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ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

New Zealand Drilling and Project Status Report

PEP 38716, Taranaki Basin

Pancontinental: 6.6%

On 5 March 2002, **Makino 1A** was drilling ahead at a depth of 4125 metres. During the past week, the well was plugged back to 3,875 metres and a sidetrack hole successfully kicked off to bypass the stuck drill pipe.

The well is being drilled to intersect the Tariki sandstone objectives at a revised depth of 4370 metres.

The well is being drilled in PEP38728, a permit in which Pancontinental does not have a direct interest. A discovery at Makino 1 will yield attributable reserves to Pancontinental in respect to its 6.6% share of the portion of the structure which falls within PEP38716.

PEP 38716 hosts all or part of three structures related to the eastern bounding fault of the Taranaki Basin, all being similar to that of the recent major Rimu/Kauri oil and gas discovery 18 kms south. The structures are named Huinga and Huinga South, both entirely within the Permit, and Makino, which is partly within the Permit but mostly within PEP38728, which adjoins to the south.

The gross recoverable reserves of the Makino prospect have been estimated by the operator to be 48 million barrels oil and 168 billion cubic feet associated gas.

Following release of the rig from Makino 1, the Huinga 1 well, which was drilled by the Pancontinental joint venture in 1999 and suspended prior to reaching the objective, will be re-entered and deepened from 2500 metres to approximately 4250 metres. The well will also be deviated to intersect the objective Tariki and Kapuni formations some 500 metres to the west of the well collar. Deepening of Huinga 1 is expected to take 35 days.

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The operator has estimated that the potential mean recoverable reserves for the Tariki Sandstone reservoirs in the Huinga and Huinga South prospects are 46 million barrels oil and 161 billion cubic feet gas and 24 million barrels oil and 85 billion cubic feet gas respectively.

Pancontinental receives the Bligh ASX releases on Makino 1 and will report on the progress of the well to the extent it is able.

Both PEP 38716 and PEP 38728 are operated by Bligh Oil & Minerals NL:
ASX: BLO (<http://www.bligh.com.au>).

Makino 1 spudded: 10 December 2001.
Location of well: Lat: 39 degrees, 29' 32.64"S.
Long: 174 degrees, 24' 59.84"E.
Operation since last report: Set cement plug, kick off sidetrack hole, drill to 4125m.
Drilling Rig: Parker Rig -188.
Proposed Total Depth: 4700 metres (?).
Primary Objectives: Sandstone units of the Tariki Formation.
Depth of target: 4370 metres.

Hydrocarbon indications.

Note: All reported depths are referred to the rig rotary table.

ASX listed participants in the PEP 38716

Equity %

Joint Venture are:

Pancontinental Oil & Gas NL

6.6%

Marabella Enterprises Ltd (Subsidiary of Bligh Oil & Minerals NL)

29.6% (Operator)

AWE (New Zealand) Pty Ltd. (Subsidiary of Australian Worldwide Exploration Ltd.)

12.5%

PEP 38330, East Coast Basin

Pancontinental: 38.22%

Waingaromia 2 due to spud in April.

Pancontinental has been advised by the operator that site and access construction for the **Waingaromia 2** well, East Coast Basin New Zealand, is scheduled to commence in March and the well spud in April.

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