

Gnu Development For Apache

Apache Corporation's Gnu-1 exploration/appraisal well in the Reindeer/Caribou field located in the WA-209-P permit area off the North West Shelf tested 26 MMcf of gas and 61 bbl of condensate per day from the North Rankin Formation.

Chief Executive Officer, G. Steven Farris, said the well brings Apache's expected gross recoverable reserves at the Reindeer/Caribou field to half a trillion cubic feet of natural gas.

"We plan to develop this field with an objective of first production in 2008. With five additional seismically defined prospects in the immediate vicinity, the first of which we plan to spud later this year, the growth potential of this area is significant", Farris said.

"Part of the gas is dedicated to the company's existing contracts and ample market opportunities exist for the rest. Development options, including the possibility of a new pipeline to the mainland, are currently being evaluated."

The well is approximately 90 km offshore in the northeast section of Apache's Carnarvon Basin acreage in 61 m of water. Apache operates the well with a 55% working interest; Santos Ltd has 45%. ■

