

## ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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### HIGHWAY 71 OPERATIONS UPDATE

Target Energy Limited ("Target") (ASX CODE: TEX) is pleased to provide the following operations update. All reported depths are measured depths below the Rotary Table (RT) on the rig floor.

#### MERTA #1 (HIGHWAY 71 PROSPECT)

**Report Date:** 8:00 pm 18/11/09 (Western Aust Standard Time) /  
6:00 am 18/11/09 (USA Central Daylight Time)

**Current Depth:** 3,230.6 metres RT.

**Progress:** Complete running and cementing 244.5mm (9 5/8") casing. Drill ahead from 2,429.3m to 3,230.6 m. Next logging and casing point planned at 3,352.8m.

**Hydrocarbon Indications** *As previously advised:* wireline log data confirmed the presence of approximately 9 metres of net gas reservoir sands within three zones from 2,343.3 to 2392.1 metres. A Formation Test tool was subsequently run to obtain fluid and pressure samples. Dry gas was recovered from a test point at 2,354.8m.

Hydrocarbon shows below 2,429m will only be reported after wireline logs have been run and evaluated at the Total Depth of the well.

#### Primary and Secondary Targets

The primary targets are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Meek Sands which have the potential to recover up to 52.5 Bcf of gas with 367,500 barrels of condensate. The secondary target is the Upper Wilcox Sandstone, which has the potential to recover up to 15 Bcf plus 750,000 barrels of condensate.

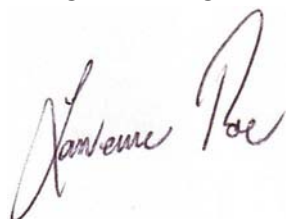
Target Energy will earn a 25% Working Interest in the Highway 71 prospect. Drilling is expected to take six weeks to drill to the programmed Total Depth of 4,115 metres (13,500 feet).

While operations are underway, the company will issue routine releases every Thursday or at any such time that material matters require an earlier release.

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For and on behalf of  
TARGET ENERGY LIMITED



**Laurence Roe**  
**Managing Director**

*NOTE: In accordance with ASX Listing Rules, any hydrocarbon reserves and/or drilling update information in this report has been reviewed and signed off by Mr Laurence Roe, B Sc, Managing Director of Target Energy, who is a member of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists and has at least 5 years experience in the sector. He consents to that information in the form and context in which it appears.*