APPENDIX 3

Preliminary Announcement

Half yearly/preliminary final report

Name of *issuer*

OCTANEX NL

ACN or ARBN	Half yearly (tick)	Preliminary final (tick)	Half year/financial year ended ('Current period')
61 005 632 315		Tick	30 June 2007

For announcement to the market

Extracts from this statement for announcement to the market (see note 1).

				$A,000
Sales (or equivalent) operating revenue (item 1.1)	up	1,228%	to	1,089
Operating profit (loss) before abnormal items and tax (item 1.4	up	95,400%	to	955
Abnormal items before tax (item 1.5)		gain (loss) of	to	
Operating profit (loss) after tax but before outside equity interests (item 1.8)	up	22,733%	to	685
Extraordinary items after tax attributable to members (item 1.13)		gain (loss) of	to	
Operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax attributable to members (item 1.16)	up	22,733%	to	685
Exploration and evaluation expenditure incurred (item 5.2)	down	80%	to	137
Exploration and evaluation expenditure written off (item 5.3)	up/down	%	to	

Dividends Franking rate applicable				
Current period Previous corresponding period	¢ ¢	N/A ¢	¢ ¢	N/A ¢

Record date for determining entitlements to the dividend, (in the case of a trust distribution) (see item 15.2)	

Short details of any bonus or cash issue or other items(s) of importance not previously released to the market:

Consolidated profit and loss account
(The figures are not equity accounted)

		Current period $A'000	Previous corresponding period $A'000
1.1	Sales (or equivalent operating) revenue	1,089	82
1.2	Other revenue	110	108
1.3	**Total revenue**	1,199	190
1.4	**Operating profit (loss) before abnormal items and tax**	955	1
1.5	Abnormal items before tax (detail in i2.1)	-	-
1.6	Operating profit (loss) before tax (items 1.4 + 1.5)	955	1
1.7	Less tax	(270)	(2)
1.8	Operating profit (loss) after tax but before outside equity interests	685	3
1.9	Less outside equity interests	-	-
1.10	**Operating profit (loss) after tax attributable to members**	685	3
1.11	Extraordinary items after tax (detail in item 2.3	-	-
1.12	Less outside equity interests	-	-
1.13	Extraordinary items after tax attributable to members	-	-
1.14	**Total operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax (items 1.8 1.11)**	685	3
1.15	Operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax attributable to outside equity interests (items 1.9 .112)	-	-
1.16	**Operating profit (loss and extraordinary items after tax attributable to members** (items 1.10 +1.13)	685	3
1.17	Retained profits (accumulated losses) at beginning of financial period	818	815
1.18	Aggregate of amounts transferred from reserves	-	-
1.19	Total available for appropriation (carried forward)	1,503	818
1.20	Total available for appropriation (brought forward)	-	-

Consolidated profit and loss account continued

1.21	Dividends provided for or paid	-	-
1.22	Aggregate or amounts transferred to reserves	-	-
1.23	**Accumulated Profits at end of year**	1,503	818

Abnormal and extraordinary items

		Consolidated - current period		
		Before tax $A'000	Related tax $A'000	After tax $A'000
2.1	Abnormal items			
2.2	**Total abnormal items**			
2.3	Extraordinary items			
2.4	**Total extraordinary items**			

Comparison of half year profits
(Preliminary final statement only)

		Current year - $A'000	Previous year - $A'000
3.1	Consolidated operating profit (loss) after tax attributable to members reported for the 1st half year (item 1.10 in the half yearly statement)	(62)	29
3.2	Consolidated operating profit (loss) after tax attributable to members for the 2nd half year	747	(26)

Consolidated balance sheet
(See note 5)

	Current assets	At end of current period $A'000	As shown in last annual report $A'000	As in last half yearly statement $A'000
4.1	Cash	2,682	1,680	1,784
4.2	Receivable	47	279	36
4.3	Investments	-	-	-
4.4	Inventories	-	-	-
4.5	Other (provide details if material)	-	-	-
4.6	**Total current assets**	2,729	1,959	1,820
	Non-current assets			
4.7	Receivables			-
4.8	Investments	9,759	7,510	6,756
4.9	Inventories			-
4.10	Exploration and evaluation expenditure	1,089	952	1,000
4.11	Development properties (mining entities)	-	-	-
4.12	Other property, plant and equipment (net)	-	-	-
4.13	Intangibles (net)	-	-	-
4.14	Other (provide details if material)	-	174	223
4.15	**Total non-current assets**	10,848	8,636	7,979
4.16	**Total assets**	13,577	10,595	9 ,799
	Current liabilities			
4.17	Accounts payable	139	174	181
4.18	Borrowings	-	-	-
4.19	Provisions	33	-	-
4.20	Other (provide details if material	-	-	-
4.21	**Total current liabilities**	172	174	181
	Non-current liabilities			
4.22	Accounts payable	-	-	-
4.23	Borrowings	-	-	-
4.24	Provisions	2,695	1,974	1,760
4.25	Other (provide details if material)	-	-	-
4.26	**Total non-current liabilities)**	2,685	1,974	1,760
4.27	**Total liabilities**	2,667	2,148	1,941
4.28	**Net assets**	10,710	8,447	7,858

Consolidated balance sheet continued

	Equity			
4.29	Capital	3,957	3,957	3,957
4.30	Reserves	5,250	3,672	3,145
4.31	Retained profits (accumulated losses)	1,503	818	756
4.32	Equity attributable to members of the parent entity	10,710	8,447	7,858
4.33	Outside equity interests in controlled entities			-
4.34	**Total equity**	10,710	8,447	7,858
4.35	Preference capital and related premium included as part of 4.31	-	-	-

Exploration and evaluation expenditure capitalised
To be completed only be issuers with mining interests if amounts are material. Include all expenditure incurred regardless of whether written off directly against profit

		Current period $A'000	Previous corresponding period $A'000
5.1	Opening balance	952	368
5.2	Expenditure incurred during current period	136	711
5.3	Expenditure written off during current period	-	-
5.4	Acquisitions, disposals, revaluation increments, etc.	-	(127)
5.5	Expenditure transferred to Development Properties	-	-
5.6	**Closing balance as shown in the consolidated balance sheet** (item 4.9)	1,089	952

Development properties
(To be completed only by issuers with mining interests if amounts are material)

		Current period $A'000	Previous corresponding period $A'000
6.1	Opening balance		
6.2	Expenditure incurred during current period		
6.3	Expenditure transferred from exploration and evaluation		
6.4	Expenditure written off during current period		
6.5	Acquisitions, disposals, revaluation increments, etc.		
6.6	Expenditure transferred to mine properties		
6.7	**Closing balance as shown in the consolidated balance sheet** (item 4.10)		

Consolidated statement of cash flows
(See note 6)

		Current period $A'000	Previous corresponding period $A'000
	Cash flows related to operating activities		
7.1	Receipts from customers	-	-
7.2	Payments to suppliers and employees	(189)	(983)
7.3	Dividends received		
7.4	Interest and other items of similar nature received	110	115
7.5	Interest and other costs of finance paid	-	-
7.6	Income taxes paid	-	(22)
7.7	Other (provide details if material)	-	-
7.8	**Net operating cash flows**	(79)	(890)
	Cash flows related to investing activities		
7.9	Payments for purchases of property, plant and equipment	-	-
7.10	Proceeds from sale tenement	-	195
7.11	Payment for purchases of equity investments	(5)	-
7.12	Proceeds from sale of equity investments	1,098	-
7.13	Loans to other entities	-	-
7.14	Loans repaid by other entities	-	-
7.15	Other – exploration costs	-	-
	Other – proceeds from sale of exploration tenement		
7.16	**Net investing cash flows**	1,093	195
	Cash flows related to financing activities		
7.17	Proceeds from issues of securities	-	-
7.18	Proceeds from borrowings	-	-
7.19	Repayment of borrowings	-	-
7.20	Dividends paid	-	-
7.21	Other – costs of issue	-	-
7.22	**Net financing cash flows**	-	-
	Net increase (decrease) in cash held	1,014	(695)
7.23	Cash at beginning of period (*see Reconciliations of cash*)	1,680	2,367
7.24	Exchange rate adjustments to item 7.23	(13)	8
7.25	**Cash at end of period** (*see* Reconciliation of cash)	2,681	1,680

Non-cash financing and investing activities

Details of financing and investing transactions which have had a material effect on consolidated assets and liabilities but did not involve cash flows are as follows. If an amount is quantified, show comparative amount.

Reconciliation of cash

Reconciliation of cash at the end of the period (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts is as follows.		Current period $A'000	Previous corresponding period $A'000
8.1	Cash on hand and at bank	1,242	141
8.2	Deposits at call	1,439	1,539
8.3	Bank overdraft	-	-
8.4	Other (provide details)	-	-
8.5	Total cash at end of period (item 7.25)	2,681	1,680

Ratios		Current period	Previous corresponding period
	Profit before abnormals and tax/sales		
9.1	Consolidated operating profit (loss) before abnormal items and tax (items 1.4) as a percentage of sales revenue (items 1.1)	88%	45%
	Profit after tax/equity interests		
9.2	Consolidated operating profit (loss) after tax attributable to members (item 1.10) as a percentage of total equity	6.40%	0.03%

Earnings per *security* (EPS)

10.1	Calculation of basic, and fully diluted, EPS in accordance with AASB 1027: Earnings per Share (a) Basic EPS (b) Diluted EPS (if materially different from (a))	-	-

NTA backing *(see note 7)*		Current period	Previous corresponding period
11.1	Net tangible asset backing per ordinary *security*		

Details of specific receipts/outlays, revenues/expenses

		Current period A$'000	Previous corresponding period $A'000
12.1	Interest revenue included in determining items 1.4	110	108
12.2	Interest revenue included in item 12.1 but not yet received (if material)	11	17
12.3	Interest expense included in item 1.4 (include all forms of interest, lease finance charges, etc.)	-	-
12.4	Interest costs excluded from item 12.3 and capitalised in asset values (if material)	-	-
12.5	Outlays (excepts those arising from the acquisition of an existing business) capitalised in intangibles (if material)	-	-
12.6	Depreciation (excluding amortisation of intangibles)	-	-
12.7	Amortisation of intangibles	-	-

Control gained over entities having material effect
(*See note 8*)

13.1	Name of *issuer* (or *group*)	
13.2	Consolidated operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax of the *issuer* (or *group*) since the date in the current period on which control was acquired	$
13.3	Date from which such profit has been calculated	
13.4	Operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax of the *issuer* (or *group*) for the whole of the previous corresponding period	$

Loss of control of entities having material effect
(See note 8)

14.1	Name of entity (or *group*)	
14.2	Consolidated operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax of the entity (or *group*) for the current period to the date of loss of control	$
14.3	Date from which the profit (loss) in item 14.2 has been calculated	
14.4	Consolidated operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax of the entity (or *group*) while controlled during the whole of the previous corresponding period	$
14.5	Contribution to consolidated operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items from sale of interest leading to loss of control	$

Reports for industry and geographical segments
Information on the industry and geographical segments of the entity must be reported for the current period in accordance with AASB 1005: Financial Reporting by Segments. Because of the different structures employed by entities, a pro forma is not provided. Segment information should be completed separately and attached to this statement. However, the following is the personation *adopted in the Appendices to AASB 1005 and indicates which amount should agree with items included elsewhere in this statement.*

Segments

Operating Revenue

Sales to customers outside the economic entity

Inter-segment sales

Unallocated revenue

Total revenue (consolidated total equal to item 1.3)

Segment result (including abnormal items where relevant)

Unallocated expenses

Consolidated operating profit after tax (before equity accounting) (equal to item 1.8)

Segment assets)
Unallocated assets)
Total assets (equal to item 4.15))

Comparative data for segment assets should be as at the end of the previous corresponding period

The Entity operates in Australia in the petroleum exploration industry

Dividends

15.1	Date the dividend is payable	
15.2	Record date to determine entitlements to the dividend (ie. on the basis of registrable transfers received up to 5.00 pm)	

18.3 Amount per *security*	

				Franking rate applicable	39%	36%	33%
	(Preliminary final statement only)					¢	
15.4	**Final dividend:**	Current year	¢		N/A		N/A
15.5		Previous year	¢		¢	¢	¢
	(Half yearly and preliminary final statements)						
15.6	**Interim dividend:**	Current year	¢		N/A	¢	N/A
						¢	¢
15.7		Previous year	¢		¢		

Total annual dividend (distribution) per *security*
(Preliminary final statement only)

		Current year	Previous year
15.8	Ordinary securities	¢	¢
15.9	Preference securities	¢	¢

Total dividend (distribution)

		Current period $A'000	Previous corresponding period - $A'000
15.10	Ordinary securities	$	$
15.11	Preference securities	$	$
15.12	**Total**	$	$

The *dividend or distribution plan*s shown below are in operation.

The last date(s) for receipt of election notices to the *dividend or distribution plan*s

Any other disclosures in relation to dividends (distributions)

Equity accounted associated entities and other material interests

Equity accounting information attributable to the to the economic entity's share of investments in associated entities must be disclosed in a separate notice. See AASB 1016: Disclosure of Information about Investments in Associated Companies.

Investments in associated entities	Current period A$'000	Previous corresponding period A$'000
16.1 Statutory carrying value of investments in associated entities (SCV)		
16.2 Share of associated entities' retained profits and reserves not included in SCV:		
Retained profits		
Reserves		
16.3 **Equity carrying value of investments**		

Material interests in entities which are not controlled entities
The economic entity has an interest (that is material to it) in the following entities.

	Percentage of ownership interest (ordinary securities, units etc) held at end of period		Contributing to operating profits (loss) and extraordinary items after tax	
17.1 **Equity accounted associated entities**	Current period	Previous corresponding period	Current period	Previous corresponding period
			Equity accounted	
17.2 **Other material interests**			*Not equity accounted* *(ie part of item 1.14)*	
Cue Energy Resources Ltd	5.8%	6.10%	-	-

Issued and listed securities
Description includes rate of interest and any redemption or conversion rights together with prices and rates.

Category of securities		Number issued	Number listed	Par value (cents)	Paid-up value (cents)
18.1	**Preference securities** (*description*)				
18.2	Issued during current period				
18.3	**Ordinary securities**	49,653,967	49,653,967		
18.4	Issued during current period				
18.5	**Convertible *debt securities*** (*description and conversion factor*)				
18.6	issued during current period				
18.7	**Options** (*description and conversion factor*)			Exercise price	Expiry date
		30,244,296	30,244,296	25 Cents	30/6/2008
18.8	Issued during current period				
18.9	Exercised during current period				
18.10	Expired during current period				
18.11	**Debentures** (*totals only*)				
18.12	**Unsecured Notes** (*totals only*)				

Comments by *directors*

Comments on the following matters are required by the Exchange or, in relation to the half yearly statement, by AASB 1029: Half-Year Accounts and Consolidated Accounts. The comments do not take the place of the directors' report and statement (as required by the Corporations Law) and may be incorporated into the directors' report and statement. For both half yearly and preliminary final statements, if there are no comments in a section, state NIL. If there is insufficient space in comment, attach notes to this statement.

Basis of accounts preparation

If this statement is a half yearly statement, it is a general purpose financial report prepared in accordance with the listing rules and AASB 1029: Half-Year Accounts and Consolidated Accounts. It should be read in conjunction with the last annual report and any announcements to the market made by the issuer during the period. [Delete if in applicable.]

Material factors affecting the revenues and expenses of the *issuer* for the current period

During the year the entity sold 1,500,000 shares in MEO Australia Ltd

Investments in listed companies are classified as available for sale and stated at market value. The increase in market value during the year of $2,704,753 is carried to reserves.

A description of each event since the end of the current period which has had a material effect and is not related to matters already reported, with financial effect quantified (if possible)

On 10 September 2007, US$5,950,000 ($7,543,103) was received from OMV Australia Limited and ENI Australia Limited ("farminees") for a 21% interest in the Northern Deeps Joint Venture reducing the consolidated entity's interest to 14%. The farminees have agreed to acquire and process at least 1,100kms of 2D seismic data in each permit which will meet all the current and future seismic acquisition obligations.

The farminees also have the right under the farmin agreement to earn a further 7% interest in permits WA-362 and WA-363P by committing to drill a well in each permit. OMV and ENI will meet all the costs of Octanex for the first two wells that they may elect to drill in each permit.

The company is negotiating a consulting agreement with Upstream Consulting Pty Ltd, including the grant of options, on terms to be agreed, but at exercise prices not less than 30cents.

Franking credits available and prospects for paying fully or partly franked dividends for at least the next year

Changes in accounting policies since the last annual report are disclosed as follows.

Annual meeting
(Preliminary final statement only)

The annual meeting will be held as follows:

Place	Melbourne
Date	November 2007
Time	To be advised
Approximate date the annual report will be available	30 October 2007

Compliance statement

1. This statement has been prepared under accounting policies which comply with accounting standards as defined in the *Corporations Act 2001* or other standards acceptable to the Exchange (see note 13).

   Identify other standards used

2. This statement, and the financial statements under the *Corporations Act 2001* (if separate), use the same accounting policies.

3. This statement gives a true and fair view of the matters disclosed (see note 2).

4. This statement is based on financial statements to which one of the following applies:

	The financial statements have been audited.	The financial statements have been subject to review by a registered auditor (or overseas equivalent).
X	The financial statements are in the process of being audited or subject to review.	The financial statements have *not* yet been audited or reviewed.

5. If the accounts have been or are being audited or subject to review and the audit report is not attached, details of qualifications (if any) will follow immediately they are available*

6. ` The *issuer* has a formally constituted audit committee.

Sign here: Date: 18 September 2007

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(Company secretary)

Print name: D B Hill

Notes

1. **For announcement to the market** The percentage changes referred to in this section are the percentage changes calculated by comparing the current period's figures with those for the previous corresponding period. Do not show percentage changes if the change is from profit to loss or loss to profit, but still show the amount of the change up or down.

2. **True and fair view** If this statement does not give a true and fair view of a matter (for example, because compliance with an Accounting Standard is required) the *issuer* must attach a note providing additional information and explanations to give a true and fair view.

3. **Consolidated profit and loss account**

Item 1.1 The definition of "operating revenue" and an explanation of "sales revenue" (or its equivalent) and "other revenue" are set out in *AASB 118: Revenue*.

Item 1.2 "other revenue" includes abnormal items, but excludes extraordinary revenue items.

Item 1.4 "operating profit (loss) before abnormal items and tax" is calculated before dealing with outside equity interests and extraordinary items, but after deducting interest on borrowings, depreciation and amortisation.

Item 1.7 This item refers to the total tax attributable to the amount shown in item 1.6. Tax includes income tax and capital gains tax (if any) but excludes taxes treated as operating expenses (eg. fringe benefits tax).

4. **Income tax** If the amount provided for income tax in this statement differs (or would differ but for compensatory items) by more than 15% from the amount of income tax *prima facie* payable on the profit before tax, the entity must explain in a note the major items responsible for the difference and their amounts.

5. **Consolidated balance sheet**

Format The format of the consolidate balance sheet should be followed as closely as possible. However, additional items may be added if greater clarity of exposition will be achieved, provided the disclosure still meets the requirements of *AASB 101*

Basis of revaluation If there has been a material revaluation of non-current assets (including investments) since the last annual report, the *issuer* must describe the basis of revaluation adopted. If the *issuer* has adopted a procedure of regular revaluation, the basis for which has been disclosed and has not changed, no additional disclosure is required.

6. **Statement of cash flows** For definitions of "cash" and other terms used in this statement see *AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows*. *Issuer*s should follow the form as closely as possible, but variations are permitted if the *director*s (in the case of a trust, the management company) believe that this presentation is inappropriate. Mining exploration *issuer*s may use the form of cashflow statement in Appendix 5B.

7. **Net tangible asset backing** Net tangible assets are determined by deducting from total tangible assets all claims on those assets ranking ahead of the ordinary securities (i.e. all liabilities, preference shares, outside equity interests, etc). Mining *issuer*s are *not* required to state a net tangible asset backing per ordinary *security*.

8. **Gain and loss of control over entities** The gain or loss must be disclosed if it has a material effect on the consolidated financial statements. Details must include the contribution for each gain or loss that increased or decreased the *issuer*'s consolidated operating profit (loss) and extraordinary items after tax by more than 5% compared to the previous corresponding period.

9. **Equity accounting** If an *issuer* adopts equity accounting, no comparative equity accounting figures are required in the first period following its adoption.

10. **Rounding of figures** This statement anticipates that the information required is given to the nearest $1,000. However, an *issuer* may report exact figures, if the $A'000 headings are amended. If an *issuer* qualifies under an *ASIC* Class Order dated 17 August 1994, it may report to the nearest million dollars, or to the nearest $100,000, if the $A'000 headings are amended.

11. **Comparative figures** Comparative figures are normally the unadjusted figures from the previous corresponding period. However, if the previously reported figures are adjusted to achieve greater comparability, a note explaining the adjustment must be included with this statement. If no adjustment is made despite a lack of comparability, a note explaining the position should be attached.

12. **Additional information** An *issuer* may disclose additional information about any matter, and must do so if the information is material to an understanding of the financial statements. The information may be an expansion of the material contained in this statement, or contained in a note attached to the statement. The requirement under the list rules for an *issuer* to complete this statement does not prevent the *issuer* issuing reports more frequently. Additional material lodged with the *ASIC* under the *Corporations Law* must also be given to the Exchange. For example, a *director*s' report and statement, if lodged with the *ASIC*, must be given to the Exchange.

13. **Accounting Standards** the Exchange will accept, for example, the use of International Accounting Standards for *foreign issuer*s. If the standards used do not address a topic, the Australian standard on that topic (if one) must be complied with.

14. **Borrowing corporations** As at 1/7/96, this statement may be able to be used by an *issuer* required to comply with the *Corporations Law* as part of its half yearly financial statements if prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards. However, borrowing corporations must comply with Schedule 5 of the Corporations Regulations. See regulation 3.6.02(4).