

**Areas NT04-1, NT04-2 & NT04-3  
Northern Bonaparte Basin  
Northern Territory**

**Bids close 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005**

**Location**

Release areas NT04-1, NT04-2 and NT04-3 comprise 56 blocks (4745 km<sup>2</sup>), 84 blocks (6775 km<sup>2</sup>) and 95 blocks (7370 km<sup>2</sup>) respectively and are located in the eastern Timor Sea about 300 km north of Darwin and 250 km northeast of the proposed Darwin to Bayu/Undan gas pipeline (Figure 1). The Greater Sunrise and Evans Shoal gas accumulations are located to the west and south of the release areas, and the Abadi gas accumulation is located to the north in Indonesian waters.

**Regional Geology**

The following discussion of regional geology and hydrocarbon potential draws largely on regional studies by West and Passmore (1993, 1994), West and Miyazaki (1994) and Longley et al. (2002). More recent studies in the area can be found in the Timor Sea Petroleum Geoscience Symposium Volume; for example, Ambrose (2003), Barber et al. (2003), George et al. (2003) and Lowe-Young et al. (2003).

The release areas NT04-1, NT04-2 and NT04-3 extend west to east over the northeastern part of the Bonaparte Basin, across the basin bounding Lynedoch Bank Fault System, into the western Arafura/Money Shoals Basins (Figure 2). The target stratigraphy in this area ranges from the Permian to the Tertiary and is summarised in Figure 3.

The Sahul Platform (westernmost part of NT04-1) is a region of elevated Mesozoic and upper Palaeozoic sediments with its southern boundary denoted by northeast trending Mesozoic normal faults showing displacement down towards the Calder and Malita grabens which were major Mesozoic/Tertiary depocentres. Total sediment thickness, including the underlying Palaeozoic, may exceed 8 km in the grabens.

The Lynedoch Bank Fault System is a large transfer zone which acted as a major depositional hinge and may connect with the Halls Creek Mobile Zone to the south (McLennan et al., 1990). This fault zone has an associated structural high area developed in the western hanging wall, and drape and compaction of Jurassic and Cretaceous units occurs over this basement controlled feature. There are commonalities between the Mesozoic stratigraphy on either side of the fault, but the stratigraphy in the Malita and Calder grabens remains

speculative given the lack of well control. Figure 4 is a regional composite seismic line transecting the Sahul Platform, Malita Graben and Darwin Shelf.

West of the Lynedoch Bank Fault System are two important depocentres bound by faulted terraces. The larger, the Malita Graben, forms a southwesterly trending, symmetrical depocentre bounded on both sides by large displacement normal faults which show some evidence of wrenching (Figure 6). This depocentre may represent a flexural depression that developed on the inboard part of an upper plate rift margin (O'Brien et al., 1993). The similar age Calder Graben is a more northerly trending depocentre in alignment with the Lynedoch Bank Fault System (Figure 2) and from Early Cretaceous times has plunged to the north towards the Masela Deep in Indonesian waters.

Seismic mapping suggests the Cretaceous structural history varies greatly from the Malita Graben to the Calder Graben as reflected by variable isopachs of the upper and lower Bathurst Island Formation. This suggests an important structural impasse between the Calder and Malita grabens, at least during the Cretaceous (West and Passmore, 1994).

In both the Calder and Malita grabens, very few wells have intersected the pre-rift Plover Formation. This formation is expected to thicken slightly from the adjacent faulted terraces, as should the main syn-rift sequence in this area (the Tithonian/Berriasian section of the Flamingo Formation). The intervening Oxfordian/Kimmeridgian syn-rift section depicts a starved basin setting over most of the area but a substantial sequence could be localised, given that such an interpretation is made from seismic to the west in the Malita Graben (Longley et al., 2002; Figure 6). Also 60 m of Oxfordian silty shale (Cleia Formation) occurs in the Evans Shoal area and this section could thicken into the adjacent Malita Graben. The post-rift Cretaceous to Tertiary sequences thicken into the Malita and Calder grabens facilitating hydrocarbon generation from older Jurassic source rocks. Sparse well control is concentrated in the Evans Shoal gas accumulation (two wells) and Lynedoch horst structure (two wells).

In the western Money Shoal Basin, relatively undeformed Mesozoic to Cainozoic sediments overlie Precambrian basement and folded/faulted Palaeozoic to Early Mesozoic rocks of the western Arafura Basin (Figure 5). The nearest well control east of the Lynedoch Bank Fault System is Tuatara 1 in the Money Shoal Basin (Figure 5). This well intersected over 3500 m of Mesozoic/Tertiary sediments, unconformably overlying Arafura Basin sediments which comprised tight siliceous sandstones. In Tuatara 1 the pre-rift Early-Middle Jurassic Plover Formation is 450 m thick but the overlying early syn-rift section (Elang/Cleia Formations) comprises less than 10 m of limestone which is consistent with thin condensed sequences of this age seen to the west in Lynedoch 1 and Evans Shoal 1 drilled in the Bonaparte Basin.

The later syn-rift sequence (Flamingo Formation) is 413 m thick in Tuatara 1, comprising Tithonian sandstone fans at the base (Sandpiper Sandstone), overlain by thick silty shales, in turn succeeded by similar lithologies in the Echuca Shoals Formation (292 m thick). The overlying Cretaceous-Tertiary section is about 2500 m thick.

In this general area two wells have intersected complete Plover Formation sections; Troubadour 1 (343 m) on the Sahul Platform and Tuatara 1 (450 m) in the Money Shoal Basin. The thickest intersections of the Plover Formation occur to the west in the Greater Sunrise gas-bearing structure. The base of the section comprises Early Jurassic braidplain/alluvial sediments overlain by open marine mudstone which in turn grade to brackish siltstone/mudstone enclosing a medial shoreface/fluvial sandstone. This unit grades upwards into shoreface/deltaic sandstones at the top (Seggie et al., 2000). Figure 7 summarises the Plover Formation in the Evans Shoal gas accumulation, where the productive reservoirs are shoreface and fluvial/estuarine sandstones (Lowe-Young et al., 2003).

The Oxfordian early syn-rift sequences in the main depocentres are poorly understood but this section is condensed and quite thin elsewhere. The younger Flamingo Formation syn-rift sequence thickens markedly into the main depocentres and is 867 m thick in Heron 1 in the Malita Graben. This unit pinches out laterally onto the Bathurst Terrace to the southeast, and the Sahul Platform to the west. Overall the northward tilt established during the Cretaceous was maintained throughout the Cainozoic.

## Exploration History

Lynedoch 1 (1973), Lynedoch-2 (1998) and Tyche 1 (2000) have been drilled in NT04-2. Exploration commenced in this general area in 1965 and has continued through to the present day with the exception of an exploration hiatus between 1978 and 1985 due to a border dispute between Australia and Indonesia. The study area was first explored on a regional basis in the 1960s and early 1970s when Shell, BOC and ARCO acquired regional aeromagnetic surveys providing a regional grid of 10-20 km, and a semi detailed grid of 3-10 km. Shell drilled Lynedoch 1 in 1973 and gas shows were encountered in the Bathurst Island Group and also the Plover Formation but were not tested.

A second phase of exploration took place in the late 1980s to early 1990s when there was acquisition of more detailed seismic data and two wells were drilled in the general area (Evans Shoal 1 and Beluga 1). Between 1985 and 1987, WMC acquired 2500 km of regional and semi detailed 2D seismic, prior to an aeromagnetic survey carried out by BHP in 1988. Later BHP recorded over 5000 km of 2D seismic data, largely over the Malita and Calder grabens, with a grid spacing of between 1x3 km and 1x5 km. This resulted in the drilling of Evans Shoal 1 (BHP, 1988) which tested a tilted horst block and was a Plover Formation gas discovery proving gas charge from the graben. BP conducted an airborne laser fluorescence survey (ALF) over part of the area in 1989. Beluga 1 (BHP, 1991) tested a stratigraphic play on the southern margin of the Malita Graben but, despite some minor gas shows, the well was plugged and abandoned.

The most recent exploration phase occurred in the late 1990s and early 2000s. Acquisition of new seismic, and reprocessing of existing seismic data, preceded the drilling of Evans Shoal 2 (1998) which was a successful gas appraisal well proving favourable deliverability from the Plover Formation reservoirs. Lynedoch 2, which was drilled in 1998 by Shell, encountered a tight gas column in the Plover Formation which had originally been suspected from the results of Lynedoch 1. The most recent well in the area was Tyche 1 drilled by Shell in 2000, which tested a shallow stratigraphic play, but the well was plugged and abandoned without encountering significant shows. In Indonesian waters, three Abadi wells were drilled, resulting in the discovery of a large-scale gas accumulation.

## Petroleum Potential

By far the most important hydrocarbon source rocks in the area are contained in the Plover Formation, which is also the most important reservoir interval. This source/reservoir sequence was most recently discussed by Longley et al. (2002) and Ambrose (2003). In the northern Bonaparte Basin the dominant source of oils reservoired in the Laminaria/Corallina fields is believed to be the Plover Formation (George et al., 2003) but the Elang Formation has also made some contribution and is recognised as the dominant source at Bayu/Undan. Also, recent geochemical studies indicate the Greater Sunrise gas-condensate field was sourced locally from the Plover Formation on the Troubadour Terrace (Longley et al., 2002). Overall, the Plover Formation contains fair to good oil and gas prone source rocks with oil and gas liquids being generated to the west in the Joint Petroleum Development Area (JPDA) and on the Troubadour Terrace.

Farther east, dry gas has been discovered in the Plover Formation at Evans Shoal, with tight gas being recorded at Lynedoch 1 and 2, and more recently gas was discovered in the Plover Formation in three Abadi wells drilled in Indonesian waters. The Plover Formation is also the most likely source of gas in these accumulations. There is no source rock data relevant to the Plover Formation in the Calder Graben but limited data from Evans Shoal 1 and Heron 1 indicate viable oil and gas prone source rocks in these wells. Additional source rocks may occur in Early-Middle Jurassic (*C.turbatus* biozone) shales in the deeper Plover Formation section (Ambrose, 2003), as indicated by deeper wells in the JPDA area, but depocentres to the east have not been penetrated by the drill.

In the Malita Graben the Plover Formation, based on modelling from Heron 1 (Figure 8), probably entered the oil window in the mid Cretaceous and today is through the dry gas window. On the Evans Shoal Terrace the Plover Formation is in the wet gas window. Modelling of Evans Shoal 1 (Figure 9) suggests possible oil generation in the late Cretaceous followed by gas generation in the mid-late Tertiary. Any oil possibly trapped in the Evans Shoal or Lynedoch areas required an early formed structural trap. A similar proposition is probably true for hydrocarbons sourced from the Calder Graben.

The highly faulted Greater Sunrise trapping structure was formed in the Miocene or Pleistocene and was filled to spill at about 10 Ma or less (Seggie et al., 2000). The structuring at Evans Shoal appears to be much older (pre-Turonian) and modelling by West and Miyazaki (1994) suggests gas generation from the Plover Formation probably commenced in the Middle Cretaceous in the Malita Graben and continued to the present day with contributions from the surrounding faulted terraces.

The Plover Formation is a viable reservoir away from the main depocentres. Excellent gas flow rates of up to 25 mmcf/d have been recorded from the Evans Shoal accumulation and also from the Abadi accumulation to the north.

Depth of burial has a significant impact on the degree of diagenesis and reservoir quality will be most favourable where the depth of burial has been less

than 3000 m and present day porosities are between 15 and 30% (NTGS, 1990). Botten and Wulff (1990) consider the Plover Formation may also provide potential plays at depths greater than 3300 m, where early hydrocarbon emplacement has inhibited diagenesis.

Evans Shoal 2 encountered more than 360 m of Plover Formation sandstone containing high-permeability streaks (Lowe-Young et al., 2003); Figure 7). Pressure data indicates the Evans Shoal structure is filled to spill, with a closure height of 300 m. Estimated reserves are 6.6 tcf sales gas. Depositional facies interpretation indicates the presence of marine shoreface sandstones in the upper Plover Formation which form the primary reservoir zone. The lower Plover Formation section is mainly a fluvial/estuarine facies with different reservoir properties. Production tests over two zones resulted in gas flows of 25.5 and 5.5 mmscfd with the larger flow largely sourced from the upper shoreface zone. Natural fractures observed in core samples have probably enhanced reservoir performance.

The second important source rocks are contained in the Late Jurassic-Early Cretaceous Flamingo Formation. The best intersection occurs in Heron 1, which tested an inversion structure in the Malita Graben, and which intersected 885 m of Flamingo Formation shales. Total organic carbon (TOC) ranges between 0.2 and 10% but hydrogen indices (HI) indicate the sequence is gas prone. The overlying Bathurst Island Group shows fair TOC values ranging from 0.12 to 2.86 % and with the exception of the basal unit, the Echuca Shoals Formation, appears to be gas prone although there is some potential for mixed oil/gas sourcing (West and Passmore, 1994).

Not only source rocks but the Flamingo Formation is also the secondary target reservoir in this area. Core derived porosities range from 9% in the basin centre to 30% in basin margin locations (Botten and Wulff, 1990).

Oil-prone source rocks of the lower Bathurst Island Group are in the oil window or have passed through it since the Eocene (West and Passmore, 1994). Opportunities for oil retention exist in migration shadow zones on the faulted margins of the Malita and Calder grabens. This would allow the possibility of later oil charge to complement possible early oil charge from the Plover Formation. It is significant that liquid petroleum related fluorescence anomalies (ALF detected) occur south and east of the Calder Graben hinting at the generation of hydrocarbon liquids in this depocentre (Martin and Cawley, 1991).

A regional limestone unit of Aptian/Albian age, near the base of the Bathurst Island Group, is recognised at Heron 1, Evans Shoal 1 and Lynedoch 1. Significant gas shows were reported from fractures in Lynedoch 1 and minor shows were reported in Heron 1 and Evans Shoal 1 from the same interval. The play is speculative, however if fracture porosity is widespread this interval will become prospective.

The regional seal for the Plover/Flamingo Formation reservoirs is the thick claystone interval of the lower Bathurst Island Group. This group also contains high-quality reservoirs, such as Santonian and Maastrichtian sandstones, which

were deposited regionally. The thickness of the Maastrichtian sandstones ranges from 158 m in Heron 1 to 583 m in Lynedoch 1; these are the equivalent of the oil-bearing Puffin Formation sandstones tested in the Vulcan Sub-basin further to the west.

West and Passmore (1994) consider Maastrichtian sandstones in Heron 1 and Evans Shoal 1 represent turbidite flows deposited as basin floor fans tapping updip coastal plain and shelfal sands during a low sea level stand. On seismic lines these sandstones appear as widespread, hummocky clinoform reflections with possible mounding and foresetting (West and Miyazaki, 1994). Reservoir quality, which ranges from 10 to 33%, can be excellent but the presence of seal and hydrocarbon charge remain to be proved.

Tilted fault blocks, faulted anticlines and broad, low relief anticlinal drape over tilted fault blocks provide the main structural plays in this area. Tilted horst blocks are attractive targets on faulted terraces adjacent to the Malita and Calder grabens. The possibility of hanging wall fault traps on the downthrown side of the bounding faults provides a secondary play.

In summary the release areas NT04-1, NT04-2 and NT04-3 offer excellent prospectivity for gas, with giant gas accumulations occurring immediately to the north, south and west. Liquids contents are likely to be low but should be higher than in Evans Shoal and should range between 10 and 30 bbls/mmcf. There is some chance for higher liquids contents but the prospects for oil are low.

Further west at the west end of the Sahul Platform, the condensate recovery project will be commissioned later this year at the Bayu/Undan gas field. Construction of a single train LNG plant is underway near Darwin with the feedstock being recycled dry gas from the field (Figure 2). A number of other giant gas accumulations occur in the general area of the northern Bonaparte Basin. These include Greater Sunrise (8.4 tcf), Evans Shoal (6.6 tcf) and Abadi (5 tcf; in Indonesian waters) accumulations. This prolific gas province will host additional discoveries in the next decade as commercial gas projects emerge and future drilling programs should discover new wet gas fields with a likelihood of subordinate oil fields.

## Data Availability

Open-file reports, data and down-hole samples (wells, geophysical surveys and other petroleum exploration and production data submitted by the petroleum industry) are available from both the Northern Territory Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development (DBIRD), Darwin and Geoscience Australia (GA), Canberra.

Digital wireline logs from wells are available from Crocker Data Processing, Perth, and Wiltshire Geological Services, Adelaide.

**Table 1. Relevant Wells**

Well	Operator	Year	Total Depth (m)	Hydrocarbons
Bard 1	Woodside Petroleum (Timor Sea 19) Pty Ltd	1998	2164	Gas indications
Chuditch 1	Shell Dev (PSC 9) P/L	1998	3035	Gas accumulation with oil indications
Cobra 1A	BHP Petroleum	1993	2542	Oil indications
Evans Shoal 1	BHP Petroleum	1988	3712	Gas accumulation with oil indications
Evans Shoal 2	Shell Dev (Aust) P/L	1998	3940	Gas accumulation
Heron 1	Arco Australia Ltd	1972	4209	Gas indications
Kulka 1	Diamond Shamrock Oil Co (Aust)	1984	3998	Gas and oil indications
Loxton Shoals 1	Woodside Offshore Petroleum	1995	2330	Gas accumulation
Lynedoch 1	Shell Dev (Aust) P/L	1973	3967	Gas indications
Lynedoch 2	Shell Dev (Aust) P/L	1998	4225	Gas and oil indications
Melville 1 (BHP Petroleum)	BHP Petroleum			
Shearwater 1	Arco Australia Ltd	1974	3177	Gas and oil indications
Sunrise 1	Woodside/Burmah Oil NL	1975	2341	Gas accumulation with oil indications
Sunrise 2	Woodside Offshore Petroleum	1998	2350	Gas accumulation
Sunset 1 (Shell)	Shell Dev (PSC 19) P/L	1997	2420	Gas show with oil indications
Sunset West 1	Woodside Petroleum (Timor Sea) Pty Ltd	1998	2505	Gas show with oil indications
Troubadour 1	Woodside/Burmah Oil NL	1974	3459	Gas accumulation with oil indications
Tuatara 1	BHP Petroleum	1990	3875	Oil and gas indications
Tyche 1	Woodside Energy Ltd	2000	1475	

Wonarah 1	Shell Dev (Aust) P/L	1998	2800	
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Geoscience Australia's geological databases provide detailed biostratigraphic (STRATDAT), geochemical (ORGCHEM) and less-detailed reservoir, hydrocarbon shows and interpreted depositional environment information (RESFACS) from open file exploration wells (attached Bonaparte Data File). These data can also be obtained via the Geoscience Australia Petroleum Well Database interface, [www.ga.gov.au/oracle/apcrc](http://www.ga.gov.au/oracle/apcrc).

**Table 2. Relevant Wells – Cores & Cuttings Availability**

Well	Type	Top (m)	Bottom (m)	Remark
Bard 1	Cuttings	1465	2165	
Chuditch 1	Core	2921.4	2947	
Chuditch 1	Cuttings	1540	3035	
Cobra 1A	Cuttings	360	2542	
Evans Shoal 1	Core	3709	3711.55	Continuous core
Evans Shoal 1	Cuttings	460	3708	Washed and dried samples
Evans Shoal 2	Cuttings	730	3940	
Heron 1	Core	2838.41	4201.06	Continuous core. Junk basket sample between C2 & C3 @ 9903 - 9904 feet.
Heron 1	Cuttings	198.17	4185.97	
Heron 1	Cuttings	3064.02	4182.92	
Kulka 1	Cuttings	460	3999	
Loxton Shoals 1	Cuttings	1310	2330	
Lynedoch 1	Cuttings	518.16	3966.97	Original depths in feet
Lynedoch 2	Cuttings	515	4224	No samples at 690-810, 2630-2645, 3230-3255, 3845-3855.
Shearwater 1	Cuttings	231.65	3297.94	Original depths in feet
Sunrise 1	Cuttings	502	2241	
Sunrise 2	Core	2097	2186.57	
Sunrise 2	Cuttings	1691	2350	
Sunset 1 (Shell)	Core	2094	2248.21	
Sunset 1 (Shell)	Cuttings	1775	2420	
Sunset West 1	Core	2187	2309.22	
Sunset West 1	Cuttings	1685	2505	
Troubadour 1	Core	2203	3456	Continuous core
Troubadour 1	Cuttings	430	3459	
Tuatara 1	Cuttings	720	3862	Washed and dried samples
Tyche 1	Cuttings	1160	1475	
Wonarah 1	Cuttings	1070	2800	

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**Table 3. Relevant Wells – Available Analysis Reports**

<b>Well</b>	<b>Report No.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Year</b>
Heron 1	DAR0077	Source rock potential and max palaeotemp study of 10 wells, offshore WA.	Robertson Research (Aust) Pty	1974
Heron 1	DAR0291	Geochemical Review, N.W. Australian shelf.	Texaco Petroleum Co	1978
Heron 1	DAR0340	Geochemistry and significance of coastal bitumen from Sth and Nth Aust.	Dept of Nat Dev	1976
Heron 1	DAR0475	Diagenesis of sandstones from the Bonaparte Basin Nth Aust - a pilot study	Shell Co of Aust Ltd	1982
Heron 1	DAR0632	Palynology report AP 21. Northern Territory.	BP Australia Ltd	1983
Heron 1	DAR0640	Petroleum Geochemistry of the Australian NW shelf. Progress report No.5	Robertson Research (Aust) Pty	1985
Heron 1	DAR0650	Petroleum Geology & Geochem - NW shelf WA - Phase 2 Vol 3 Part 6c.	Robertson Research (Aust) Pty	1986
Heron 1	DAR0715	Biostratigraphic (micropaleo) analysis of the Bathurst Island group, WA.	BHP Petroleum	1988
Heron 1	DAR0719	Organic geochemical analyses of seven Arafura and Bonaparte basin wells.	BHP Petroleum	1989
Heron 1	DAR0738	Visual Kerogen analysis of 10 samples of cores & cuttings - Matilda Graben	Western Mining Corp Ltd	1988
Heron 1	DAR0747	Petrography, mineralogy of samples from North West shelf wells, Aust.	IEDS, London	1990
Heron 1	DAR0754	Source rock Geochemistry data on eleven Bonaparte basin wells.	Geological Survey of NT	1984
Heron 1	DAR0858	New Palynology from Heron 1 well.	BP Australia Ltd	1991
Kulka 1	DAR0715	Biostratigraphic (micropaleo) analysis of the Bathurst Island group, WA.	BHP Petroleum	1988
Kulka 1	DAR0717	Biostratigraphic (Palynology) analysis of three NT offshore wells.	BHP Petroleum	1989

Kulka 1	DAR0719	Organic geochemical analyses of seven Arafura and Bonaparte basin wells.	BHP Petroleum	1989
Kulka 1	DAR0724	Palynological Analysis of Kulka -1, Money Shoals -1 and Tasman -1	BHP Petroleum	1989
Lynedoch 1	DAR0340	Geochemistry and significance of coastal bitumen from Sth and Nth Aust.	Dept of Nat Dev	1976
Lynedoch 1	DAR0475	Diagenesis of sandstones from the Bonaparte Basin Nth Aust - a pilot study	Shell Co of Aust Ltd	1982
Lynedoch 1	DAR0715	Biostratigraphic (micropaleo) analysis of the Bathurst Island group, WA.	BHP Petroleum	1988
Lynedoch 1	DAR0719	Organic geochemical analyses of seven Arafura and Bonaparte basin wells.	BHP Petroleum	1989
Lynedoch 1	DAR0754	Source rock Geochemistry data on eleven Bonaparte basin wells.	Geological Survey of NT	1984
Lynedoch 1	DAR0825	New palynology on cuttings for Lynedock 1 well.	BMR	1991
Shearwater 1	DAR0475	Diagenesis of sandstones from the Bonaparte Basin Nth Aust - a pilot study	Shell Co of Aust Ltd	1982
Shearwater 1	DAR0715	Biostratigraphic (micropaleo) analysis of the Bathurst Island group, WA.	BHP Petroleum	1988
Shearwater 1	DAR0719	Organic geochemical analyses of seven Arafura and Bonaparte basin wells.	BHP Petroleum	1989
Shearwater 1	DAR0738	Visual Kerogen analysis of 10 samples of cores & cuttings - Matilda Graben	Western Mining Corp Ltd	1988
Shearwater 1	DAR0754	Source rock Geochemistry data on eleven Bonaparte basin wells.	Geological Survey of NT	1984
Shearwater 1	DAR0788	Bulk Fluid Inclusion Mass Spectrometry on samples from Shearwater 1	Amoco Aust Pet Co	1991
Shearwater 1	DAR0863	New Palynology from Shearwater 1	BP Australia Ltd	1991
Sunrise 1	DAR0417	Source rock data from the Perth, Carnarvon, Canning, Browse & Bonaparte basin	CSIRO	1980

Sunrise 1	DAR0789	Bulk Fluid Inclusion Mass Spectrometry on samples from Sunrise 1.	Amoco Aust Pet Co	1991
Troubadour 1	DAR0417	Source rock data from the Perth, Carnarvon, Canning, Browse & Bonaparte basin	CSIRO	1980
Troubadour 1	DAR0529	The Permian sediments of the NW shelf of Australia and Timor Indonesia.	University of London	1985
Troubadour 1	DAR0639	Petroleum Geochemistry of the Australian NW shelf. Preliminary report 1564	Robertson Research (Aust) Pty	1985
Troubadour 1	DAR0650	Petroleum Geology & Geochem - NW shelf WA - Phase 2 Vol 3 Part 6c.	Robertson Research (Aust) Pty	1986
Troubadour 1	DAR0661	Geochemical data for Northwest shelf wells, offshore WA/NT.	BP Australia Ltd	1987
Troubadour 1	DAR0715	Biostratigraphic (micropaleo) analysis of the Bathurst Island Gp, WA.	BHP Petroleum	1988
Troubadour 1	DAR0719	Organic geochemical analyses of seven Arafura and Bonaparte basin wells.	BHP Petroleum	1989
Troubadour 1	DAR0747	Petrography, mineralogy of samples from North West shelf wells, Aust.	IEDS, London	1990
Troubadour 1	DAR0754	Source rock Geochemistry data on eleven Bonaparte basin wells.	Geological Survey of NT	1984
Troubadour 1	DAR0791	Bulk Fluid Inclusion Mass Spectrometry on samples from Troubadour 1	Amoco Aust Pet Co	1991
Troubadour 1	DAR0866	New Palynology data from Troubadour 1.	BP Australia Ltd	1991
Troubadour 1	DAR1022	Fluorescence alteration and Vitrinite reflectance data for Troubadour 1.	CSIRO	1993
Troubadour 1	DAR1076	Late Triassic Conodont & Palynomorph Biostratigraphy	AGSO	1994

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**Table 4. Relevant Seismic Surveys**

<b>Uno</b>	<b>Survey</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Operator</b>
S0660096	Sahul Shelf Seismic	1966	Arco Australia Ltd
S0670082	Sahul Rise Seismic	1967	Arco Australia Ltd
S0690097	Van Diemen Rise Seismic	1969	Arco Australia Ltd
S0720001	Baldwin Bank Marine Seismic	1972	Arco Australia Ltd
S6730010	Kendrew-Cootamundra Marine Seismic	1973	Barkley Oil Co P/L
S8930003	AGSO Survey 116B;Malita Graben Marine Seismic	1993	AGSO
S0930001	AGSO Survey 118A;Malita Graben Marine Seismic	1993	AGSO

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**Table 5. Initial Reserves**

<b>Field</b>	<b>Oil Reserves MMBBLS</b>	<b>Condensate MMBBLS</b>	<b>Gas Reserves TCF</b>	<b>Source</b>
Abadi	NA	NA	NA	No data available
Evans Shoal	28.8		8	NT DBIRD
Sunrise/ Troubadour/ Loxton Shoals (Greater Sunrise)	321		9.56	NT DBIRD

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## **Figures**

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Figure 3. Stratigraphic column, Northern Bonaparte Basin (modified after Lowe-Young et al., 2003).

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Figure 5. Cross-section: Heron 1 to Kulka 1.

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Figure 9. Evans Shoal 1: Burial history model.

## Graticular Block Listings and Map

Bids close 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005

### Area NT04-1

#### Malita Graben, Bonaparte Basin, Northern Territory

Map Sheet SC 52 (Melville Island)

1259	1260	1261	1262	1263	1264	1265	1266	1267	1268	1269	1331
1332	1333	1334	1335	1336	1337	1338	1339	1340	1341	1403	1404
1405	1406	1407	1408	1409	1410	1411	1412	1413	1475	1476	1477
1478	1479	1480	1481	1482	1547	1548	1549	1550	1551	1619	1620
1621	1622	1623	1691	1692	1693	1694	1695				

Assessed to contain 56 blocks

### Area NT04-2

#### Malita/Calder Graben, Bonaparte Basin, Northern Territory

Map Sheet SC 52 (Melville Island)

1136(part)	1203(part)	1204(part)	1205(part)	1206(part)	1207(part)						
1208(part)	1270	1271	1272	1273	1274	1275	1276	1277	1278	1279	
1280	1342	1343	1344	1345	1346	1347	1348	1349	1350	1351	1352
1414	1415	1416	1417	1418	1419	1420	1421	1422	1423	1424	1486
1487	1488	1489	1490	1491	1492	1493	1494	1495	1496	1558	1559
1560	1561	1562	1563	1564	1565	1566	1567	1568	1630	1631	1632
1633	1634	1635	1636	1637	1638	1639	1640	1702	1703	1704	1705
1706	1707	1708	1709	1710	1711	1712					

Assessed to contain 84 blocks

### Area NT04-3

#### Calder Graben, Bonaparte Basin, Northern Territory

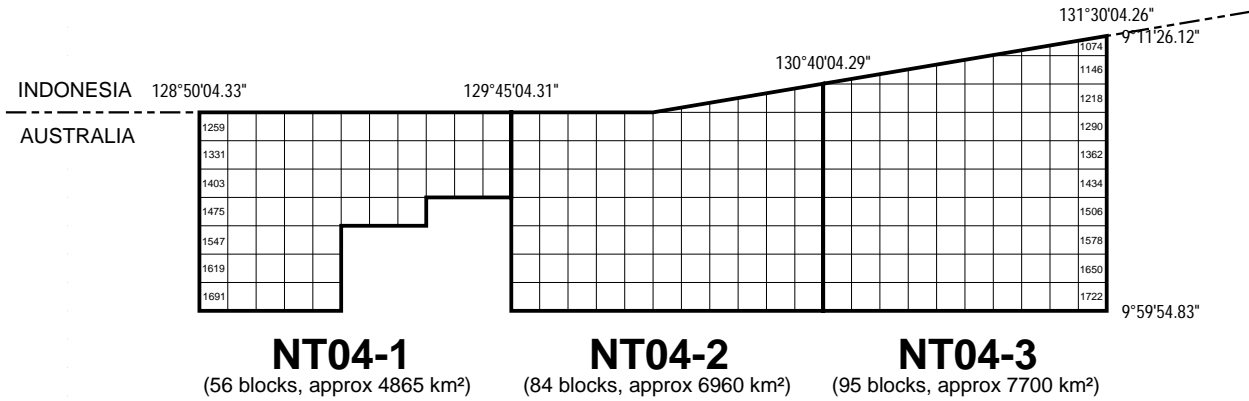
Map Sheet SC 52 (Melville Island)

1070(part)	1071(part)	1072(part)	1073(part)	1074(part)	1137(part)						
1138(part)	1139(part)	1140(part)	1141(part)	1142(part)	1143	1144					
1145	1146	1209	1210	1211	1212	1213	1214	1215	1216	1217	1218
1281	1282	1283	1284	1285	1286	1287	1288	1289	1290	1353	1354
1355	1356	1357	1358	1359	1360	1361	1362	1425	1426	1427	1428
1429	1430	1431	1432	1433	1434	1497	1498	1499	1500	1501	1502
1503	1504	1505	1506	1569	1570	1571	1572	1573	1574	1575	1576
1577	1578	1641	1642	1643	1644	1645	1646	1647	1648	1649	1650
1713	1714	1715	1716	1717	1718	1719	1720	1721	1722		

Assesses to contain 95 blocks

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MAP SHEET  
SC 52 (Melville Island)



Grid coordinates on this map are presented with reference to the Geocentric Datum of Australia (GDA94). Permit areas are based on the same grid, Australian Geodetic Datum (AGD66), that has defined areas since the Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act was proclaimed in 1967. However, with the adoption of GDA94, the gridlines are no longer referred to in whole multiples of 5 minutes as they were under AGD66.