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Department of Primary Industries  
Minerals and Petroleum Regulation  
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Level 16, 1 Spring Street  
**MELBOURNE VIC 3000**

**Attention: Terry McKinley**  
**Manager, Petroleum Operations**

Dear Sir

**VIC/P54 : APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO DRILL A WELL - FURSEAL-1**

Apache Northwest Pty Ltd, as Operator of Exploration Permit for Petroleum 54 makes application to drill Furseal-1 exploration well. This well will complete the year 3 work commitment.

Salient well details are as follows:

<b>Latitude</b>	38° 07' 47.82" S
<b>Longitude</b>	148° 09' 08.53" E
<b>Map Sheet Name</b>	Melbourne SJ55
<b>Graticular Block No.</b>	1850
<b>Proposed Total Depth</b>	2634.0
<b>Estimated Cost</b>	\$7.41MM
<b>Scheduled Commencement Date</b>	22 October 2005
<b>Estimated Days of Drilling</b>	18
<b>Drilling Contractor</b>	Diamond Offshore Pty Ltd
<b>Drilling Rig</b>	Ocean Patriot

The complete listing of material to be sent to you in support of this application is:

- Geological Prognosis (2 CD/1 hard copy)
- Drilling Program (2 CD/1 hard copy)
- Location Map (2 CD/1 hard copy)
- Emergency Response Plan (2 CD/1 hard copy)
- WOMPS (2 CD/1 hard copy)
- Emergency Contact List (2 CD/1 hard copy)
- Oil Spill Contingency Plan (2 CD)
- Environmental Plan (2 CD)

Should you have any queries in respect of this application, please contact me on (08) 9422 7401 or [shelley.burnaby@aus.apachecorp.com](mailto:shelley.burnaby@aus.apachecorp.com) otherwise we look forward to your early approval.

Regards



**Shelley Burnaby**  
**Joint Venture Coordinator**