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1.0 SUMMARY

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The location was also designed to test the validity of an interpreted gravity low on the July 2002 Lakes Entrance Falcon airborne gravity/magnetic/scintillometer/topographic survey. It was hoped that this low might indicate the presence of a significant Colquhoun Gravel section below the Greensand, with the potential to host oil in a better quality reservoir than the Greensand. In the event this proved not to be the case.

The well spudded on the 7 November 2002, and was rotary drilled to 59.4 m. RT. 7 inch (178 mm) casing was then set at 57 m. RT, with a 4.5 inch (114mm) liner subsequently set at 59.4 m. RT. After installing the BOP the well drilled ahead in 98 mm hole to a depth of 155m RT, but leakage problems around the casing forced a temporary cessation of drilling whilst the casing was re-cemented and the BOP reinstalled.

The well was then deepened to 342 m. RT, at which stage coring commenced. Coring continued to a total depth of 364.5 m., having encountered granodiorite basement at 364.4 m RT.

Although slightly glauconitic silty sandstones were encountered within the Lakes Entrance Formation, no significant oil shows were encountered, and no Colquhoun Gravel was present.

After running gamma ray log from 282 m to surface (the well had bridged off at this depth), the well was plugged and abandoned on 25 November 2002.

2.0 WELL HISTORY

2.1 GENERAL DATA

Well Name:	Bunga Creek-1
Map Reference:	Cunninghame Topographic 8522-3-4 Scale 1:25,000
Location:	AMG 66 Coordinates 589376.388 E 5809860.128 N Latitude: 37^{o} 51' 14.2" South Longitude: 148^{o} 0' 57.6" East
Elevations:	RL 60.600
Petroleum Tenement:	PEP 155
Operator:	Lakes Oil NL (for Petro Tech Pty Ltd) ACN 004 247 214 Level 11, 500 Collins Street Melbourne 3000
Other Participants:	None
Date Drilling Commenced:	7th November, 2002
Date Drilling Completed:	23rd November, 2002
Date Rig Released:	25th November, 2002
Drilling Time to T.D.:	17 days (Rig operated daylight hours only)
Total Depth:	364.5 m
Status:	Plugged and Abandoned

2.2 RIG DATA

Drilling Contractor	Drilltech Pty Ltd Drilling Depot Rd Morwell Victoria 3168
Rig	Bournedrill THD25VP.
Rig Carrier	Truck Mounted.
Weight Indicator	Hydraulic Pressure.
Power	Truck Engine.
Rotary	Top Drive.
Pumps	Duplex 5"X 6" double action.
Tubulars	PQ pipe
Fishing Tools	None on Site.
Handling Tools	Hydraulic 48" Rigid wrench.
Stabilizer	Not applicable.
Spare Parts	As reasonably required for carrying out the well programme.
Personnel	Driller plus 2 crew.

Note: Rig Operated Daylight Hours Only.

2.3 DRILLING DATA

The following is the daily operations summary for Bunga Creek -1. It has been compiled from the daily drilling reports. Onsite drilling supervision and wellsite geology services for Lakes Oil N.L. was provided by J. Mulready. Gas detection equipment was supervised by Mr. D. Sisely.

DATE	DRILLING OPERATIONS
06.11.02	24 hrs to 6 p.m. 6.11.02 Casing, tanks, site office and generator delivered on site. Rig delayed 24 hrs, expected on site tomorrow morning.
07.11.02	24 hrs to 6 p.m. 7.11.02 Rig on site 9.30 a.m. Rigged up/mixed mud. Held pre-spud safety meeting. Spudded well 3.49 p.m. Drilled 9.7/8" (251 mm) hole to 30.5 metres.
08.11.02	24 hrs to 6.30 p.m. 8.11.02 Drilled 9.7/8" (251 mm) hole to 59.4 metres. Ran & cemented 7" casing @ 57 m BGL
09.11.02	24 hrs to 6.30 p.m. 9.11.02 Wait on cement.
10.11.02	24 hrs to 6.30 p.m. 10.11.02 Ran & cemented 114 mm liner @ 59.4 m BGL
11.11.02	24 hrs to 6.30 p.m. 11.11.02 Rigging up.
12.11.02	24 hrs to 6.30 p.m. 12.11.02 Conducted leak off test on surface casing – failed. Recemented between 114 mm and 178 mm casing. Wait on cement.
13.11.02	24 hrs to 6.30 p.m. 13.11.02 Conducted leak off test on surface casing OK. Rig up flowline. Install BOP. Commenced drilling 3 p.m. Drilled from 59.4 to 107 m. POH & clear blocked bit.
14.11.02	24 hrs to 6.30 p.m. 14.11.02 Drilled from 107 to 155 m. Leakage noted around 7 inch casing. POH. RIH with open ended drill pipe and spotted 2 cubic m. cement plug at casing shoe. Wait on cement.
15.11.02	RIH. Tagged top cement at 84 m RT. Filled hole with cement outside 7 inch casing with returns to surface. Wait on cement.
16.11.02	24 hrs to 6.30 p.m. 16.11.02 RIH. Tagged top cement at 34 m. Drilled out of shoe to 72 m. Closed BOP and pressured up – fluid flowing into formation. Drilled ahead – well sidetracked off plug at ~ 69 m. Re-drilled to 120 m. Suction pit clogged- POH.
17.11.02	24 hrs to 6.30 p.m. 17.11.02 Dumped pits. Redrilled to 155 m. Drilled 155 to 210 m (55 m)
18.11.02	24 hrs to 6.30 p.m. 18.11.02 Drilled 210 to 282 m (72 m)

19.11.02	24 hrs to 6.30 p.m. 19.11.02 Drilled 282 m to 342 m (60 m)
20.11.02	24 hrs to 6.30 p.m. 20.11.02 Dumped pits, cleaned out drill pipe. RIH to casing shoe with core barrel.
21.11.02	24 hrs to 6.30 p.m. Thursday 21.11.02 Rig up for coring.
22.11.02	24 hrs to 6.30 p.m. Friday 22.11.02 RIH. Cored. From 342 to 355.8 m. (13.8 m)
23.11.02	24 hrs to 6.30 p.m. Saturday 23.11.02 Replace wireline cable. Core from 355.8 m. to 364.5 m. (12.7 m) Top granite at 364.4 m
24.11.02	24 hrs to 6.30 p.m. Sunday 24.11.02 RIH with log. Hole bridged at 282 m. Ran gamma log from 282 m to surface.
25.11.02	24 hrs to 6.30 p.m. Monday 25.11.02 Abandoned well with 2.7 cubic metre cement plug. Bumped top of plug at 13 m, i.e. 46 m inside surface casing. Set surface plug. Released rig.

Hole Sizes & Depths:

9-7/8" (251 mm)	Surface to 59.4 m RT
98 mm	59.4 m RT to TD (365.5 m RT)
Core size HQ	342 m to TD

Casing & Cementing:

Surface

Size	7 " (178 mm
Weight	23 lb/ft 33.7 kg/m
Grade	K55
Shoe setting depth	57 m

Liner

Size	114 mm
Weight	16 kg/m
Shoe setting depth	59.4 m

Deviation Surveys:

None taken

Drilling Fluid:

Spud-59.4 m	Freshwater gel
59.4 – TD	KCl/Polymer/PHPA

Water Supply:
Water was trucked from Lakes Entrance

Plugging & Cementing:

Plug 1	13 to 364.5 m	2.7 c.m.
Plug 2	Surface	

2.4 LOGGING AND TESTING

Wellsite Geologist: J.Mulready

Mudlogging: Hot wire hydrocarbon detection, depth & drill rate monitoring were provided by D.Sisely, using Lakes' own hot wire gas detector.

Ditch Cutting Samples: Ditch cutting samples were collected at 10 m intervals from surface to 60 m, and thereafter at 3 m intervals to 342 m. at which stage coring commenced.

One set consisting of approx. 500 gm of unwashed dried cuttings in a calico bag was submitted to the DNRE.

One set of washed cuttings was collected in Samplex trays for retention by the Operator.

Coring: Continuous core was taken between 342 m RT and 364.5m RT (TD).

Sidewall cores: None taken.

Testing: No testing was undertaken.

Wireline Logs: A Gamma-ray log was run from 282 m to 59.4 m in open hole, and from the casing shoe to surface.

Unfortunately it was not possible to log below 282 m as the well had bridged off at this depth.

Velocity Survey: No velocity survey was undertaken.

3.0 GEOLOGY

3.1 REGIONAL GEOLOGY

The Gippsland Basin is an early Cretaceous to Cainozoic basin occupying approximately 46,000 square kilometers of the southeastern margin of the Australian continent. The basin is flanked on the north, west and south-west by Palaeozoic rocks and confined between the structural uplifts of the Victorian Highlands in the north and the Bassian Rise in the south. The eastern margin of the basin is open to the Tasman sea. The Gippsland Basin is an east-west trending half graben feature with 70% of its area beneath Bass Strait and 30% onshore.

With the exception of occasional wildcat drilling in the boom of the 1980's, exploration of the onshore Gippsland Basin has been largely ignored since the 1970's.

The early exploration activities in the onshore part were aimed primarily at the Early Cretaceous Strzelecki Group and, later on after successful drilling offshore, at the top of the LaTrobe Group "coarse clastics", but a lack of understanding of the stratigraphy and the mechanism of hydrocarbon generation, migration and timing of structures, along with the poor quality of the seismic and well log data, resulted in a downgrading of the hydrocarbon potential of the onshore area.

3.2 PERMIT PEP 155 (formerly PEP 135)

Lakes Oil N.L. acquired the PEP 135 permit in August 1997. The permit overlies the onshore portion of the Lakes Entrance (Northern) Platform of the Gippsland Basin (see below). It includes the Lakes Entrance oil field, discovered in 1924, which produced approximately 10,000 bbls of biodegraded oil (Approx 14^0 API) before production ceased in 1956. The reservoir was the Greensand Member of the Oligocene age Lakes Entrance Fm. The Lakes Entrance field has remained the focus of Lakes' exploration effort since taking out the permit.

In 1997 Lakes drilled two wells within the field area :-
Petro Tech-1, located in the central portion of the field near the Lakes Entrance oil shaft, and

Hunters Lane-1 located in the western portion of the field. Bailing operations at Hunters Lane-1 produced approximately 1700 litres of oil/oil emulsion before the well was plugged and abandoned.

In July 2002 a Falcon airborne survey was acquired over the Lakes Entrance field area, measuring gravity gradient, magnetics, radiometrics and topograhy. Interpretation of this survey data was used to locate the Bunga-1 well.

Bunga Creek-1 and Bunga Creek-2 marked a return to the task of evaluating the economic potential of the field, this time concentrating at its eastern end.

3.3 EXPLORATION HISTORY

Hydrocarbon exploration commenced in the onshore region of the basin in the 1920s. In 1924 the Lake Bunga-1 well encountered traces of oil, starting a drilling run that ultimately resulted in the drilling of over 60 wells in the Lakes Entrance vicinity. 'Modern' onshore Gippsland Basin petroleum exploration commenced in the early 1960's and continued into the early 1970's, conducted mainly by Woodside and Arco, with eight wells being drilled within the permit. This exploration originally had as its main objective the Strzelecki Group with emphasis moving to the LaTrobe Group later in this period. Few of these wells, except for North Seaspray-1 and 3, are thought to be located within closure at the Top LaTrobe Group level.

Recently, Lakes Oil has drilled eight wells within their onshore Gippsland permits; Petro Tech-1 targeted the Colquhoun Greensand of the Lakes Entrance Formation, but RFT tests proved inconclusive; Hunters Lane-1 produced oil from the same formation but at a non-economic rate; Baudin-1 and Investigator-1, which both targeted Lower LaTrobe Formation sands, were unsuccessful, probably due to lack of seal. Within PEP157 the North Seaspray-3, Trifon-1 and Gangell-1 wells were drilled between 2000 and 2001, all targeting Strzelecki Formation sands. All three wells produced gas to surface on test.

3.4 TECTONIC HISTORY

The Gippsland Basin is a rift basin, which originated in the Late Jurassic to Early Cretaceous and consists of alternating half-graben structures along its east-west trend. It is characterised by a deep central basin, flanked by northern and southern terraces. In the onshore area, the Late Cretaceous movements were accompanied by volcanism. Several phases of positive structural inversion occurred in the Gippsland Basin from Mid-Oligocene to the present time, creating the major hydrocarbon bearing structures seen in the offshore region. The main phase occurred during the Late Miocene, which resulted in inversion of existing features and the creation of anticlinal structures.

3.5 STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS

The onshore area can be tectonically sub-divided into six major areas:

(A) Lakes Entrance Platform (Northern Platform): This lies immediately south of the Eastern Highlands, where the Palaeozoic Basement gently slopes southwards and is unconformably overlapped by Oligocene - Miocene marine sediments and thin Pliocene - Quartenary continental deposits.

(B) LaTrobe Valley Depression: This lies between the Palaeozoic Eastern Highlands to the north and the Early Cretaceous Balook Block to the south. Over 700 meters of continental LaTrobe Valley sediments are present in this area.

(C) Lake Wellington Depression: This lies to the south of the Lakes Entrance Platform, where over 1200 meters of Eocene to Pliocene sediments unconformably overlie the Early Cretaceous rocks. This trough is offset from the LaTrobe Valley Depression to the west, by left lateral displacement on the Yinnar Transfer Fault Zone which occurred during the Tertiary. The boundary also closely coincides with the western limit of marine Tertiary sediments. To the east it merges with the Strzelecki Terrace.

(D) Baragwanath Anticline: This is the eastern extension of the outcropping Balook High. It is an Early Cretaceous block, which was elevated during Late Miocene time as a result of the renewed lateral strike slip wrenching along the Boundary Fault Systems. It separates the Lake Wellington Depression to the north from the Seaspray Depression to the south. On the crest of the structure, thin Miocene strata are succeeded unconformably by a veneer of Pliocene-Pleistocence sediments. On the flanks of the structure, however, the Miocene sediments wedge out towards the crest by onlap at the base and erosion at the top of the sequence.

(E) Seaspray Depression: This is the onshore extension of the Central Deep. It occupies the southern onshore part of the basin, where the most complete stratigraphic section is present. The permit occupies the northeastern end of the Seaspray Depression.

(F) South Terrace: Wilson's Promontory is an erosional remnant of a broad shallow basement platform bounding the Gippsland Basin on its southern side. The Southern Terrace represents the edge of this platform. The Chitts Creek Conglomerate onlaps the South Terrace as a mirror image to the Tyers Conglomerate on the North Terrace.

3.6 REASONS FOR DRILLING

Bunga Creek-1 stratigraphic corehole was designed as a test of the Colquhoun Greensand and Colquhoun Gravel reservoirs at the eastern end of the Lakes Entrance 'field' area. The location was also designed to test the validity of an interpreted gravity low on the July 2002 Lakes Entrance Falcon airborne survey. It was hoped that this low might indicate the presence of a significant Colquhoun Gravel section below the Greensand, with the potential to host oil in a better quality reservoir than the Greensand.

In the event no Colquhoun Gravels were intersected.

3.7 STRATIGRAPHIC PROGNOSIS

TABLE I

FORMATION	PROGNOSED m RT	ACTUAL m RT	ACTUAL MSS	DIFFERENCE m
Jemmy's Point	Surface	Surface		0
Tambo River Fm		28 m		
Gippsland Limestone		55		
Lakes Entrance Fm	325	300		-25
Colquhoun Greensand	380	342		-38
Colquhoun Gravel	400	Not present		
Basement	420	365.4		-54.6

3.8 STRATIGRAPHY

TABLE II

AGE	FORMATION	DEPTH RT m	ELEVATION m	THICKNESS m
Miocene Oligocene	Jemmy's Point Fm	Surface		27
Miocene Oligocene	Tambo River Fm	28		27
Miocene Oligocene	Gippsland Limestone	55		245
Miocene Oligocene	Lakes Entrance Fm	300		65.4 m
Miocene Oligocene	(Colquhoun Greensand Member)	(342)		(23.4)
Devonian	Basement Granodiorite	365.4		
	Total Depth	365.5		

Formation Tops were selected mostly from cuttings and core descriptions. The gamma ray log is of limited usefulness as a result of bridging at 282 m RT.

JEMMY'S POINT FM (Surface to 28 m)
Sand: light brn grey, consisting of poorly sorted fine to coarse grained, occasionally very coarse grained subrounded to rounded clear, milky & iron stained quartz grains. Interbedded with
Clay: grey brown, soft dispersive. Traces of black lithics, no fluorescence.

TAMBO RIVER FM (28m to 55 m)
Interbedded
Sandstone: light to medium brown, consisting of very fine to fine grained quartz together with common shell fragments in a calcareous matrix. No shows.
Sand: light brn grey, consisting of poorly sorted fine to coarse grained subangular to rounded clear, milky & iron stained quartz. Dull mineral fluorescence, no cut.

Limestone: light grey to cream, consisting of unconsolidated coarse to very coarse coral and shell fragments, including bryozoa, gasteropods, lamellibranchs, & echinoid spines. Dull yellow mineral fluorescence, no cut. Occasional hard bands or concretions with strong calcareous cementation.
Marl: grey, soft, slightly carbonaceous, silty-grading to calcareous siltstone.

GIPPSLAND LIMESTONE (55m to 300 m)
55-117 m
Limestone: light grey to cream, consisiting of unconsolidated coarse to very coarse coral and shell fragments, including bryozoa, gasteropods, lamellibranchs, & echinoid spines. Dull yellow mineral fluorescence.
Occasional interbeds of
Sandstone: light to medium grey, firm, calcareous, consisting of very fine to fine grained quartz, less calcareous in part, slightly carbonaceous, slightly micaceous, micaceous.
117-300 m
Limestone: light grey to cream, consisiting of predominantly fine to medium grained coral and shell fragments, including bryozoa, gasteropods, lamellibranchs, & echinoid spines. Dull yellow mineral fluorescence. Occasional traces of mica
Traces of glauconite observed from 162 m.
Interbeds of
Marl: light green, soft, dispersive, more common towards base of unit.

LAKE ENTRANCE FORMATION (300-365.40)
(300m-342m)
Siltstone: Grey brown, argillaceous, slightly carbonaceous, calcareous, micaceous in part, slightly sandy in part, soft. Common traces of glauconite and pyrite.
Limestone: light grey to cream, consisiting of predominantly fine to medium grained coral and shell fragments, including bryozoa, gasteropods, lamellibranchs, & echinoid spines. Dull yellow mineral fluorescence. Occasional traces of mica.
Traces of glauconite.
(Note: It would appear there has been a degree of recycling of uphole limestone cuttings from the mud pit).
(342-365.4 m)

COLQUHOUN GREENSAND MEMBER
Sandstone: light brown, grey brown, very fine grained to fine grained, very silty, well sorted, consisting of quartz, fine mica, glauconite and occasional black carbonaceous specks in a soft, argillaceous, calcareous matrix. Occasional to abundant mollusc fossils throughout. Strong gold mineral fluorescence from shells. No cut.
Common pyrite nodules circa 349.6 m.
Strong calcite cementation at base of unit.

GRANODIORITE (365.4 →)
Grey, hard. Refer Appendix I.

3.8 HYDROCARBON SHOWS

Only traces of methane were observed throughout the drilling of Bunga Creek-1 (refer Strip Log Enclosure 2).

Strong gold mineral fluorescence was associated with mollusc fragments within the Greensand Member, but no cut was associated with this.

4 DISCUSSION & CONCLUSIONS

The Lakes Entrance oilfield has no seismic coverage and well control is limited because of the sparse and in some cases dubious data available for wells pre 1950.

The Lakes Entrance oil shaft was logged in detail, and there are three recent vintage wells in the field, viz. Woodside Lakes Entrance-1 (1966), Lakes Oil Petro Tech-1 (1997) and Lakes Oil Hunters Lane -1 (1997).

After the drilling of the latter two wells it was concluded that:

(a) the Colquhoun Greensand had limited reservoir quality, and was effectively acting as a thief zone for oil migrating up the basement unconformity

(b) the underlying Colquhoun Gravel might offer better reservoir potential if it could be intersected within the oil window.

The Falcon airborne gravity/magnetic/scintillometer & topographic survey was flown in July 2002, with the intent of identifying depocentres within the field, (gravity lows), in the hope that they would be asociated with well developed sections of the Colquhoun Gravel.

In the event the gravity interpretation proved to be flawed, with granodiorite basement being intersected approximately 40 m high to prognosis.

Following the disappointing results of Bunga Creek-1 it was decided to locate a second exploratory well in the eastern end of the field, but in closer proximity to the discovery well, Lake Bunga-1, drilled in 1924.

5.0 COMPLETION

Bunga Creek-1 was plugged and abandoned in accordance with DNRE and Southern Rural Water requirements on 25.11.2002.