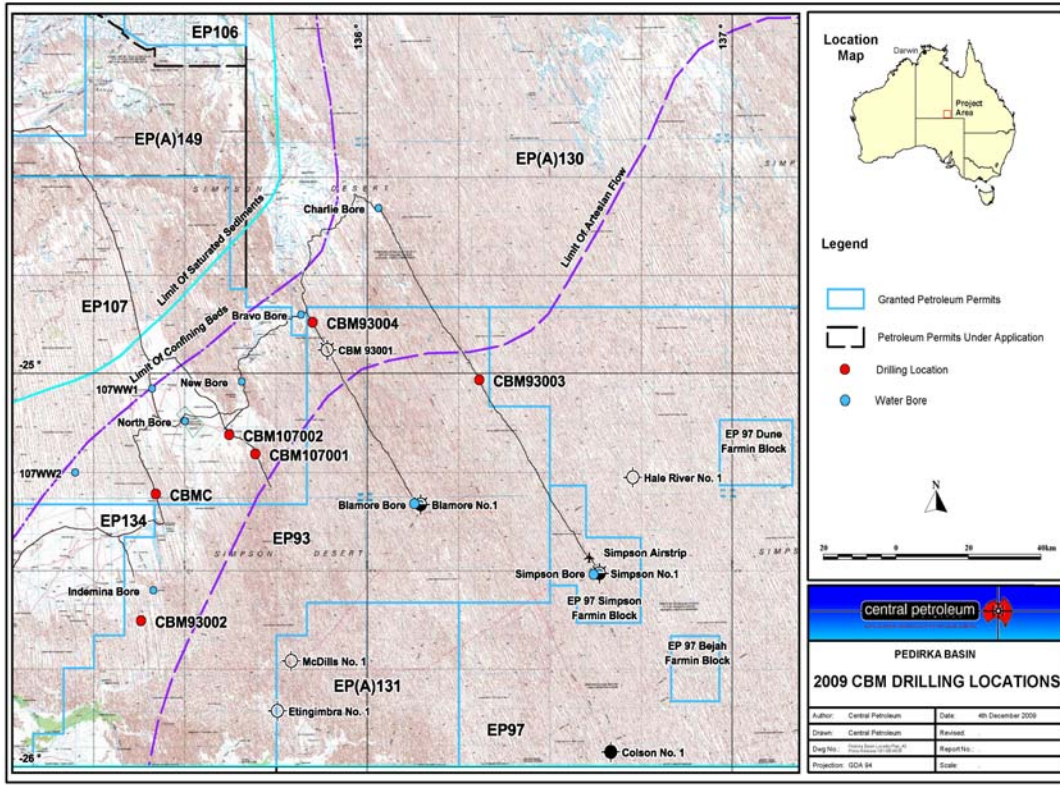


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**CBM107-001 Petroleum Exploration Australia 20%, Red Sky Energy (NT) Ltd
10%, Merlin Energy Pty Ltd 70%**

Wallis Rig Number D39 spudded Coal Seam Gas well, CBM107-001 at 0215 Thursday February 4th to test interpreted coal sequences approximately along strike from CBM93-004. The well is located at **Latitude:** 25° 12' 21.18 S and **Longitude:** 135° 41' 36.41 E and is anticipated to intersect the top of a coal bearing Permian Purni Formation at approximately 860m RT, with a total thickness of Purni Formation of some 300m and a planned total depth of approximately 1,214m RT.



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