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ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

New Zealand Huinga 1B-ST Drilling and Project Status Report

EP 38716, Taranaki Basin.

Pancontinental: 6.6%

Pancontinental Oil & Gas NL has been advised by the operator that at 0600 hrs, 28 June 2002, Huinga-1B-ST was at a depth of 4500 metres and was running in the hole with open-ended drill pipe through which to run logs below a restriction at 4371 metres. A delay in this operation occurred when the drill-pipe had to be cleared after becoming plugged while circulating and clearing the hole prior to logging. Live oil samples and strong gas shows were recorded while circulating the hole.

Logging will continue over the next one to two days. Electric log information will determine the reservoir quality and extent of hydrocarbons in both the Kapuni formation sandstones and the extensive fractures within the Murihiku Group metasediments.

As reported previously, strong mud gas shows commenced at 3828m, and further strong gas shows with associated oil live shows were recorded over a 237 meter gross interval while drilling from 4263m down to 4500 metres in Murihiku fracture zones and Kapuni sandstones. Hydrocarbons are produced at commercial rates from Kapuni sandstone reservoirs as well as the Tariki sandstones in the Taranaki basin.

Following the running and interpretation of the electric log information, further activities to evaluate the Kapuni and Murihiku zones of interest, including possible testing procedures, will be decided. The Company will announce these Joint Venture decisions at that time.

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 major Rimu/Kauri oil and gas discovery 18 kilometres south which is currently under development. 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 primary producing zone of the Rimu/Kauri fields are units of the Tariki Formation.

Four kilometres immediately to the west of Huinga are the Tariki, Ahuroa, oil and gas fields which produce from the Tariki formation.

Huinga 1B commenced re-entry: 8 April 2002.

Location of well: NZMG: 2 631 910.93 mE.
6 205 424.34 mN.

Operation since last report: Run in hole ended to circulate mud, control lost circulation and condition hole, plug end of drill-pipe; POOH and clear plug; RIH open ended.

Drilling Rig: Parker Rig -188.

Proposed Total Depth: 4,500 metres.(subject to revision).

Primary Objectives: Fracture zones of the Murihiku Group.

Sandstones units of the Kapuni Group.

Last hydrocarbon indications: Significant amounts of waxy crude recovered at surface while circulating hole and conditioning mud.

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

(ASX listed) Participants in the PEP 38716 Joint Venture are:* *Equity %*

*Pancontinental Oil & Gas NL (through subsidiary Euro Pacific Pty Ltd)	6.6%
*Marabella Enterprises Ltd (Operator) (Subsidiary of Bligh Oil & Minerals NL)	24.8%
*AWE (New Zealand) Pty Ltd. (Subsidiary of Australian Worldwide Exploration Ltd.)	12.5%
*Springfield Oil & Gas Ltd (1) (Subsidiary of Impress Ventures Ltd)	4.8%
Preussag Energie GmbH	24.00%
Swift Energy NZ Limited	15.00%
Indo Pacific Energy (NZ) Limited	7.30%
PEP38716 Limited	5.00%

(1)Subject to Joint Venture and government approvals; Springfield Oil & Gas Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Impress Ventures Ltd.

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It is advised in accordance with Australian Stock Exchange Limited Listing Rule 5.11 that the report on the above project has been prepared by Mr Andrew Svalbe, AAPG, PESA, ASEG, FESWA who has had more than the required five years experience and is a competent person as

defined in the Listing Rules of Australian Stock Exchange Limited and has consented in writing to the inclusion of this report as it appears here.