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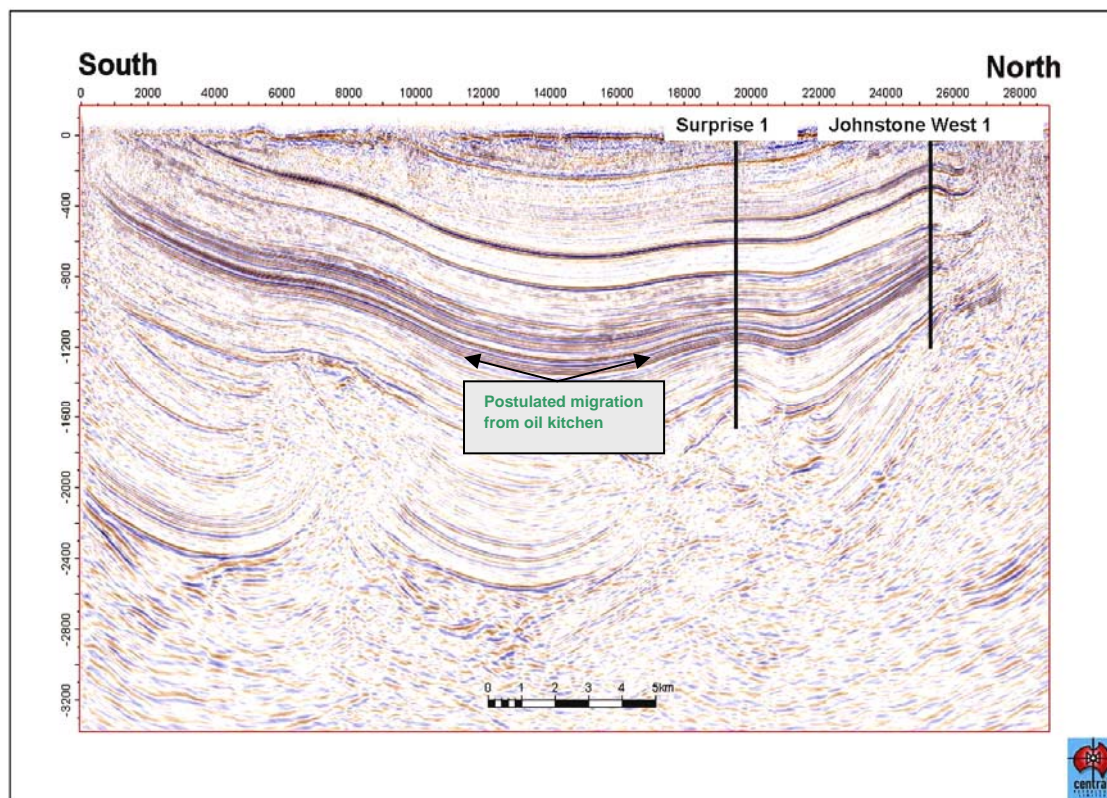
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CENTRAL TO DRILL SECOND WILDCAT WELL IN EP 115

Central Petroleum Limited (**ASX:CTP**) ("Central"), as Operator, advises that it has exercised an option with MB Century drilling services for the planned drilling of Surprise-1 (**S-1**), a wildcat well approximately 8 km South-Southeast of Johnstone West-1 (**JW-1**). S-1 is planned to be drilled upon the completion of JW-1 to test similar objectives to JW-1 inclusive of the Stairway Sandstone and the Pacoota Sandstone.

"Whilst there is some uncertainty of which formation JW-1 is currently drilling in, there is sufficient encouragement at this well already to vindicate a decision to approve the drilling of Surprise-1, which is in a more favourable geological location closer to the oil kitchen and thus requiring less migration than JW-1" said John Heugh, Central's Managing Director today.



The two wells, JW-1 and S-1 are located on different but parallel North-South lines approximately 5 km apart in the East-West direction. The projected image above illustrates a North-South line through the S-1 structure. Any oil migrated from the deeper parts of the oil kitchen to the greater Johnstone structure and JW-1 would necessarily have migrated through the S-1 structure. Although there is some uncertainty surrounding the size of the S-1 structure in the East-West direction, the results at JW-1 and the obviously favourable geological location make it an attractive target with an upside "high" UOIP of 50 MMbbls and a fully risked mean UOIP of 6 MMbbls. It is planned that the MB Century Rig 7 will move to the S-1 location on completion of JW-1.

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It is anticipated that if sidetrack operations are successful at JW-1, the rig will be making new hole past the previous oil shows from 1387m to 1475m previously recorded and announced sometime later today or early tomorrow. Further announcements will be made if any results of significance are recorded.

Central is Operator and holds a 90% interest in EP 115, through wholly-owned subsidiary Frontier Oil & Gas Pty Ltd and Trident Energy Limited conditionally holds a 10% interest in the permit. JW-1 is located at Latitude 23 deg 39 minutes and 21.86 seconds South, Longitude 129 degrees 56 minutes and 39.124 seconds East and S-1 is located at Longitude 23 degrees, 42 minutes 50.758seconds South and Latitude 129 degrees 59 minutes 36.091 seconds East



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- **EP 115 Central subsidiary Frontier Oil & Gas Pty Ltd ("FOG") 90%, Trident Energy Limited ("TRI") 10%.**
- **EP-82 (excluding the Central subsidiary Helium Australia Pty Ltd ("HEA") and Oil & Gas Exploration Limited ("OGE") (previously He Nuclear Ltd) Magee Prospect Block) - HEA 100%**
- **Magee Prospect Block, portion of EP 82 – HEA 84.66% and OGE 15.34%.**
- **EP-93, EP-105, EP-106, EP-107, EPA-92, EPA-129, EPA-131, EPA-132, EPA-133, EPA-137, EPA-147, EPA-149, EPA-152, EPA-160, ATP-909, ATP-911, ATP-912 and PELA-77 - Central subsidiary Merlin Energy Pty Ltd 100% ("MEE").**
- **The Simpson, Bejah, Dune and Pellinor Prospect Block portions within EP-97 – MEE 80% and Rawson Resources Ltd 20%.**
- **EP-125 (excluding the Central subsidiary Ordiv Petroleum Pty Ltd ("ORP") and OGE Mt Kitty Prospect Block) and EPA-124 – ORP 100%.**
- **Mt Kitty Prospect Block, portion of EP 125 - ORP 75.41% and OGE 24.59%.**
- **EP-112, EP-118, EPA-111 and EPA-120 - Central subsidiary Frontier Oil & Gas Pty Ltd ("FOG") 100%.**
- **PEPA 18/08-9, PEPA 17/08-9 and PEPA 16/08-9 - Central subsidiary Merlin West Pty Ltd 100%.**
- **EPA-130 - MEE 55% and Great Southern Gas Ltd 45%**

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