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HORIZON OIL (HZN) UPDATE ON WHIO-1 WELL, OFFSHORE TARANAKI BASIN, NEW ZEALAND

Horizon Oil has been advised by OMV New Zealand Ltd (OMV), the Operator of permit PEP 51313, that at 08:10 hours (local time) on Monday 25 August 2014, the Whio-1 well has reached a total depth of 2,824 m MDRT (2,683 m TVDRT) in the Paleocene Farewell Formation. The well is currently being plugged and abandoned.

Since the previous report, the 12.25" open hole wireline logging has been completed and plans for abandonment are underway. Horizon Oil has been advised by the Operator that the well encountered sandstones in all objectives (Whio A Sandstone, M2A Sandstone, Moki Formation, Mangahewa Formation, Kaimiro Formation, and Farewell Formation) as expected, but could not confirm the presence of commercial hydrocarbons.

Whio-1 has been drilled from the semi-submersible drilling rig *Kan Tan IV* at a surface location 110 km south-west of New Plymouth, Taranaki, New Zealand and 4.5 km south-east of the Maari well-head platform.

Horizon Oil is free-carried by OMV in the drilling and completion of Whio-1 under the terms of a farm-out agreement signed in December 2012. The participating interests of the PEP 51313 Joint Venture are as follows:

Participant	Interest
Horizon Oil (New Zealand) Ltd	21%
Todd Exploration Ltd	35%
OMV New Zealand Ltd (Operator)	30%
Cue Taranaki Pty Ltd	14%

Yours faithfully,

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