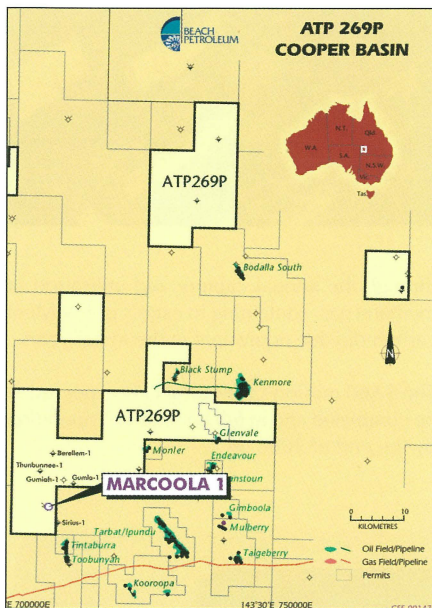


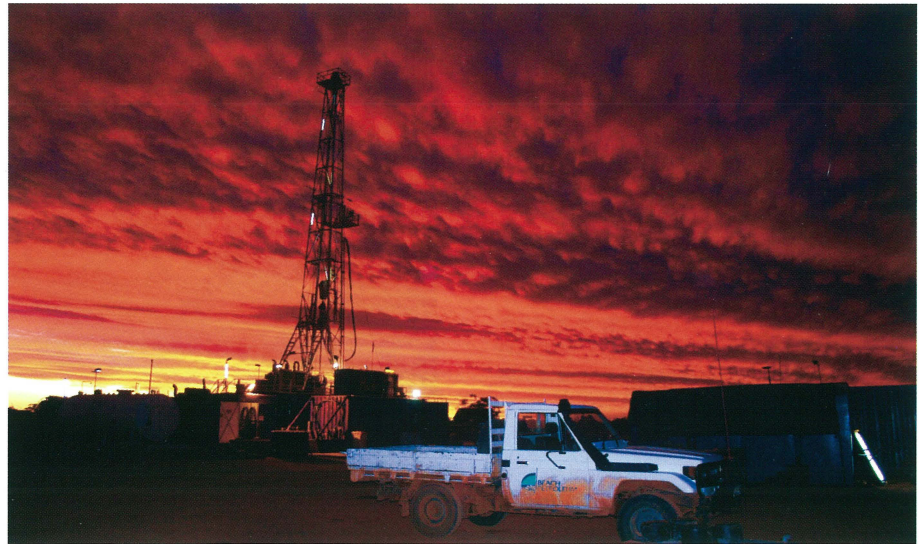
Beach Discovers New Oil In Queensland

Beach Petroleum and its joint venture partners have made a new oil field discovery in ATP 269P in the Queensland portion of the Eromanga Basin.

The Maroola-1 well was drilled within the Trocus 3D seismic survey area, which was acquired by the ATP 269P joint venture in mid 2006, to address prospectivity along a trend from the Tintaburra to Toobunyah oilfield which lies approximately 7 km to the southeast.



Location of the Maroola-1 well



The Maroola-1 rig site at sunset

Encouraging hydrocarbon shows were encountered while drilling through the Jurassic section of the well. These shows were evaluated by wireline logs and two drill stem tests were carried out post-logging which confirmed the new oil field discovery.

Test drilling was conducted at 1,208.5 m to 1,220 m in the Hutton Sandstone and flowed for 20 minutes before the test failed. Approximately 6 bbl were reversed out of the test string with no evidence of water.

Further drill testing was conducted over the

Murta Formation at depths of 916.5 m to 923.9 m, and was also marred by testing problems. Nevertheless, 3.85 bbl were reversed out of the test string, again with no evidence of water.

Maroola-1 is the second, in a three well drilling campaign in ATP 269P and its success has opened up the area for several other drilling opportunities.

Partners in ATP 269P are Beach, with 46.95%, Entek with 28.15%, IOR Energy with 20% and Santos with the remaining 4.9%. ■