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Arrowsmith-2 Update Norwest recommences operations

Norwest Energy (ASX:NWE) is pleased to report that operations on the Arrowsmith-2 well recommenced today.

As reported in previous announcements, the Arrowsmith-2 well has been temporarily shut-in whilst awaiting delivery to site of the necessary parts and equipment to install a smaller diameter tubing completion within the well.

The procedure to install the completion is to drill out the remaining bridge plugs and immediately isolate the High Cliff Sandstone (HCSS) interval from the other zones with a completion packer. This is expected to take approximately three weeks to complete. 2 3/8" tubing will then be run from surface to the installed packer, and the HCSS interval flowed back in isolation for a period of 2-3 weeks.

Following this extended testing period on the HCSS, the two shallower intervals, the Irwin River Coal Measures (IRCM) and the Carynginia Formation will be flowed back until sufficient frac fluids have been removed in order to establish gas rates for each of these intervals.

The entire program is expected to take 3-4 months to complete.

Joint Venture partners in EP413:

Norwest Energy NL (Operator)	27.945%
AWE Limited (via subsidiaries)	44.252%
Bharat PetroResources Ltd	27.803%

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About Arrowsmith-2

The Arrowsmith-2 well is situated in the central eastern area of Permit EP413 with the surface location being approximately 30km north of the township of Eneabba (refer fig2).

Norwest, as Operator and on behalf of its Joint Venture partners drilled the Arrowsmith-2 exploration well in mid-2011, and in 2012 the well was subsequently hydraulically fracture stimulated in five discrete stages across four formations; the High Cliff Sand Stone (HCSS), Irwin River Coal Measures (IRCM), Carynginia Formation and Kockatea Shale.

Each of these stages was flowed back for a limited period immediately following the treatment of each respective zone during the fracture stimulation campaign. Since the hydraulic fracture stimulation program, the Kockatea Shale and Carynginia Formation have undergone extended flow back, with final results still to be acquired from the Carynginia, Irwin River Coal Measures and High Cliff Sandstone intervals, in the current completion and extended flow back program.

Arrowsmith-2 maximum gas rates per interval (to date):

Kockatea Shale	414,000 scf/d
Carynginia	500,000 scf/d (higher rate expected on further cleanup)
High Cliff Sandstone	780,000 scf/d (higher rate expected upon well test)

Progressive total July 2013: 1,694,000 scf/d*

*This does not include a contribution from the Irwin River Coal Measures, which will be flowed back later in this completion program.

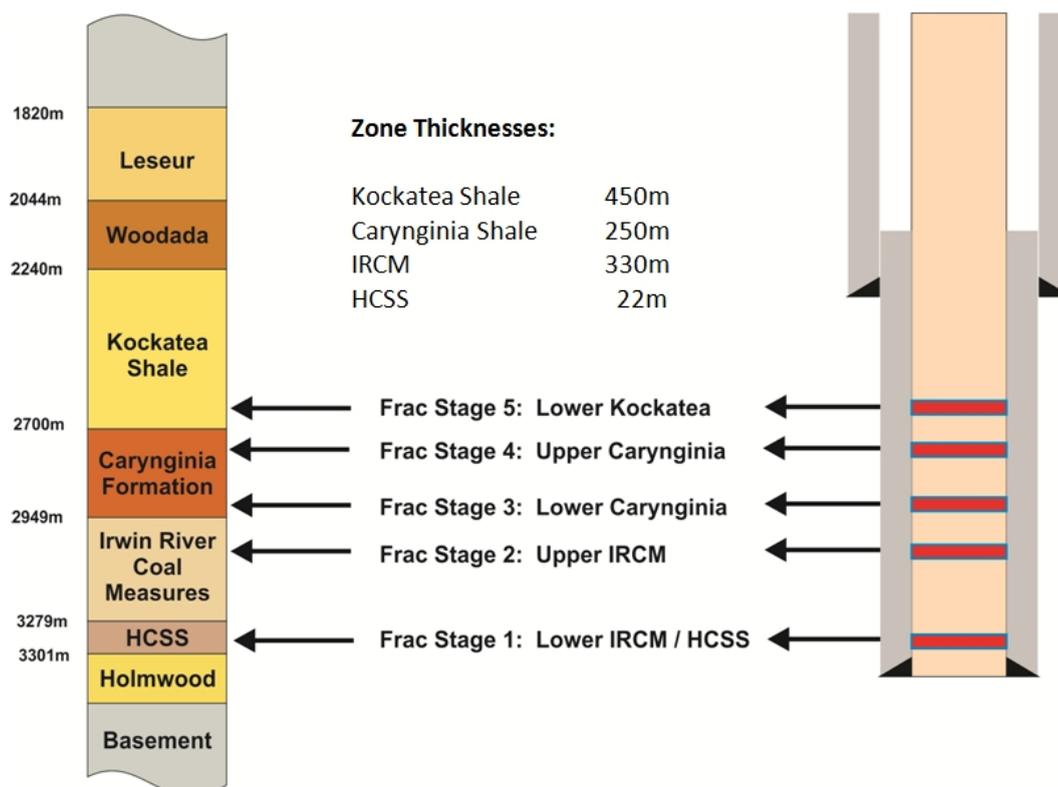


Figure 1. Arrowsmith-2 Frac Stages

Prospective Resource Report

Norwest has now received a resource evaluation report from DeGolyer and MacNaughton, an independent US based consultancy specialising in unconventional resource and reserves reporting. The findings of the report were for a Best Estimate (P50) gross prospective resource in place of 450 million BOE, including 2.6 TCF of gas, and a best estimate (2C) contingent resource of 316 BCF of gas. The resource evaluation covers a gross acreage of 160km² (~40,000 acres) focused on the deep unconventional gas trend East of the Beagle Ridge fault structure. 90km² (~22,000 acres) is assessed as being prospective for oil and gas.

Forward Planning

The program going forward in EP413 is to finalise testing of the well, complete the 3D seismic program and commence high-grading of intervals for future development.

The Arrowsmith field has extremely positive economic drivers – its location close to natural gas pipelines that deliver gas to market; a strong demand for natural gas in the state for domestic use and LNG exports; a high domestic gas price; and a clean natural gas product from all formations.

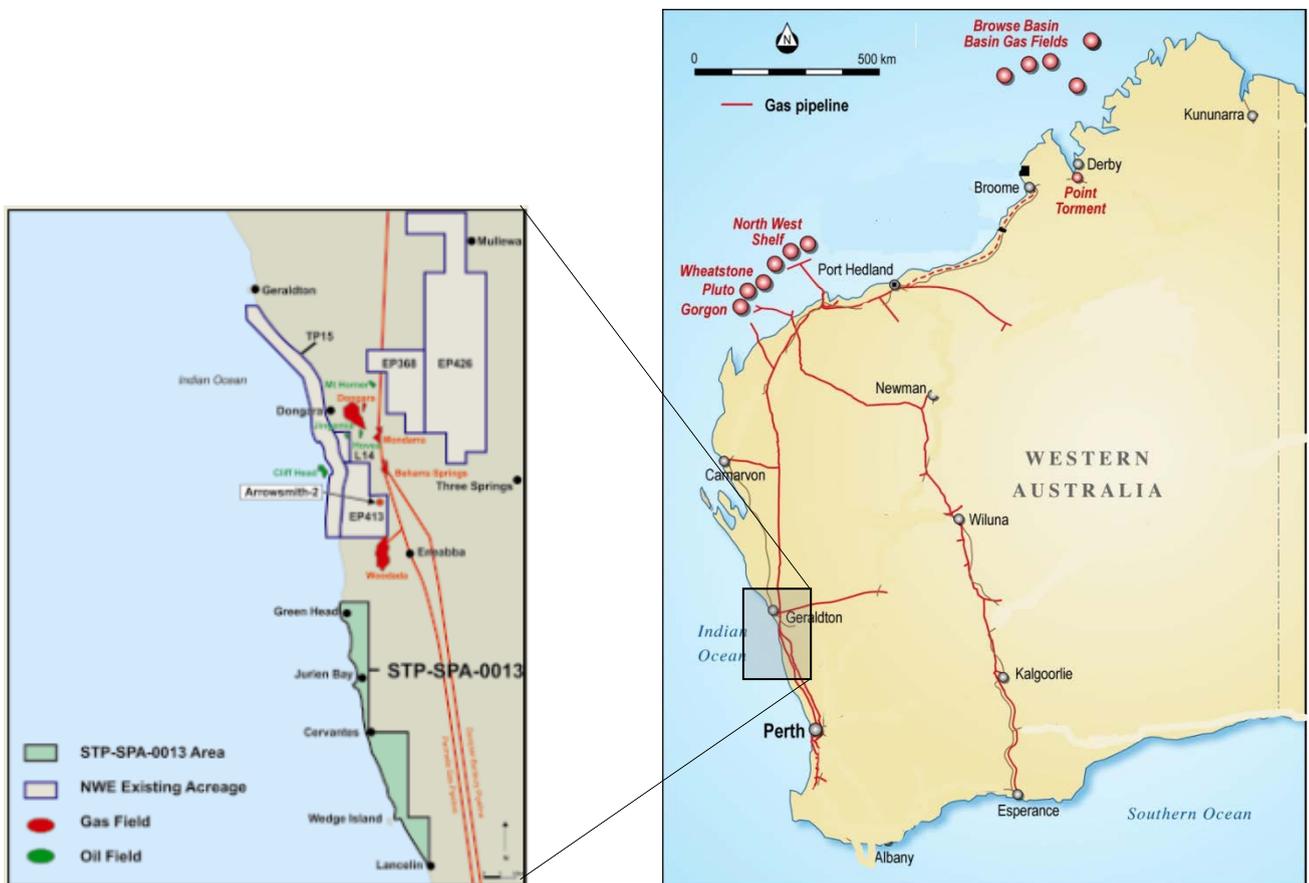


Figure 2. Arrowsmith-2 location