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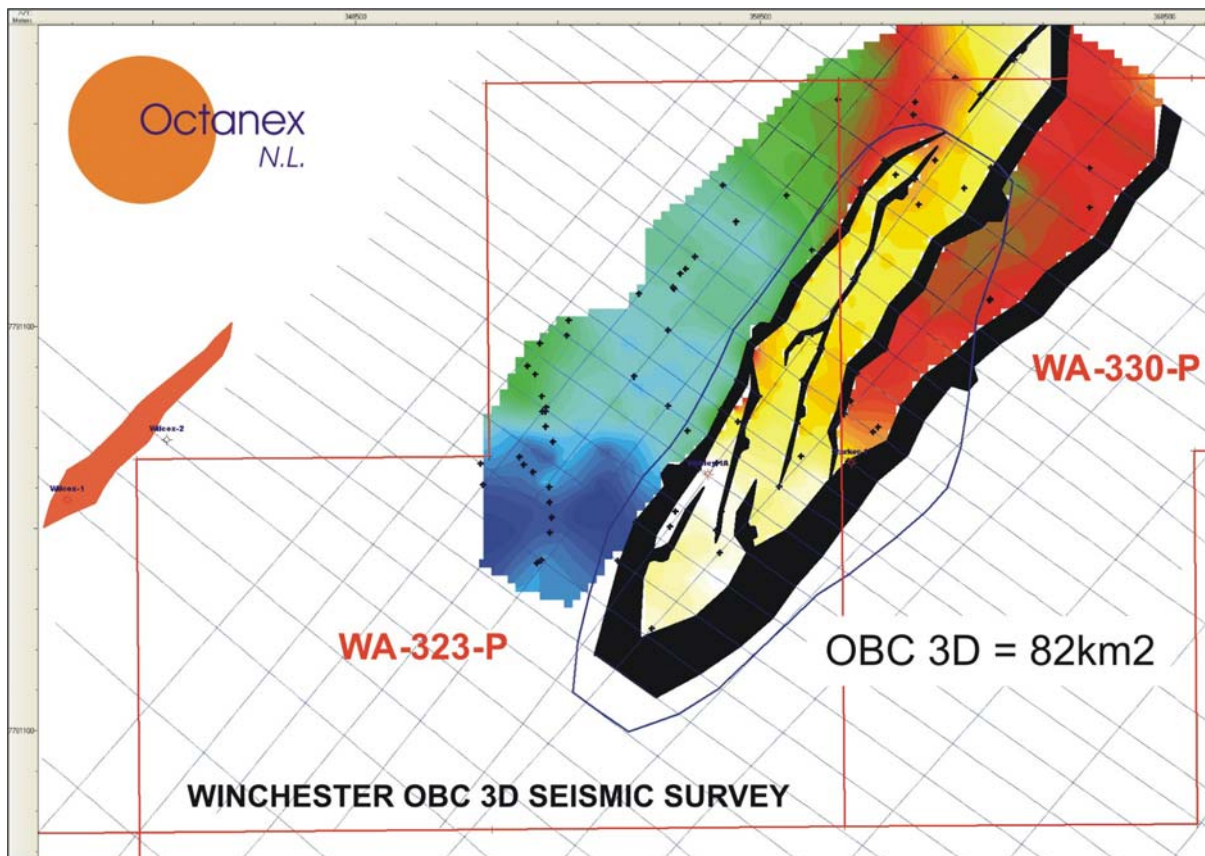
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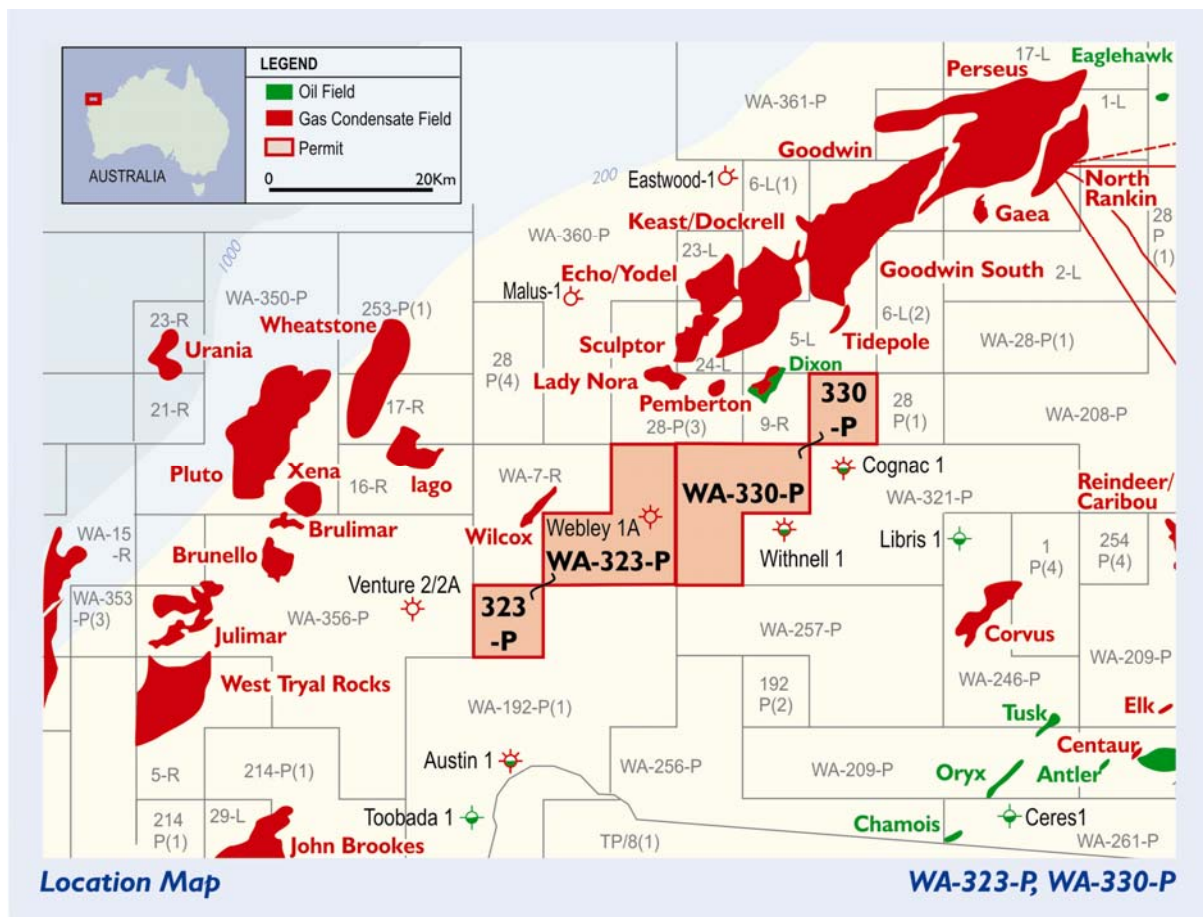
ACQUISITION OF WINCHESTER OBC 3D SEISMIC SURVEY

Octanex NL (NSX Code : OCT) is pleased to advise that it has, with its co-venturer, Strata Resources NL, entered into an agreement with Geokinetics (Australasia) Pty Ltd and has now commenced the acquisition of an off-bottom cable (OBC) 3D seismic survey within WA-323-P and WA-330-P, held 50/50 by Octanex and Strata. The total outline area of the survey is some 195 km², of which approximately 82 km² will be the subject of high-fold data acquisition, while the remaining perimeter outside the 82 km² area will provide further, less intensive, seismic data.



The focus of the 3D seismic survey is the Winchester Prospect which is located on the Parker/Webley Horst and Terrace feature and being part of the more regional Rankin Trend and Kendrew Trough. The general region is proven for the formation, location and production of both oil and natural gas. Major commercial hydrocarbon discoveries in proximity to the permits include the giant gas and condensate fields of the North West Shelf; these being Goodwyn, North Rankin and Perseus, while the significant oil fields in Lambert,

Wanaea and Cossack are in the same region. Recently, sizeable new gas discoveries have been made at Julimar, Brunello, Brulimar, Xena, Pluto and Wheatsone, to the immediate west of the permits, while the Lady Nora and Pemberton discoveries have been made to the north.

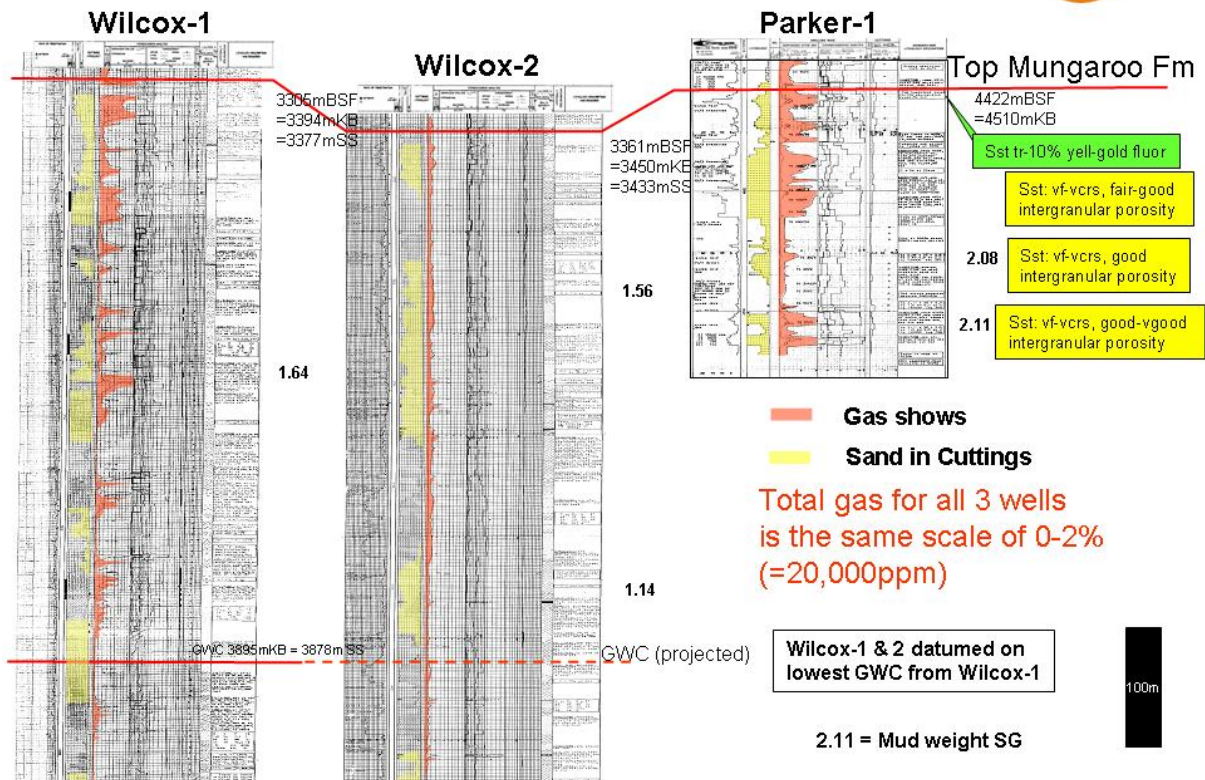


The main area of joint venture focus is a potential drape trap over the Webley/Parker horst structure. This has been identified by the joint venture and named the Winchester Prospect. It is seen as having potential for Triassic and or Early Jurassic structural traps. The joint venture's aim is to demonstrate that there is a structure at Winchester, with potential Triassic Mungaroo reservoirs, and with sufficient potential for liquid rich gas that it is worth drilling. In the vicinity there are two wells and five penetrations (Parker-1 + ST1 (1979/80) and Webley-1 + ST1 & 1A 1998/9). The joint venture believes that the Parker penetrations in 1979/80 demonstrated a gas discovery in the Triassic. None of the Webley-1 well penetrations were deeper than the upper part of the Early Cretaceous regional seal. Those Webley penetrations were therefore entirely invalid as regards their Jurassic/Triassic targets. So the target previously seen by others in the Webley well remains undrilled.

The Parker-1 well penetrated Middle Jurassic shales on a terrace, but because of drilling problems was not logged before TD. The well ended in stacked sands and shales. The Parker well was then side tracked, but again the sands were not logged due to rig (anchor chain broke) and subsequent drilling problems. The sands in the Parker-1 well and Parker-1 Side Track both contained strong gas shows (see below). The cuttings contained coal, which are known to occur in the Triassic Mungaroo in nearby wells. While the sands were

not dated, none of the nearby wells contain similar stacked sands, except in the Triassic Mungaroo. The joint venture therefore regards the Parker-1 penetrations as a Triassic gas discovery in the Mungaroo sands.

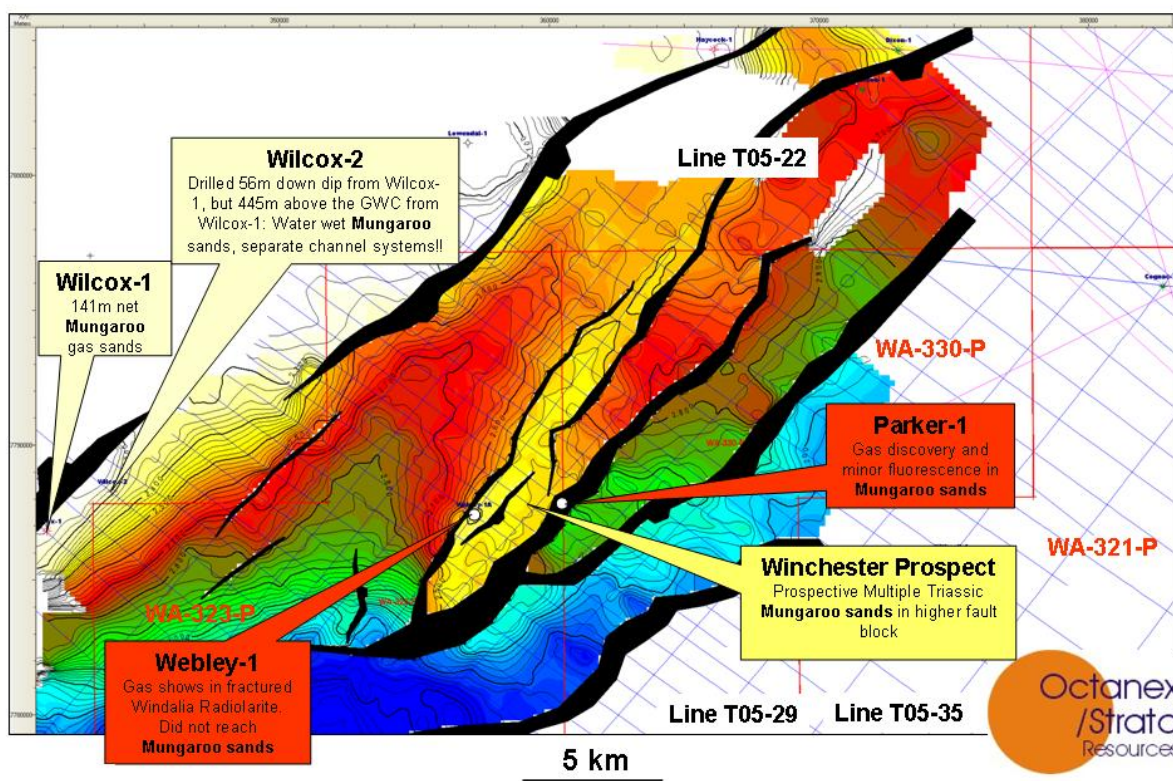
Parker-1 Gas Discovery compared with Wilcox-1 Gas Discovery



The joint venture believes that the Parker gas shows represent potential for a significant gas accumulation that extends updip into the Winchester horst to the west and possibly within the terrace block as well, in which event the trap would be larger. The prime purpose of the acquisition of the Winchester OBC 3D seismic survey is aimed at providing information that will demonstrate the depth and extent of a closure of the Winchester feature.

The following diagram shows the juxtaposition of the Winchester Prospect to the Parker-1 gas discovery and the Wilcox gas discovery.

Parker/Webley Horst - Top Triassic TWT Map Winchester Prospect



In summary, the joint venture are undertaking the OBC 3D seismic survey in order to visualise the structure and stratigraphy of the feature, which may provide a sizeable and attractive drilling target.

The proximity of existing infrastructure and likely future extensions, as well as new infrastructure bodes well for any discovery, whether oil or gas in this project area. Significant future demand for gas to supply both domestic demand and the proposed Wheatstone and Pluto LNG developments are anticipated, so that any potential gas discovery made in our permits is seen as being valuable and capable of monetisation, particularly so, if such a gas discovery were to be rich in gas liquids.

By Order of the Board

E.G. Albers
Chairman

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