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Minerals and Petroleum Regulation
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Attention: Terry McKinley
Manager, Petroleum Operations

Dear Sir

VIC/P54 : APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO DRILL A WELL - FURSEAL-1

Apache Northwest Pty Ltd, as Operator of Exploration Permit for Petroleum 54 makes application to drill Furseal-1 exploration well. This well will complete the year 3 work commitment.

Salient well details are as follows:

Latitude	38° 07' 47.82" S
Longitude	148° 09' 08.53" E
Map Sheet Name	Melbourne SJ55
Graticular Block No.	1850
Proposed Total Depth	2634.0
Estimated Cost	\$7.41MM
Scheduled Commencement Date	22 October 2005
Estimated Days of Drilling	18
Drilling Contractor	Diamond Offshore Pty Ltd
Drilling Rig	Ocean Patriot

The complete listing of material to be sent to you in support of this application is:

- Geological Prognosis (2 CD/1 hard copy)
- Drilling Program (2 CD/1 hard copy)
- Location Map (2 CD/1 hard copy)
- Emergency Response Plan (2 CD/1 hard copy)
- WOMPS (2 CD/1 hard copy)
- Emergency Contact List (2 CD/1 hard copy)
- Oil Spill Contingency Plan (2 CD)
- Environmental Plan (2 CD)

Should you have any queries in respect of this application, please contact me on (08) 9422 7401 or shelley.burnaby@aus.apachecorp.com otherwise we look forward to your early approval.

Regards



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