

Buffalo drilling update

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Carnarvon Energy Limited (“Carnarvon”) (ASX:CVN) provides the following update on the Buffalo project.

Carnarvon has been informed that the Valaris JU-107 jack-up drilling rig is still on its current operations, and the handover of the rig to Carnarvon is now expected to be in late December. The delays are not related to the performance of the rig or preparation by Carnarvon.

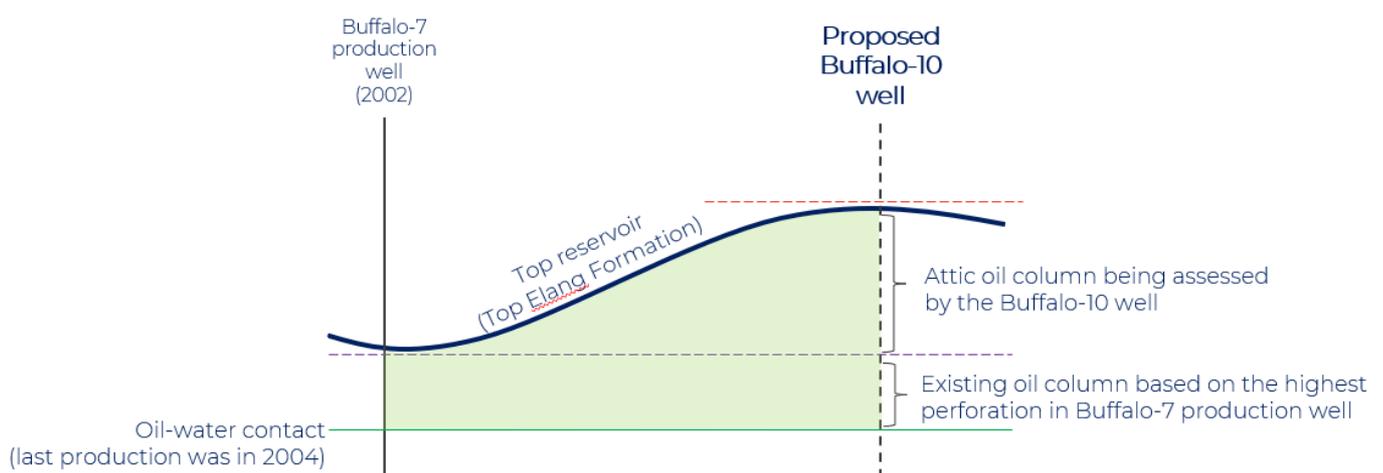
The current operator of the rig is undertaking its final operation, after which the rig will be handed over to Carnarvon

About Buffalo

The Buffalo project involves the redevelopment of the Buffalo oil field in the Timor Sea. The field resides in only 30 metres of water with a reservoir depth between 3,200 and 3,300 meters below the sea bed.

The previous field proved the existence of very high deliverability reservoir containing high quality light oil that is expected to sell at a premium to Brent in today’s market.

Carnarvon, as the operator of the project, is preparing to drill a well that will penetrate the existing oil column (because the field was still producing when it was shut-in in 2004), and assess the extent of the revised mapped attic oil column as illustrated in the schematic diagram below:



Carnarvon’s mid case recoverable volume estimate is 31 million barrels (gross, 2C contingent resource). With the minimum economic field size estimated to be significantly lower than the mid case estimate, there is a strong likelihood the Buffalo-10 well will confirm an economic project. Accordingly, Carnarvon’s drilling plans provide for the Buffalo-10 well to be retained as the first production well in the redevelopment program.

For the above reasons, Carnarvon is also working its project partner, Advance Energy Plc, on plans to compress the timeline to first production once the Buffalo-10 well confirms a commercial oil resource. These plans include engaging with industry for supply and installation of suitable equipment to produce the oil.

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Resource Information

The estimates of contingent resources included in this report have been prepared in accordance with the definitions and guidelines set forth in the SPE-PRMS. Refer to Carnarvon Energy's ASX announcement on 28 August 2017 for more information

A combination of deterministic and probabilistic methods were used to prepare the estimates of these contingent resources.

The resource estimates outlined in this report were compiled by the Company's Chief Operating Officer, Mr Philip Huizenga, who is a full-time employee of the Company. Mr Huizenga has over 25 years' experience in petroleum exploration and engineering. Mr Huizenga holds a Bachelor Degree in Engineering and a Masters Degree in Petroleum Engineering. Mr Huizenga is qualified in accordance with ASX Listing Rules and has consented to the form and context in which this statement appears.

Carnarvon is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in this announcement and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in this Presentation continue to apply and have not materially changed.

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