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Lawford 1 Well – Drilling Update

Please find attached release made by the operator, New Standard Energy for the Lawford 1 Well Drilling Update.

Buru has a 35% participating interest in this well with an option to earn an additional 15% interest.

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Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Adrian Cook", written over a light grey circular stamp.

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Managing Director



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ASX Announcement

**LAWFORD 1 WELL DRILLING UPDATE
(ASX: NSE)**

New Standard Energy Ltd (**NSE**) provides the attached drilling update for the Lawford 1 well currently being drilled on EP417. The Lawford 1 well was at a depth of 1,325m as at 06:00hrs this morning with drilling having stopped during the past three days for surface equipment repairs. Whilst drilling ahead at 1,325m depth a leak was detected in the casing bowl at the wellhead. Drilling ceased and a temporary cement plug was run to a depth of approximately 260m whilst the casing bowl was replaced. Following the casing bowl replacement the BOP's were nipped up and pressure tested during which a leak in the 9 5/8" casing below the wellhead was identified. To ensure the continued integrity of the well, a decision has been made to run 7" casing to a depth of approximately 1,320m and cement back to surface in order to facilitate drilling ahead in 6 1/2" hole. The timing of any decision to drill ahead will be dictated by further assessment of the remedial issues currently being followed.

The Lawford 1 well is targeting the reservoir sands of the Anderson Formation and the Laurel Formation. The Lawford 1 well is testing a very large basin-centred anticlinal structure with in excess of 150 metres of vertical closure. The structure has an areal extent of more than 69 square kilometres. The large size of the Lawford structure means it has the potential to contain very significant volumes of oil and gas if hydrocarbons are present. Conservative volumetric calculations suggest that if hydrocarbons are present, the structure could hold in excess of 500 BCF of recoverable gas or some 440 million barrels of oil in place

Further drilling updates will be provided in due course.

Lawford 1 participants:

New Standard Energy Ltd	65%
Buru Energy Ltd	35%

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Competent Person: *The information in this announcement is based on information compiled and reviewed by Dr Mark Hagan (BSc Hons, PhD) who is a Petroleum Geologist and Geophysicist with more than 35 years experience in the industry. Dr Hagan is Technical Director of New Standard Energy and consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.*



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ASX RELEASE

Lawford I Petroleum Exploration Well EP 417, Canning Basin, Western Australia

Permit:	EP417, Canning Basin, Western Australia
Well Name:	Lawford 1
Drilling Rig:	ADS rig 6
Report Period:	06:00hrs Monday 20 October to 06:00hrs Thursday 23 October
Spud Date:	12:30 hrs, Saturday 4 October '08
Well Location:	19° 50' 38" S 126° 37' 59" E
Elevation:	286m above sea level
Proposed Total Depth:	1,650m
Primary Targets:	Anderson sands Laurel sands
Present Depth:	1,325m as at 06:00 hrs on Thursday 23 October '08
Operations Since Last Report:	Drilled ahead in 8 ½" hole through the Pre Grant/Lower Grant shale sequences from 1,300m to 1,325m where a leak was detected at the wellhead. POOH and ran temporary cement plug at 260m to fix the leak at the wellhead (casing bowl). Casing bowl replaced, BOP nipped up and pressure tested and leak detected in 9 5/8" casing.
Current Operations:	Drill out cement plug at 260m depth and run 7" casing to approx 1,320m to ensure integrity of the well. Drill ahead in 6" hole for reservoir targets of the Anderson and Laurel sandstones.
Hydrocarbon Indications:	No further indications
Well Participants:	65% New Standard Energy Ltd 35% Buru Energy Ltd
Comments:	The current shale section is thicker than predicted and is currently in excess of 100m thick. The expected sandstone/shale sequences of the Anderson and Laurel formations are anticipated between current depth and TD.

Lawford 1 Time Depth Curve

