

Drillsearch Energy Limited

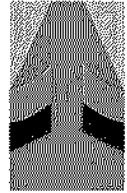
ACN 006 474 844

ABN 73 006 474 844

ASX: DLS

Level 8, 16 Spring Street
SYDNEY, NSW 2000, Australia

Telephone: +61 2 9241 4440
Facsimile: +61 2 9241 4404
Email: corporate@drillsearch.com.au



1st February, 2007

The Manager
Company Announcements Office
Australian Stock Exchange Limited
4th Floor
20 Bridge Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

FOR PUBLIC RELEASE

Dear Sirs,

Re: Great Artesian Oil & Gas Limited

Drillsearch Energy Limited announces that its corporate advisor, Claymore Capital Pty Limited, has negotiated an extension of the call option with Beach Petroleum Limited ("Beach") to acquire from Beach 29 million ordinary shares in Great Artesian Oil & Gas Limited ("GOG").

The option period has now been extended to 26th February, 2007.

Yours faithfully,
DRILLSEARCH ENERGY LIMITED

PHILIP F. KELSO
MANAGING DIRECTOR