



ASX Announcement

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DRILLING OPERATIONS UPDATE - OIL SHOW TO BE TESTED

The Directors of Bow Energy Limited (Bow) advise the status of drilling operations as of 6 AM this morning:

Pickabooba South-1 (Clarence-Moreton Basin, PEL 432 – Bow 87.5%)

Current depth of the well was 1,117 metres.

While drilling the Basal Bundamba Sandstone, an oil show interval was encountered as follows:

1,107 – 1,117 metres had up to 75% blue white fluorescence with slow diffuse crush cut. Gas was 30 to 225 units against a background 1 to 2 units. Gas had up to C4 supporting the oil show. Sands were described as generally poor to fair porosity with **several intervals of fair to good porosity.**

Bow is mobilising a Drill stem test crew from Roma to be on site later today. The test will likely be run at first light tomorrow.

Expected operations over the next 24 hours:

Run a drill stem test over the oil show interval between 1,107 and 1,117.

For and on behalf of the Board

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The technical information contained herein is based on information compiled by the Company's Managing Director, Ron Prefontaine, who has more than 25 years experience in petroleum exploration.

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