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RE : **Manaia Well Now Producing**

Please find the attached release by OMV the operator for the Manaia joint venture.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Knox".

Andrew M Knox
Public Officer

Media statement

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Manaia well now producing

The Maari development has reached another significant milestone with oil now flowing from the Manaia well.

Some eight kilometres long, the well targeted the Mangahewa formation of the Manaia structure.

“While it’s still early days, it’s always pleasing to see a new well come on-stream,” said OMV New Zealand Managing Director Dr Wayne Kirk. “It marks another chapter in the ongoing development of the Maari field and the Greater Maari Area.”

Now that oil flow has been established, the focus turns to production testing, he explained. This includes assessing the field’s production rate, oil properties and determining if additional wells might be warranted.

“We anticipate it’s going to take several months of production to accurately determine recoverable reserves for Manaia,” Dr Kirk said. “That information will be also used to help determine whether we will drill more wells but at this point, we simply don’t have enough information about the field to make any sort of determination.”

“Drilling an eight kilometre long well is challenging enough, yet despite the technical challenges, it’s very pleasing to see the commitment both staff and contractors have shown to bringing the Manaia well safely on stream.”

The Manaia field, located over 6 kilometres away from Maari, is a separate geological structure, but the oil is produced through the Tiro Tiro Moana Well Head Platform and into the Raroa FPSO like all the main Maari wells.

In July, Crown Minerals approved the amalgamation of the Manaia field into the Maari mining permit. This made it easier to make the transition from an appraisal well to production testing and allows OMV to focus on the Maari area as a whole, Dr Kirk said.

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OMV New Zealand was awarded petroleum project of the year at the inaugural 'Deloitte Energy Excellence Awards' for the Manaia well – the longest oil well ever drilled in New Zealand.

The Maari and Manaia fields are operated by OMV NZ Ltd on behalf of the Maari Joint Venture partners OMV New Zealand, Todd Maari Ltd, Horizon Oil International, and Cue Taranaki Pty Ltd.

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Background information:

OMV in New Zealand

OMV New Zealand is this country's largest liquid hydrocarbon producer and the third largest gas producer.

It has been active here since 1999 when it acquired shares in the Maari oil discovery which it developed and now operates. Focusing strictly on exploration and production in New Zealand, OMV New Zealand currently holds shares in the Maui and Pohokura gas fields and the Maui pipeline. OMV New Zealand also has 9 offshore exploration permits in the Taranaki and Great South Basin regions.

OMV New Zealand is a subsidiary of OMV Aktiengesellschaft, also known as the OMV Group.

OMV Aktiengesellschaft

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OMV is the leading energy Group in the European growth belt with oil and gas reserves of approximately 1.19 bn boe, daily production of around 318,000 boe in Q2/10 and an annual refining capacity of approximately 26 mn t. OMV now has 2,319 filling stations as of Q2/10. The market share of the group in the R&M business segment in the Danube Region is now 20%.

OMV further strengthened its leading position in the European growth belt through the acquisition of 41.58% of Petrol Ofisi, Turkey's leading company in the retail and commercial business.

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