

## Indo-Pacific Begins Drilling Onshore Wawiri-1

In early September Indo-Pacific Energy (NZ) Limited and its partners commenced drilling Wawiri-1 well, the first of two back-to-back wells.

The Wawiri-1 well will investigate the hydrocarbon potential of a shallow tilted fault block. The primary target comprises sandstones of the Mt. Messenger Formation estimated to lie at a depth of about 1170 m. The well will be drilled to planned depth of 1400m.

Operator Indo-Pacific Energy holds a 30% equity in the permit with Australian-based

companies Tap Oil and Magellan Petroleum each holding a 25% interest and Singapore-based Krystal Corporation Pte Ltd 20%.

Wawiri-1 will be followed by the Bluff-1 well, in PEP 38746, which is expected to be finished before the end of October.

Indo-Pacific Energy is also scheduled to continue its production test of the re-entered Cheal-1 well in onshore Taranaki licence PEP 38738 at the end of September. Chief executive Dave Bennett said the necessary separation equipment should be on site before the end of the month. ■