

Warrior Falls Offshore WA

US independent Hess has plugged and abandoned the Warrior probe after it failed to show significant quantities of gas in deep-water Block WA-390-P offshore Western Australia. The company's first three wells, Glencoe-1, Briseis-1 and Nimblefoot-1, all struck gas, intersecting 28 m, 46 m and 28 m of net pay respectively. However, the company did not carry out any flow testing.

Hess said it will now take the findings of the four wells and integrate these with the 3D seismic data acquired earlier in the year to help shape the drilling programme for next year.

The company has stated its hope in finding enough gas in WA-390-P to underpin a liquefied natural gas export project. Prior to the start of drilling Hess said the permit contained gas potential of between 2 and 15 Tcf of gas.

This is the first phase in a three-year Australian campaign for Hess that will see it take part in up to 25 exploration wells. The company plans to resume exploration work with the semi-submersible rig Jack Bates due back in Australia by April 2009 and remaining in the region until July 2010. ■



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