
Woodside Spuds Mauritanian Well

In early September, Woodside spudded the first well in its 2003 Mauritania drilling program, which includes two firm wells plus one optional well.

The drill ship *Jack Ryan* is drilling the combined appraisal and development well, Chinguetti-4-5, in water depths of 820 m in Block 4. The location is approximately 90 km west southwest of the Mauritanian capital of Nouakchott. Planned total depth is 2,625 m.

Partners in the Area B PSC are Woodside (35% – operator), AGIP (35%), Hardman Resources (21.6%), Fusion Oil and Gas NL (6%) and Roc Oil (2.4%). ■