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SOUND OIL PLC

DRILLING OPERATIONS COMMENCE ON PASUNDAN PROSPECT

Sound Oil Plc, the upstream oil and gas company, is pleased to announce that drilling operations have commenced on the Pasundan prospect on the Citarum Production Sharing Contract, West Java, Indonesia at 6.30am local time on the 9th May 2007. Sound Oil plc is a participant in this exploration well through its wholly owned subsidiary Mitra Energia Citarum Limited, with a 20% interest.

The well is located approximately 50 km southeast of Jakarta immediately to the south of a broad belt of hydrocarbon discoveries that run from west to east across the northern part of West Java.

Pasundan - 1 is being drilled using the Great Wall Rig 93 rig to a prognosed total depth of 10,322 ft and is targeting a hydrocarbon prospect at three potential reservoir levels. The operation is expected to take a minimum of 48 days.

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