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Magellan Petroleum Announces Weekly Drilling Report

HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 10 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Magellan Petroleum Corporation (NCM: MPET; ASX: MGN) ("Magellan") announced that its 100% owned subsidiary, Magellan Petroleum Australia Limited ("MPAL") advises the following drilling report.

The Dilker North 1 exploration well was cased and suspended as a future oil producer. Dilker North 1 in PL 51 of the Nockatunga Block was the first well of Magellan's 11 well intensive drilling program in the Nockatunga Block, which was announced on December 21, 2006.

The Thungo 9 oil development well, the second well in the program, spudded at 11:00 hours on January 8, 2007. At 06:00 hours on January 10, 2007, the well was at 273 meters and preparing to drill out of 8-5/8" surface casing.

Dilker North-1 Details:

Petroleum Title:	PL 51, Queensland
Location:	Approximately 1 km NNE of Dilker-1 and 4 km SE of the Muthero oil field
Coordinates:	Latitude: 27 degrees 44' 20.40" South Longitude: 142 degrees 38' 27.90" East (GDA 94)
JV Operator:	Santos Limited
Drilling Rig:	PDI 721
Total Depth:	1438 meters RT
Objectives:	Primary - Murta Member Secondary - Westbourne Formation and Birkhead Formation/Hutton Sandstone
Operations for period:	Well was drilled from 1120 meters to total depth of 1438 meters. DST 1 over the interval 1051.8 to 1060 meters in the Murta Member recovered 31 barrels of 48.2 degrees API oil with 1 barrel of oil cut rat hole mud. The well was cased and suspended as a future oil producer.
Progress for Period:	310 meters.

Thungo-9 Details:

Petroleum Title:	PL 51, Queensland
Location:	Approximately 700 m NNE of Thungo-1
Coordinates:	Latitude: 27 degrees 43' 28.38" South Longitude: 142 degrees 35' 00.18" East (GDA 94)
JV Operator:	Santos Limited
Drilling Rig:	PDI 721
Proposed Total Depth:	1387.5 meters RT
Objectives:	Primary - Murta Member Secondary - Westbourne Formation and Birkhead

Formation/Hutton Sandstone
Operations for period: The well was spudded at 11:00 hours on January 8,
2007 and drilled to 273 m; 8-5/8" casing was set
at 270 m.
Progress for Period: 273 meters.

Participants in Dilkera North-1 and Thungo-9 are:

Magellan Petroleum Corporation	38.994%
Santos Limited Group (Operator)	61.006%

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