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## **SUCCESSFUL OIL PRODUCTION AT THE WELLINGTON MARICOPA # 7 WELL**

### **Highlights**

- The Wellington Maricopa #7 well ("Maricopa #7") has been successfully completed for production and is currently producing 20.6 API gravity oil at a daily rate of between 17 to 22 barrels per day and water at 152 barrels per day.
- Production from Maricopa #7 will now augment existing production from Maricopa #6 which is being sold to Kern Oil & Refining Co. at over US\$100 per barrel. Sunset Energy has a 50% interest in this project.
- The combined oil production from the Maricopa # 6 and # 7 wells is expected to be in the range of 50 to 55 barrels of oil per day.
- The results at the Maricopa # 6 and #7 wells confirm the primary interval trend across the acreage and provide confidence for numerous additional well locations.
- Plans for a full field development which will include permanent production facilities and a multi-well development program to increase production and bring the field into full scale commercial production are well advanced.

### **Production from the Wellington Maricopa #7 well**

Sunset Energy Limited ("Sunset Energy") (ASX Code: SEY) is pleased to announce the success of the second well, Wellington Maricopa #7 ("Maricopa #7"), that is now producing 20.6 API gravity oil at a daily rate of between 17 to 22 barrels per day and water at 152 barrels per day.

Maricopa #7 is the first appraisal well at the Maricopa Project and follows the discovery well, Maricopa #6 earlier this year. This success will lead to additional drilling where follow-up locations in the Project area have been identified, including a further three vertical well locations and possibly two horizontal locations in the original 40 acre leasehold.

The company has increased its acreage position from 40 to 120 acres providing an additional 80 acres that may have further potential for subsequent follow-up drilling. Solimar Energy Limited ("Solimar Energy") (ASX Code: SGY) (the Company's joint venture partner at Maricopa) is presently conducting an expanded geological study to assist in identifying possible drilling opportunities and enhance their understanding of the area.

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An oil services firm has been chosen to help design and install permanent production facilities at the site. There are also plans to install a water disposal line to a nearby facility.

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### **About the Maricopa Project**

Sunset Energy currently has a 50% interest in a 120 acre lease located two miles east of the town of Maricopa within the southeast end of the Midway-Sunset Oil Field. The Midway Sunset field is one of the largest onshore oil fields in the world with reserves in excess of 3 billion barrels. The lease already contains five wells completed as producers with close to 1 million barrels being produced from the lease and some 2.2 million barrels from immediate adjoining leases since 1930.

As reported to the ASX in April and May 2008, the first well at the Maricopa Project, Wellington Maricopa #6, was successfully drilled to the primary zone of interest, the Contact Sands. Initial testing at this well produced oil at an average daily rate of 35 barrels of oil per day and variable amounts of gas. Oil production has continued to average 30 barrels of oil per day with a small decline since the initial production testing.

Yours faithfully,



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