

Austin Exploration Limited

Building a balanced portfolio of hydrocarbon prospects

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ASX Announcement

Well Name: Southwest Edwards (V. Montgomery 29-6 #1

Well - Hinds Co., Mississippi, US)

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Southwest Edwards Production Casing Started

Austin Exploration Limited ("Austin") (ASX code: AKK) is pleased to advise that it has commenced the installation of $5\frac{1}{2}$ inch production casing at the Southwest Edwards well, located in Hinds County, Mississippi, US, after recently reaching the target depth of 13,600 feet.

David Schuette, Austin Managing Director, said that the company is excited with the recent drilling developments at Southwest Edwards.

"We've been very active at Southwest Edwards having reached target depth and now running the production casing," Mr Schuette said.

"Coupled with the progress at our Jeter Branch prospect, this is an exciting time for our company. We now plan to complete the casing at Southwest Edwards, let the cement set and then start testing our identified zones.

The Southwest Edwards oil and gas prospect, on trend with excellent production from several Upper Cretaceous reservoirs, is substantiated by subsurface control, 2-D seismic lines, and a 3-D seismic survey.

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About Austin Exploration Limited

Austin Exploration (Austin) is an oil and gas exploration company with a balanced portfolio of hydrocarbon prospects in Australia and the United States.

Austin's business model is to develop a portfolio of hydrocarbon assets with a balance of low-risk prospects combined with a prudent mix of high risk, higher return opportunities based on its capital availability. Utilising its technical competence and extensive industry network, Austin seeks to identify suitable risk profile prospects, conduct an evaluation and then identify suitable farm-in partners.

Austin is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX code: AKK).

Statement of Working Interests

Southwest Edwards		
Party	Cost Bearing interests through completion to First Sales	1 %/NR1% OF THE PARTIES ATTER 1
Austin Exploration	* 0%	25% / 19%
Flex Energy LLC	41.1750%	50% / 38%
Private Australian Investor	29.4125%	12.5% / 9.5%
Verus Investments Limited	29.4125%	12.5% / 9.5%
TOTAL	100.000%	100% / 76%
* Aus-Tex Interest	Aus-Tex, by agreement with private investors will be carried through completion and to first sales in the Test Well	

Competent Persons Statement:

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results and Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by Mr. David M. Schuette (Managing Director), Mr. Donald F. Reck Jr. M.S (Chief Technology Officer) of the company, and Mr. Phillip T. Lalande (Managing Partner of Flex Energy, LLC). All individuals are full-time employees, officers and/or are leading the company's drilling and operations. Mr. Reck has been a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists since 1976. Mr. Lelande is a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers and served on the API Board of Directors.

Austin Exploration has sufficient experience of relevance to the styles of hydrocarbon entrapment and the types of deposits under consideration, and to the activities undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person(s) as defined in the 2004 Edition of the Joint Ore Reserves Committee (JORC) Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results. Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves.

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