

ASX Announcement Muruk 1 Drilling Update

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Oil Search Limited, operator of PPL 402, advises that the Muruk 1 exploration well has reached a total depth of 3,130 metres. In line with the pre-drill prognosis, reservoir quality sandstone has been encountered in the primary objective (the Toro Formation). Log data acquisition over the reservoir interval has been largely completed, with preliminary interpretation of this data indicating that the reservoir contains gas with condensate, with no hydrocarbon-water contact observed.

Subject to Joint Venture approval, the rig will commence drilling a geological sidetrack down dip to the north east, to delineate the hydrocarbon-water contact within the Toro Formation.

The Muruk discovery is close to PNG LNG infrastructure and is located between the Hides and Juha gas fields.

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Participants¹

Oil Search (PNG) Ltd	37.5%
Barracuda Ltd (Santos Limited)	20.0%
Esso PNG Wren Ltd	42.5%
Total	100%
¹ Gross interests pre-Government and	landowner back-in, rounded to one decimal place (Santos's interes
subject to regulatory approval).	