
Cheal-1 Well Gas Flow Tests Underway

Initial flow testing of the Cheal-1 well in PEP 38738 commenced on July 3rd with the Indo-Pacific Energy operated well flowing at a rate of 4.5 MMcf/d through a 32/64 inch choke, at a surface flowing pressure of 750 psi.

Indo-Pacific Chief Executive, David Bennett, said the initial flow rates were more than twice those recorded in the original well tests due to improved completion technology, as well as the additional gas pay sands.

Extended production tests in August or September would allow estimates

of gas reserves and long-term oil and gas production rates. Testing of Cheal-2 and the drilling of a Cheal-3 well higher on the structure are also under consideration, Bennett said.

The Cheal-1 and Cheal-2 wells are situated on the same site, about 6 km across easy terrain from pipeline tie-in points.

Meanwhile, Indo-Pacific said a final decision on the preferred development option for its recent Kahili gas-condensate discovery in PEP 38736 is anticipated in July, with first gas flowing in early 2004. ■