

Santos Hits Six In 1998

Santos has announced its sixth gas discovery in the South Australian Cooper Basin this year.

Santos say that the discovery comes as a result of an accelerated exploration program since 1996, planned in response to an increasing gas demand and in order to maximise opportunities before the Joint Venture loses exclusive exploration rights to the region in February of 1999. Santos and its partners have drilled more than 1,200 wells in the basin, 800 km north of Adelaide, since 1954.

The latest discovery is a new gas field about 49 km north west of the Moomba gas plant where the exploration well, Moonanga 1, has been reported to have flowed gas at 263,360 cubic metres per day (9.3MMcfd). The field is in the Patchawarra south west block.

In May this year, the Cabernet gas discovery was heralded as the biggest in SA since 1994, flowing gas at 12.2 MMcfd. This year other discoveries included the Moolion North 1 which flowed at 8.9 MMcfd in September and the Welcome Lake East 1, flowing gas at 3.66 MMcfd and condensate at 81.5 bopb in October. Smaller finds in the Shariz 1 and Vatore 1 make up the half dozen.

