
Three Otway Basin Areas Released

The Victorian Government has released three additional onshore areas in the Otway Basin.

“These exploration areas offer significant potential for companies seeking to develop petroleum activities”, Energy, Industries and Resources Minister, Theo Theophanous, said.

The areas consist of the onshore Otway Basin blocks VIC/O06-1 to O06-3 in the immediate vicinity of Origin Energy’s Seamer, McIntee, Croft, Laver, Naylor and Naylor South, Butters and Naringal gas fields where nearby gas/condensate processing plants were constructed.

Theophanous said the blocks are under-explored and detailed seismic data and additional drilling are required before their potential can be assessed. The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) has contributed to the preparation of a CD-Rom package promoting the Victorian acreage. This CD-Rom will be widely distributed both in Australia and overseas to encourage suitable companies to explore the area for petroleum resources.

In addition, an interpretative report has been prepared by the Energy Geoscience Group of DPI on areas in the Otway Basin, providing an assessment of their potential. Further information about the areas on offer and available technical information packages can be obtained from Kathy Hill, Director GeoScience Victoria, at maher.megallaa@dpi.vic.gov.au ■