



**OIL SEARCH LIMITED**

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ARBN – 055 079 868

22 December 2005

THE AUSTRALIAN STOCK EXCHANGE  
(SYDNEY) LIMITED  
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**Attention: Company Announcements Officer**

Dear Sir/Madam

**Oil Search Limited**  
**Drilling Report – 22 December 2005 - Nabrajah-9**

Please see attached.

Yours sincerely

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### **DRILLING REPORT – 22 December 2005**

#### **WELL NAME: Nabrajah-9**

Oil Search reports that as at 0600 hrs Yemen time (+4 hrs GMT) on 21 December 2005, the Nabrajah-9 well was at 2,178 metres Measured Depth, 1,994 metres True Vertical Depth, conducting the intermediate wireline logging program. Progress over the week was 496 metres.

Towards the end of the week, the well penetrated the top of the Basement and the intermediate wireline logging program was commenced. The forward plan is to complete the wireline logging program prior to running and cementing the 9 <sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> inch casing, after which the well will drill ahead into the Basement in 8 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inch hole.

Nabrajah-9 is the second well in the first phase of the Nabrajah Basement appraisal/development programme. The well is located 2.7 kilometres north west of Nabrajah-5 and is being drilled as a deviated well. The objectives of the well are to appraise the Basement oil accumulation discovered by Nabrajah-5 and to provide oil production from the fractured Basement reservoir.

The participants in the Nabrajah-9 well are:

DNO ASA	56.67%, operator
Oil Search (Yemen) Limited	28.33%
The Yemen Company	15%, carried
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

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