

## **Wombat-5 Well, Gippsland Basin, Victoria Final Drilling Update**

The Board of Lakes Blue Energy is pleased to provide the following update on drilling operations at Wombat-5, side-track-2 (ST-2). As at 8:00 am AEST today, the status of the well is as set out below:

Days from spud	60
Current depth	3,052 mRT <sup>1</sup> MD <sup>2</sup> ; 1,421 mRT TVD <sup>3</sup>
Horizontal length	1,500m
24hr Progress	Total Depth reached
Hole size	6-1/8"
Last casing point	4-1/2" set at 2,438 mRT MD; 1,409 mRT TVD
Current formation	Strzelecki Formation
Target formation	Strzelecki Formation
Target formation depth	1,410 mRT MD; 1,356 mRT TVD
HS&E LTIs	0

The 4-1/2" swellable packer completion has been successfully positioned at 2,438 mRT MD, securing the Wombat-5 well for testing of the significant gas shows encountered whilst drilling. A plug (referred to as a "slickline suspension plug") has been temporarily positioned down hole in order that the blow out preventer can be safely removed and the wellhead equipment installed.

Later today, after completing the wellhead installation, the drilling rig will be released and demobilised from the site. The site will then be secured pending the arrival of a workover unit and gas flow test package, scheduled for 10 November.

Roland Sleeman, Chair of Lakes Blue Energy, commented

*"Completion of the Wombat-5 well is a significant milestone for Lakes Blue Energy, with gas flow testing next on the agenda to demonstrate the commercial viability of the Wombat Field. Demonstrating commerciality will pave the way for the Field's massive resource to be certified as a reserve, and for Lakes Blue Energy to become a major supplier of gas to Victoria".*

**This announcement was authorised by the Board of Lakes Blue Energy.**

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1. mRT means metres below the rotary table, effectively metres below the drilling rig floor.
2. MD means measured depth
3. TVD means true vertical depth