C <sub>16</sub>	C <sub>17</sub>	C <sub>18</sub>	C <sub>19</sub>	C <sub>20</sub>	C <sub>21</sub>	C <sub>22</sub>	C <sub>23</sub>
Rel. abund.	-	2.9	4.6	6.2	7.4	8.0	7.8	7.4	6.8	6.8	6.5
n-Alkane	C <sub>24</sub>	C <sub>25</sub>	C <sub>26</sub>	C <sub>27</sub>	C <sub>28</sub>	C <sub>29</sub>	C <sub>30</sub>	C <sub>31</sub>	C <sub>32</sub>	C <sub>33</sub>	C <sub>34</sub>
Rel. abund.	6.5	6.1	5.3	5.4	4.2	3.2	1.9	1.3	0.7	0.5	-

Isoprenoid distribution in saturates:

IP15	IP16	IP18	Pr	Ph
0.95	1.70	1.80	5.85	1.15
$\frac{IP15}{IP16}$	$\frac{IP18}{IP16}$	$\frac{Pr}{IP15}$	$\frac{IP15}{nC14}$	$\frac{IP15}{nC14}$
0.57	0.85	0.31	5.16	0.37
				0.29
				0.80
				0.15

Well name and basin	Location + BMR Map Ref.	Core no.	Depth (feet) (metres)	Age . Fm.	Sample description
utilus A1 way Basin	142°32'45"E 38°58'40"S -435-	8	5686'5½" - 5688'11" 1733.84 - 1733.98	?U. Cretaceous Paaratte Fm	Dk. brown carbonaceous mudstone
"		9	6103'6" - 6104' 1860.35 - 1660.50	U. Cretaceous Belfast Mudstone	Dk. grey shale
"		10	6589'6" - 6590' 2008.48 - 2008.63	"	Dk. grey shale
ten 1A ay Basin	142°39'56"E 38°40'41"S -389-	3	5713'6" 1741.17	Upper Cretaceous Flaxman Fm	Clayey quartz sandstone R*
"		4	5918' 1803.81	Lower Cretaceous Emeralla Fm	Sublithic sandstone R
fish 1 ay Basin	139°35'50"E 37°17'22"S -415-	11	4816' 1467.92	Lower Cretaceous Emeralla Fm	Grey to dk grey mudstone
"		15	5455'6½" - 5456'3" 1662.85 - 1663.07	Lower Cretaceous Pretty Hill Sandstone equivalents	Laminated carbonaceous mudstone
"		18	6095'2" - 6095'6" 1857.81 - 1857.91	Lower Cretaceous Pretty Hill Sandstone equivalents	Grey shale with carbonaceous remains
"		22	8104'7½" - 8105'1½" 2470.29 - 2470.44	"	Carbonaceous mudstone with fine coaly laminae
"		26	9545'5" - 9545'8" 2909.44 - 2909.52	"	Fine grey silty sandstone with sparse carbonaceous remains
"		27	9959'10" - 9959'17" 3035.50 - 3035.68	"	Grey sandy mudstone
"		28	10482'11" - 10483'6" 3195.19 - 3195.37	"	Dark grey silty mudstone

\* Sample submitted for reflectance measurement only.

Well name and basin	Location + BMR Map Ref.	Core no.	Depth (feet) (metres)	Age & Fm.	Sample description		
Way Basin Sognaut A1	140° 15' 52" E 37° 58' 17" S -441-	3	3219' 10" - 3220' 3 1/2" 981.40 - 981.54	Upper Cretaceous Curdies - Paaratte Formation	Grey silty sandstone with carbonaceous laminae		
		5	4299' 9" - 4300' 1310.56 - 1310.64	"	Grey silty sandstone with milky quartz granules		
		6	4832' 7" - 4833' 0 1/2" 1472.97 - 1473.11	"	Dark grey silty mudstone with very fine light grey sandstone laminae		
		8	5931' 6" - 5931' 10" 1807.92 - 1808.02	"	Light grey fine-medium sandstone with carbonaceous laminae		
		11	8970' 2" - 8970' 7" 2734.11 - 2734.23	"	Dark grey silty mudstone		
		12	9972' 7 1/2" - 9972' 11" 3039.66 - 3039.75	U. Cretaceous Belfast Mudstone	Grey fine-medium sandstone with carbonaceous matter		
		14	11315' 5" - 11315' 10" 3448.94 - 3449.06	"	Black carbonaceous shale		
		15	11677' 0" - 11677' 4" 3559.15 - 3559.25	U. Cretaceous Waare Formation	Fine sandstone with abundant carbonaceous matter		
		Way Basin	145° 06' 41.89" E 39° 21' 23.42" S -420-	2	3940' - 3941' 1200.91 - 1201.22	Palaeocene Dilwyn Formation	Dark brown sandy siltstone
				3	4261' 10" - 4262' 6" 1299.01 - 1299.21	Upper Cretaceous Curdies Fm	Dark grey shale
				8	6651' 1" - 6651' 6" 2027.25 - 2027.38	Upper Cretaceous Paaratte Formation	Dark grey shale w sandy laminae
				9	7166' 11" - 7167' 4" 2184.48 - 2184.60	Upper Cretaceous Belfast Mudstone	Medium grey sandy siltstone
				10	7689' 0" - 7689' 4" 2396.47	Upper Cretaceous Belfast Mudstone Flaxmans Formation	Light grey quartz sandstone with coaly laminae

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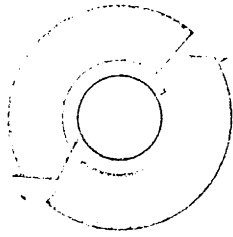
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Lawn A1 Otway Basin (contd)		12	8711'0" - 8711'6" 2655.11 - 2655.27	Upper Cretaceous Belfast Mudstone Flaxmans Formation	Medium, grey carbonaceous shale
		13	9292'11½" - 9293'5½" 2832.49 - 2832.59	"	Dark grey shale
		14	9868'8" - 9868'11" 3007.97 - 3008.05	Lower Cretaceous Otway Group	Lithic sandstone with carbonaceous laminae
		15	10168'2½" - 10168'8" 3099.27 - 3099.41	Lower Cretaceous Otway Group	Grey fine sandstone
		16	10466'6" - 10467'2½" 3190.19 - 3190.40	"	Lithic sandstone with carbonaceous fragments
		R			
Luta 1 Otway Basin	141°18'47.53"E 38°25'46.66"S -411-	2	2983' 909.22	Paleocene Dillwyn Formation	Dark grey micaceous siltstone
		5	4639' 1413.97	Upper Cretaceous Cardies Formation	Grey silty claystone
		8	5893' 1786.19	Upper Cretaceous Farratte Formation	Dark grey siltstone
		9	6290'1" - 1917.22 1917.22 - 1917.40	Upper Cretaceous Farratte Formation	Dark grey clayey siltstone
		10	6690'4" - 2039.21 2039.21 - 2039.39	Upper Cretaceous Farratte Formation	Dark grey siltstone
		13	8070'8" - 2459.94 2459.94 - 2460.07	Upper Cretaceous Belfast Mudstone	Dark grey siltstone
		15	8767'6" - 2672.39 2672.39 - 2672.54	Upper Cretaceous Belfast Mudstone	Dark grey clayey siltstone
		16	9961'6" - 3036.27 3036.27 - 3036.42	"	Dark grey sandy siltstone
		18	10905'2" - 3323.90 3323.90 - 3324.00	"	Dark grey siltstone
		21	11988'10½" - 3654.21 3654.21 - 3654.42	"	Dark grey clayey siltstone

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## VITRINITE REFLECTANCE VALUES OF O'MAY BASIN CRETACEOUS SEDIMENTS

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Forty samples were received from the B.M.R. for vitrinite reflectance analysis and description of the dispersed organic material. This first part of the report gives the reflectance results.

Each sample was subjected to froth flotation using Diesel oil as a conditioner; the float product was used to prepare a polished section and this was examined using standard techniques.

### 2. RESULTS

The table below gives the mean reflectances, in oil for the forty samples.

Bracketed values are means of less than 10 values; most of the others are means of 20-35 individual reflectance readings.

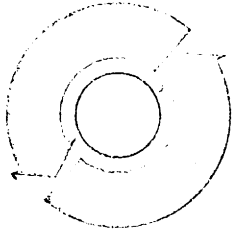
Of the wells with a moderate number of data points, Crayfish and Argonaut give monotonically increasing reflectances with depth and this relationship appears to be approximately linear. A similar comment could be made regarding the results from Prawn except for the value at 3008.0 m. This sample contains abundant homogenous material with a reflectivity of 0.86% and none with a low reflectivity. This material could be structureless inertinite or the relatively high value may derive from faulting or intrusion at this level in the drillhole.

Finally, the data from Voluta are regarded as being, for the most part, of very poor quality (apart from 2039.2 m and 3323.9 m). Well-defined vitrinite is virtually absent from most samples.

Well	Depth (m)	Mean Reflectance (%)
Nautilus Al	1733.9	(0.47)
	1860.4	(0.49)
	2008.5	0.53
Pecten 1A	1741.2	0.46
	1803.8	(0.55)
Crayfish 1	1467.9	0.39
	1662.9	(0.42)
	1857.8	0.51
	2470.3	0.58
	2909.5	0.59
	3035.5	(0.74)
	3195.2	-
Argonaut Al	981.4	0.39
	1310.6	0.47
	1473.0	(0.46)
	1807.9	0.46
	2734.2	0.49
	3039.7	0.52
	3449.0	(0.57)
3559.2	0.60	
Prawn Al	1200.9	-
	1299.0	(0.40)
	2027.3	(0.51)
	2184.5	0.55
	2398.5	0.54
	2655.1	0.54
	2832.5	0.61
	3008.0	0.86
	3099.3	0.63
	3190.2	0.68
Voluta 1	909.2	(0.34)
	1414.0	(0.63)
	1796.2	(0.51)
	1917.2	(0.55)
	2039.2	0.59
	2459.9	0.62
	2672.4	(0.50)
	3036.3	(0.61)
	3323.9	0.93
	3654.2	(0.80)

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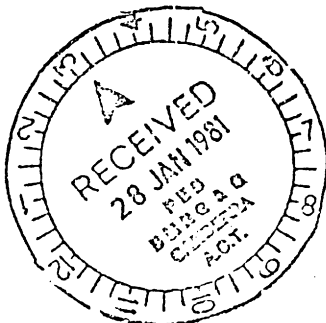
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ORGANIC MATERIAL IN OTWAY BASIN CRETACEOUS ROCKS

This part report contains a tabulation of the organic material in flotation concentrates of Otway Basin Cretaceous sediments.

Relative proportions of vitrinite, inertinite and exinite were determined, generally by area-counting, but in a few instances where organic material is abundant, by point-counting.

Colour photomicrographs were taken where appropriate - these are being printed and will be included in a final part report.



Well	Depth (m)	Organic Matter	Relative Percentages (%)			Fluorescence <sup>1</sup>	
			Microfite	Microfite	Exinite		
Nautlius AI	1733.9	J-5	41	49	9	Dull/mod. bn.	
	1860.4	2	34	62	4	None	
	2008.5	3	23	73	4	A: bc. ylv. R: dull or.	
Crayfish I	1467.9	20	85	12	2	Dull/mod. brn.	
	1662.9	2	50	49	1	Dull bn.	
	1877.8	2	69	27	4	Dull/mod. bn.	
	2470.3	10	63	36	1	Dull/mod. bn.	
	2809.5	1-2	36	64	<1	Dull/mod. or.	
	3035.5	1	3	97	-	None	
	3195.2	3	6	94	-	None	
Argonaut AI	981.4	>20	19	78	3	R: dull bn. A: mod. ylv.	
	1473.0	15	9	95	7	Variable, generally dull bn.	
	2734.2	7	19	76	5	Dull bn. to very weak	
	3409.0	2	13	83	4	Dull bn.	
	3579.2	25	30	68	2	Mod./dull bn.	
Brown AI	1400.9	<1	18	81	1	Mod. bn.	
	1820.0	2	39	60	1	Dull bn.	
	2031.2	7	33	65	2	Mod. bn.	
	2386.5	7	29	78	2	Mod. bn.	
	2635.1	5	36	65	1	C: mod bn. A: lighter bn.	
	2822.5	5	91	8	1	Dark bn.	
	3009.3	J-5	61	38	1	Dull or.	
	3160.2	35	47	53	<<1	Very weak	
Solite I	909.2	<<1	Not counted			Bl. gn.	
	1414.0	39	70	<1		Very weak	
	1795.2	5	18	74	8	Mod. bn., varies	
	1917.2	2	12	83	5	Mod. bn. A: green	
	2039.2	10	34	56	6	Mod. bn.	
	2629.9	19	20	78	2	A: mod. ylv. R: dull or.	
	2672.4	15	15	80	5	Mod. or./bn.	
	3035.3	5	8	69	3	A: mod. or. LD: dull	
	3313.9	1	36	64	<1	Very dull	
	3624.2	<1	29	70	1	Dull bn.	

1. Exinite minerals given in decreasing order of abundance.

2. Abbreviations as follows:

- A = Alkinate
- BM = Translucent matter
- C = Cutinite
- LD = Lipodectrite
- R = Realite
- S = Sporinite
- SS = Suberfite
- bn. = brown
- gn. = green
- ylv. = yellow
- mod. = moderate
- bc. = bright