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## Third Quarter Activities Report

Santos today announced third quarter production of 15.0 million barrels of oil equivalent (mmboe), 10% lower than the previous corresponding period and 4% lower than the second quarter of 2007.

This primarily reflects lower Cooper Basin gas production due to natural field decline, lower oil production from the Mutineer-Exeter field due to equipment failure which is expected to be rectified during the fourth quarter, and a planned 31 day shutdown of the Bayu-Undan field and associated processing facilities.

The 2007 full year outlook is for production of between 59 and 60 mmboe, which is within the previous guidance of 59 to 61 mmboe.

Total third quarter sales revenue of \$627.2 million was in line with Q2 2007, although 17% below the previous corresponding period of Q3 2006, due to lower third party gas sales and the stronger A\$/US\$ exchange rate which resulted in an 5% decline in realised A\$ oil prices.

The average realised gas price of \$3.91 was a record for the company, and represented an increase of 7% over the past year. This reflects higher prices across Santos' gas portfolio, including the impact of spot gas sales in eastern Australia during the quarter.

Commenting on the third quarter result, Santos' Managing Director, John Ellice-Flint highlighted a number of planned activities to restore production rates during the fourth quarter.

"We are pleased that oil production from the Oyong field commenced in late September, with gross production of over 10,000 barrels per day achieved."

"At Mutineer-Exeter, we currently have a rig on site and anticipate that if successful the appraisal and workover program during this quarter will increase gross oil production rates by between 5,000 and 10,000 barrels per day."

"A key focus for Santos during the fourth quarter will be on improving the performance of the Cooper Oil Project, where production has been curtailed as a result of ongoing transportation issues related to wax build-up and the closure of the Moonie to Brisbane pipeline. Contingency planning to rectify these issues and restore production is well advanced, and we continue to expect to achieve net daily production of 14,000 bopd by the end of 2007."

"The 2007 Cooper Oil drilling program has identified fewer development drilling opportunities within the areas initially targeted. As a result, the 2008 drilling program will be scaled back to a total of approximately 90 exploration, delineation and development wells. This will ensure that capital

continues to be deployed effectively within our current infrastructure constraints, and will allow time for the project team to rebuild the inventory of future drilling opportunities.”

“Whilst the Cooper Oil production rate will increase from current levels, the lower 2008 drilling activity is expected to reduce the rate as compared with previous market guidance, with the actual outlook dependent on 2008 drilling outcomes.”

“Within our portfolio, we have a large number of organic growth projects in various stages of development, including domestic gas developments at Reindeer in Western Australia and Kipper and Henry offshore Victoria; an oil development planned at the Dua and Blackbird fields in Vietnam; and a number of high value LNG developments including Gladstone LNG and PNG LNG.

“Shifting our focus towards higher margin businesses, and monetising our contingent resource base of over 2.2 billion barrels of oil equivalent remains our priority, as successful execution of this strategy has the potential to add significant shareholder value.”

“We are pleased with the SA Government’s decision last week to introduce legislation to repeal the 15% shareholding cap. This is clearly a positive for the company and its shareholders. As a result, subject to Parliamentary approval, we will be in a position to continue to pursue the opportunities created by growing regional energy demand, but now on a level playing field with other listed companies.”

Other activities during and subsequent to the third quarter included:

- Formal conclusion of the Bayu-Undan field reserves re-determination process which confirmed an increase in Santos’ working interest in the Bayu-Undan LNG, LPG and condensate development from 10.6% to 11.4%.
- The commencement of Front End Engineering and Design (FEED) for the Reindeer gas field in the Carnarvon Basin, offshore Western Australia. The proposed production capacity is approximately 110 Terajoules per day of sales gas commencing in 2010.
- Ongoing monitoring of the Sidoarjo mudflow incident in the Brantas PSC in Indonesia (Santos non-operating 18% interest). A net provision of A\$67 million (after recognition of insurance proceeds) was recorded in Santos’ accounts as at 31 December 2006 and was maintained unchanged at 30 June 2007.
- The onset of PRRT payments at the Mutineer-Exeter oil field at the end of the third quarter 2007 due to certain historical carry forward expenditure being disallowed. PRRT liabilities were previously assumed to commence in 2008. The total pre-tax guidance for PRRT and similar taxes across the Santos Group for the 2007 full year is now between \$80 and \$90 million, up from \$30 million previously advised.

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## STOCK EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2007.

### 1. SALES AND PRODUCTION

Santos' share of production, sales and revenue for the quarter ended 30 September 2007 is shown in the table below:

	Quarter Ended			YTD		Full Year
	Q3 2007	Q3 2006	Q2 2007	2007	2006	2006
<b>Sales Gas, Ethane and LNG (PJ)</b>						
Cooper Basin	25.9	29.8	24.9	73.6	81.8	109.2
Surat/Bowen/Denison	8.3	7.9	8.3	24.6	21.9	29.4
Amadeus	3.1	3.1	3.2	9.7	9.0	12.7
Otway/Gippsland	8.4	8.7	8.2	24.1	20.7	26.3
Carnarvon	7.8	9.0	8.4	23.8	24.0	31.7
Bonaparte (LNG)	3.0	3.9	4.7	11.4	8.9	13.1
Indonesia	5.3	1.1	4.3	14.0	3.3	6.8
USA	0.7	1.3	1.0	2.9	4.8	6.1
<b>Total Sales Gas, Ethane and LNG Production</b>	<b>62.5</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>184.1</b>	<b>174.4</b>	<b>235.3</b>
<b>Total Sales Volume</b>	<b>64.1</b>	<b>73.6</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>186.6</b>	<b>193.2</b>	<b>254.8</b>
<b>Gas Price (Avg A\$/GJ)</b>	<b>3.91</b>	<b>3.66</b>	<b>3.84</b>	<b>3.86</b>	<b>3.70</b>	<b>3.78</b>
<b>Total Sales Revenue (A\$m)</b>	<b>250.6</b>	<b>269.3</b>	<b>245.9</b>	<b>720.4</b>	<b>715.6</b>	<b>963.0</b>
<b>Condensate (000's bbls)</b>						
Cooper Basin	388.8	427.1	437.4	1189.0	1194.4	1618.9
Surat/Denison	5.7	5.8	4.8	16.8	18.4	24.0
Amadeus	14.7	12.3	21.3	66.6	47.2	58.0
Otway	8.5	8.0	7.0	22.0	17.5	23.2
Carnarvon	111.6	111.9	126.7	338.3	295.6	424.6
Bonaparte	364.5	541.8	419.0	1229.8	1842.4	2384.4
USA	12.3	28.0	23.5	65.4	101.5	124.2
<b>Total Condensate Production</b>	<b>906.1</b>	<b>1134.9</b>	<b>1039.7</b>	<b>2927.9</b>	<b>3517.0</b>	<b>4657.3</b>
<b>Total Sales Volume</b>	<b>909.9</b>	<b>1086.7</b>	<b>1041.4</b>	<b>3055.3</b>	<b>3498.3</b>	<b>4623.9</b>
<b>Condensate Price (Avg A\$/bbl)</b>	<b>81.50</b>	<b>94.14</b>	<b>91.40</b>	<b>80.40</b>	<b>87.32</b>	<b>85.93</b>
<b>Condensate Price (Avg US\$/bbl)</b>	<b>69.85</b>	<b>71.24</b>	<b>75.70</b>	<b>66.03</b>	<b>65.40</b>	<b>65.12</b>
<b>Total Sales Revenue (A\$m)</b>	<b>74.2</b>	<b>102.3</b>	<b>94.1</b>	<b>245.7</b>	<b>305.5</b>	<b>397.3</b>
<b>LPG (000 t)</b>						
Cooper Basin	44.2	54.2	44.7	130.4	149.3	200.6
Surat/Denison	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Bonaparte	17.5	23.8	23.2	57.4	80.8	106.3
<b>Total LPG Production</b>	<b>61.7</b>	<b>78.0</b>	<b>67.9</b>	<b>187.9</b>	<b>230.1</b>	<b>306.9</b>
<b>Total Sales Volume</b>	<b>81.6</b>	<b>56.3</b>	<b>51.8</b>	<b>205.4</b>	<b>211.5</b>	<b>294.0</b>
<b>LPG Price (Avg A\$/t)</b>	<b>661.33</b>	<b>754.48</b>	<b>748.84</b>	<b>692.65</b>	<b>735.52</b>	<b>703.28</b>
<b>Total Sales Revenue (A\$m)</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>38.8</b>	<b>142.3</b>	<b>155.6</b>	<b>206.8</b>
<b>Crude Oil (000's bbls)</b>						
Cooper Basin	722.1	894.6	794.3	2352.2	2561.0	3455.1
Surat/Denison	7.9	18.2	16.7	43.4	48.9	66.8
Amadeus	42.2	44.7	39.2	117.5	105.0	139.3
Legendre	104.0	148.5	88.9	290.7	326.4	462.0
Thevenard	100.6	115.8	91.9	287.7	289.1	390.4
Barrow	167.8	188.4	169.0	504.0	511.2	687.5
Stag	720.5	727.8	648.1	1810.3	2159.4	2768.9
Mutineer Exeter	853.9	1482.7	1264.4	3248.6	3530.5	4865.1
Elang/Kakatua	0.3	48.1	36.7	76.5	115.5	160.8
Jabiru/Challis	45.4	34.9	37.8	111.0	123.3	157.1
Indonesia	20.5	24.9	35.4	84.5	87.5	111.6
SE Gobe	59.6	65.1	55.5	171.1	201.5	267.5
USA	4.8	9.4	6.8	18.8	27.0	38.6
<b>Total Crude Oil Production</b>	<b>2849.6</b>	<b>3803.1</b>	<b>3284.7</b>	<b>9116.3</b>	<b>10086.3</b>	<b>13570.7</b>
<b>Total Sales Volume</b>	<b>2692.7</b>	<b>3571.5</b>	<b>2988.4</b>	<b>8518.3</b>	<b>9544.7</b>	<b>13452.2</b>
<b>Oil Price (Avg A\$/bbl)</b>	<b>92.28</b>	<b>96.71</b>	<b>85.30</b>	<b>86.11</b>	<b>93.88</b>	<b>89.35</b>
<b>Oil Price (Avg US\$/bbl)</b>	<b>79.09</b>	<b>73.18</b>	<b>71.43</b>	<b>70.72</b>	<b>70.32</b>	<b>67.71</b>
<b>Total Sales Revenue (A\$m)</b>	<b>248.4</b>	<b>345.4</b>	<b>255.0</b>	<b>733.5</b>	<b>896.1</b>	<b>1202.0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>						
<b>Production (mmbOE)</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>45.1</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>61.0</b>
<b>Sales Volume (mmbOE)</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>45.2</b>	<b>47.8</b>	<b>64.1</b>
<b>Sales Revenue (A\$m)</b>	<b>627.2</b>	<b>759.5</b>	<b>633.8</b>	<b>1841.9</b>	<b>2072.8</b>	<b>2769.1</b>

## **Production by Area**

*Comparisons with prior periods for gas, condensate and LPG production are made between the current quarter and the same quarter from the previous year, as production is heavily influenced by seasonal factors.*

*Conversely, comparisons for crude oil are made with the immediate previous quarter, as oil production rates are not generally subject to seasonal variations.*

### **Cooper Basin**

Sales gas and ethane production of 25.9 petajoule (PJ) was 13% lower than Q3 2006, reflecting natural field decline and lower contract volumes.

Condensate production of 0.39 million barrels (mmbbl) was 9% lower than Q3 2006 due to lower gas production.

LPG production of 44,200 tonnes was 19% lower than Q3 2006 reflecting natural field decline.

Crude oil production of 0.72 mmbbl was 9% lower than Q2 2007 due to transportation issues with high pour point crude and the shut-in of the Moonie to Brisbane pipeline. Further discussion in relation to the Cooper Oil Project is included in section 2.4 of this report.

### **Surat Basin/Bowen Basin/Denison Trough**

Sales gas production of 8.3 PJ was 5% higher than Q3 2006 due to increased production from the Fairview field. Gross Fairview production at the end of the quarter was 70 TJ/day, at an average of approximately 0.9 TJ/day per well.

### **Amadeus Basin**

Sales gas production of 3.1 PJ was in-line with Q3 2006.

### **Otway Basin/Gippsland Basin**

Aggregate sales gas production of 8.4 PJ was 3% lower than Q3 2006, due to natural field decline at Patricia Baleen offset by higher customer demand for gas from the Casino field.

### **Carnarvon Basin**

Gas production from the John Brookes field of 7.8 PJ was 13% lower than Q3 2006 reflecting short term volatility in customer demand.

Net production from Mutineer-Exeter of 0.85 mmbbl was 33% lower than Q2 2007, representing an average gross production rate of 27,890 barrels of oil per day. Production rates from the field were impacted by the failure of Electric Submersible Pumps (ESPs) in three wells, Exeter-4AH, Exeter-8 and Mutineer-4 and the onset of decline at Mutineer-12.

Production is continuing under natural flow at reduced rates at both Exeter wells and ESP lift at Mutineer-4 was re-instated in mid September via a subsea intervention. The Songa Mercur rig commenced operations in mid September and is currently drilling the Mutineer-13 appraisal well. Following this, the rig will undertake workover activities prior to the onset of the cyclone season. Gross field production rates are currently averaging approximately 25,000 bopd.

Stag oil production of 0.72 mmbbl was 11% higher than Q2 2007 reflecting a return to normal production after planned maintenance that was completed during May 2007.

Legendre oil production of 0.1 mmbbl was 17% higher than Q2 2007 reflecting a return to normal production following well activities completed during April 2007.

Barrow Island oil production remained stable when compared with Q2 2007 at 0.17 mmbbl.

Thevenard Island production of 0.1 mmbbl was 10% higher than Q2 2007.

### Timor Sea

Crude oil production from the Timor Sea (including Elang/Kakatua, Jabiru and Challis) of 0.05 mmbbl was 38.5% lower than Q2 2007 due to the cessation of production from Elang and Kakatua in July 2007.

### Bonaparte Basin

Gross Bayu-Undan LNG production of 624,000 tonnes (35 PJ) was 21% lower than Q3 2006 reflecting the planned maintenance shutdown activities which commenced on 13 September 2007 and was completed on 14 October 2007. Santos' net entitlement production of 54,000 tonnes (3 PJ), was 23% lower than Q3 2006.

Gross Bayu-Undan condensate production of 5.15 mmbbl was 21% lower than Q3 2006. Santos' net entitlement production of 0.36 mmbbl, was 33% lower than Q3 2006.

Gross Bayu-Undan LPG production of 216,000 tonnes was 23% lower than Q3 2006. Santos' net entitlement production of 17,500 tonnes was 27% lower than Q3 2006.

### Indonesia

Sales gas production from Brantas, Kakap and Maleo of 5.3 PJ was higher than Q3 2006 due to the start-up of the Maleo gas project in Q3 2006.

Production from the Maleo field continues to be impacted by capacity restrictions in the East Java gas pipeline (operated by Pertamina) following a rupture of this line during November 2006. Gross production rates from Maleo are currently limited to approximately 92 TJ/day.

Indonesian crude oil production of 0.02 mmbbl was 42% lower than Q2 2007 due to natural field decline.

### Papua New Guinea

Oil production at SE Gobe of 0.06 mmbbl was 7% higher than Q3 2007.

### United States

Q3 2007 attributed production of 0.7PJ reflects the completion of the sale of all of Santos' United State business activities during the quarter.

## 2. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Total exploration, delineation and development expenditure is summarised in the table below:

Expenditure Summary (\$ millions)	Quarter Ended			YTD		Full Year
	Q3 2007	Q3 2006	Q2 2007	Q3 2007	Q3 2006	2006
<b>Exploration</b>						
Capitalised	15.9	37.0	(6.3)	7.2	75.3	85.7
Expensed	34.4	48.3	33.3	88.5	117.3	172.8
<b>Delineation</b>						
Capitalised	44.2	69.7	35.6	124.9	131.9	184.9
Expensed	11.0	12.4	26.1	56.9	42.3	68.7
<b>Development</b>	149.9	212.1	280.0	606.1	509.9	794.0
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>255.4</b>	<b>379.5</b>	<b>368.7</b>	<b>883.6</b>	<b>876.7</b>	<b>1,306.1</b>

## 2.1 EXPLORATION ACTIVITY

Exploration expenditure was \$50.3 million in Q3 2007.

Exploration drilling activity during the third quarter is shown in the table below:

Well	Basin/Area	Target	Santos Interest (%)	Well Status
Totem-1	Carnarvon Basin	Oil	33.4	P&A
Fletcher-1	Carnarvon Basin	Oil	33.4	P&A, non-commercial oil discovery
*ST TR 54-L1 (Cougar West)	USA – offshore	Gas	22.5	P&A
*Pancing-1X	West Natuna Basin	Gas	9.0	P&A, non-commercial oil & gas discovery

\* Spudded during second quarter.

Totem-1 located in the eastern Carnarvon Basin spudded on 25 July 2007 and was drilled to a total depth of 1,950 metres. The well was plugged and abandoned with no significant hydrocarbon indication.

Fletcher-1 located in the northern Carnarvon Basin spudded on the 24 July 2007 and was drilled to a total depth of 2,970 metres. Evaluation indicated the presence of a 7 metre oil column. The well was subsequently sidetracked and intersected a 10 metre oil column. Further evaluation will be required to determine the hydrocarbon volumes of the greater Fletcher area.

ST TR 54-L1 (Cougar West) located offshore USA spudded on 5 May 2007 and was drilled to a total depth of 5,995 metres. The well was plugged and abandoned with no significant hydrocarbon indication.

Pancing-1X located in the Kakap PSC, West Natuna Basin spudded on 26 June 2007, reached a total depth of 3,638 and was plugged and abandoned as a non-commercial oil and gas discovery. The well was operated by Star Energy.

### Seismic Activity

Seismic activity during the third quarter is shown in the table below:

Permit	Area/Basin	Type	Km/Km <sup>2</sup>	Status
T66, NAC	Watson 3D, Cooper Basin	3D Land	177	Complete
Block 101-100/04	Song Hong Basin	3D Marine	437	Complete
PPLs 33,42,43,166, PELs101 & 105	Bookabourdie 3D, Cooper Basin	3D Land	54	Complete
PPLs 33,42,44	Bookabourdie 3D Q Trial, Cooper Basin	3D Land	35	Complete
PPLs 33,42,44	Bookabourdie 3D Hi Res Trial, Cooper Basin	3D Land	27	Ongoing
PPLs 17,19,20,29, 52,55,56,154,180,196, AFLs 56-69	Tirrawarra 3D, Cooper Basin (Phase 1)	3D Land	141	Complete
NT/RL1 & WA6R	Petrel, Bonaparte Basin	3D Marine	241	Ongoing
T32P	CSEM, Sorrel Basin (Controlled Source Electro Magnetic Survey)	2D Marine	88	Complete
WA274P	WA274P, Browse Basin (Phase 1)	2D marine	242	Complete

## 2.2 Forward Exploration Drilling – 2007

Drilling Opportunity	Basin / Area	Oil/Gas	Santos WI	Indicative Prospect Upside Resource Potential (mmboe) Unrisked			Expected Spud Quarter
				0- 50	50-100	100- 250	
Mahogany 1	Surat/Bowen	Oil	53.75%	√			Q4
Montegue 1	Cooper	Gas	60.06%	√			Q4
Ichthys North 1	Browse	Gas	30%			√	Q4
Norbill 1	Dampier	Gas	22.6%	√			Q4

The exploration portfolio is constantly being optimised therefore the above program may vary as a result of drilling outcomes, new prospects maturing and rig availability.

## 2.3 Delineation Activity

Total delineation expenditure in Q3 2007 was \$55.2 million, of which near-field exploration and exploration appraisal expenditure was \$20.1 million and development appraisal expenditure was \$35.1 million.

The table below details the delineation wells drilled during the third quarter and their status:

Well	Basin/Area	Target	Santos Interest (%)	Well Status
Mudlalee 4	Cooper/Eromanga - SA	Oil	66.6	C&S, successful oil
Calvin 1	Cooper/Eromanga - SA	Oil	66.6	C&S, successful oil
Tonno 1	Cooper/Eromanga - SA	Oil	66.6	P&A
Scratchy 1	Cooper/Eromanga - SA	Oil	66.6	P&A
Hawkins 1	Cooper/Eromanga - SA	Oil	66.6	P&A
Granchio 1	Cooper/Eromanga - SA	Oil	66.6	C&S, successful oil
Jena 22	Cooper/Eromanga - SA	Oil	86.81	C&S, successful oil
Jena 28	Cooper/Eromanga - SA	Oil	66.6	C&S, successful oil
McKinlay 5	Cooper/Eromanga - SA	Oil	66.6	C&S, successful oil
Stimpee 3	Cooper/Eromanga - SA	Oil	100	C&S, successful oil
McKinlay 6	Cooper/Eromanga - SA	Oil	66.6	C&S, successful oil
Tindilpie 5	Cooper/Eromanga - SA	Gas	66.6	P&A
Tindilpie 6	Cooper/Eromanga - SA	Gas	66.6	C&S, successful gas
Gambero 1*	Cooper/Eromanga - SA	Oil	66.6	C&S, successful oil
Piniata 1	Cooper/Eromanga - SA	Oil	55.5	P&A
Bronzewing 1	Cooper/Eromanga - SA	Oil	66.6	P&A
Big Lake 86	Cooper/Eromanga - SA	Oil	66.6	C&S, successful oil
Carney South 1	Cooper/Eromanga - QLD	Oil	55.5	C&S, successful oil
Warragon 1	Cooper/Eromanga - QLD	Oil	4.9	C&S, successful oil
Muchacho 1	Cooper/Eromanga - QLD	Oil	55.5	P&A
Naccowlah West 20	Cooper/Eromanga - QLD	Oil	55.5	C&S, successful oil
Naccowlah West 21	Cooper/Eromanga - QLD	Oil	55.5	C&S, successful oil
Tagleberry 20	Cooper/Eromanga - QLD	Oil	89.0	C&S, successful oil
Tagleberry 22	Cooper/Eromanga - QLD	Oil	89.0	C&S, successful oil
Takyah 5	Cooper/Eromanga - QLD	Oil	89.0	C&S, successful oil
Mulberry 32	Cooper/Eromanga - QLD	Oil	89.0	C&S, successful oil
Naccowlah 3	Cooper/Eromanga - QLD	Oil	55.5	P&A
Naccowlah South15*	Cooper/Eromanga - QLD	Oil	55.5	C&S, successful oil
Jackson South 13	Cooper/Eromanga - QLD	Oil	55.5	C&S, successful oil
Pitchery 3	Cooper/Eromanga - QLD	Oil	55.5	C&S, successful oil
Jackson South 12/12A	Cooper/Eromanga - QLD	Oil	55.5	P&A
Chilla 2	Cooper/Eromanga - QLD	Oil	55.5	C&S, successful oil

Maitland 2/CH1	Carnarvon Basin	Gas	18.71	P&A
Mutineer 13	Carnarvon Basin	Oil	33.4	Drilling
Maitland 3H	Carnarvon Basin	Gas	18.71	P&A, non-commercial gas
Fairview 240	Bowen Basin	CSG	79.5	C&C, successful gas
Strathblane Noth 1	Bowen Basin	CSG	79.5	C&C, successful gas
Glen Idol 1	Bowen Basin	CSG	79.5	Suspended
Katrina 1	Bowen Basin	CSG	79.59	P&A
Niella East 1	Surat Basin	CSG	100	P&A
Hermitage	Surat Basin	CSG	100	C&C, successful gas

\* Spudded during second quarter.

## 2.4 Development Activity

Development expenditure during the third quarter was \$149.9 million.

The table below details all development wells drilled during the quarter and their status:

Well	Basin/Area	Target	Santos Interest (%)	Well Status
Talgeberry 18	Cooper/Eromanga - QLD	Oil	89.0	C&S, successful oil
Mulberry 31	Cooper/Eromanga - QLD	Oil	89.0	C&S, successful oil
Mulberry 33	Cooper/Eromanga - QLD	Oil	89.0	C&S, successful oil
Mulberry 34	Cooper/Eromanga - QLD	Oil	89.0	C&S, successful oil
Alwyn 7*	Cooper/Eromanga - QLD	Oil	66.6	C&S, successful oil
Mooriari 12	Cooper/Eromanga - SA	Gas	66.6	C&S, successful gas
Big Lake 17DW1	Cooper/Eromanga - SA	Gas	66.6	C&S, successful gas
Moomba 179	Cooper/Eromanga - SA	Gas	66.6	C&S, successful gas
Big Lake 84*	Cooper/Eromanga - SA	Gas	66.6	C&S, successful gas
Moomba 180	Cooper/Eromanga - SA	Gas	66.6	C&S, successful gas
Moomba 182	Cooper/Eromanga - SA	Oil	66.6	C&S, successful oil
Barrow Island E33A	Carnarvon Basin	Oil	28.57	C&S, successful oil
Barrow Island E23A	Carnarvon Basin	Oil	28.57	C&S, successful oil
Fairview 125*	Bowen Basin	CSG	79.5	Operations suspended
Fairview 129	Bowen Basin	CSG	79.5	C&C, successful gas
Fairview 132	Bowen Basin	CSG	79.5	C&S, successful gas
Fairview 133	Bowen Basin	Gas	79.5	C&C, successful gas
Fairview 135*	Bowen Basin	CSG	79.5	Operations suspended
Fairview 136	Bowen Basin	CSG	79.5	C&C, successful gas
Fairview 137	Bowen Basin	CSG	79.5	C&C, successful gas
Spring Gully 37	Bowen Basin	CSG	0.1	C&S, successful gas
Spring Gully 40	Bowen Basin	CSG	0.1	C&S, successful gas
Spring Gully 62	Bowen Basin	CSG	0.1	C&S, successful gas
Spring Gully 91	Bowen Basin	Gas	0.1	C&S, successful gas
KG West 1	Indonesia - Offshore	Gas	9.0	Drilling

\* Spudded during second quarter.

The status of the development projects which were in progress during the quarter is as follows:

### Oyong Project (Santos 45%, operator)

Oil production from the Oyong field commenced on 21 September 2007. Start-up and commissioning has progressed well, and at the date of this report production was over 10,000 bopd, which is at the upper end of the anticipated initial range.

Front end engineering design for development of the Oyong gas reserves is underway, with a final investment decision expected before the end of 2007, and first gas production anticipated in the first



half of 2009. A gas sales agreement has been signed with PT Indonesia Power, with gas to be piped via a 55 kilometre pipeline to an onshore processing facility adjacent to the Grati power station in East Java.

### Cooper Oil Project (Santos 60%-100%, operator)

The status of the Cooper Oil Project is as follows:

- During Q3 2007, 34 wells were drilled, with 25 cased as producers and 9 plugged and abandoned.
- The main areas of activity have been in ATP 299 (Endeavour-Mulberry), ATP 259 (Jackson-Naccowlah trend), and in the JALBU and McKinlay fields in South Australia.
- A total of 27 wells were brought on-line, including 22 producers and 5 water injectors.
- Water injection in ATP 299 continues to achieve target rates greater than production voidage, and injection has commenced in the Merrimelia field.

Drilling results for the total project to date are presented in the table below:

	Wells Drilled	Drill Results			Wells On Line	
		C&S	Producers	Injectors	Producers	Injectors
2007 YTD	102	76 (75%)	70	6	59	10
2006	108	84 (78%)	74	10	51	5
Total	210	160 (76%)	144	16	110	15

Production was lower during the quarter due to ongoing transportation issues, as follows:

- The Moonie to Brisbane pipeline was shut-in following an incident on 28 July 2007, and investigations are ongoing to examine the integrity of the line.
- This has necessitated the trucking of oil from the south west Queensland sector of the Cooper Basin, with the majority transported to Moomba for storage and export via Port Bonython. Trucking capacity constraints due primarily to a shortage of skilled truck drivers is having an impact on overall production levels.
- In addition, production of high pour point oil from certain wells in the South Australian sector of the Cooper Basin resulted in wax blockage in a pipeline, necessitating the shut-in of these wells.
- At the time of writing this report, Santos' share of Cooper Oil production was approximately 9,400 bopd, with a further 4,600 bopd shut in, including as a result of the transportation issues.
- The cost of trucking oil is likely to add approximately \$4 per barrel to Santos' Cooper Oil operating costs in the second half.

The transportation issues are being addressed on a number of fronts:

- A new pipeline is to be built from Jackson to Moomba, with construction expected to commence during Q4 2007, subject to necessary government approvals, and be completed by mid 2008.
- As an interim measure, additional truck drivers are being recruited and trained.
- Modifications to the Limestone Creek processing plant are underway to enable the processing of high pour point crude, which will then be trucked to Moomba in insulated tankers. This work is expected to be completed by the end of 2007.

The 2007 drilling program has identified fewer development drilling opportunities within the areas initially targeted, particularly in ATP 299 (Endeavour-Mulberry). As a result, the 2008 drilling program will be scaled back to a total of approximately 90 wells.

The 2008 portfolio focus will also be weighted towards more exploration and delineation rather than development drilling.

**Henry (VIC/P44 Stage 2) Development Project (Santos 50%, operator)**

Tendering for the supply and installation contracts has been completed with project sanction scheduled for November 2007 and first gas targeted for Q1 2009. To allow connection of potential near field exploration success, the scope of the Henry project has been expanded to incorporate drilling and connection of the Netherby field and to pre-invest for future connections contingent on exploration success in the 2008 drilling program.

**Kipper Project (Santos 35%, ExxonMobil operator)**

FEED studies have been completed, with formal project sanction expected during December 2007 with first gas targeted in late 2010.

**Reindeer Project (Santos 45%, Apache operator)**

FEED studies commenced in August 2007 for the development of the Reindeer gas field in the Carnarvon Basin, offshore Western Australia. The field was discovered in 1997 and has a gross recoverable resource range of 410 to 640 PJ.

The FEED studies will focus on the preferred development option, which consists of an unmanned offshore platform with a pipeline to a new gas processing facility to be located on the mainland. The proposed gross production capacity is approximately 110 TJ per day of sales gas with first gas targeted for mid 2010.

Reindeer gas was offered for sale by tender in October 2007, with a strong response received from the market.

**Gladstone LNG (Santos 100%, operator)**

Significant progress was achieved on the proposed project to develop coal seam gas (CSG) for export via a 3 to 4 mtpa LNG liquefaction facility in Gladstone. Activities included:

- The completion of site selection studies and the securing of a suitable site in Gladstone;
- The grant of significant project status by the Queensland government;
- The commencement of gas marketing activities, with strong interest recorded by potential gas buyers in Asia and the United States;
- Continued CSG pilot and appraisal drilling in the Fairview and Roma area;
- Ongoing pre-FEED technology screening and concept selection studies.

**PNG LNG Project (Santos 13.8%, ExxonMobil operator)**

Pre-FEED study work continues, evaluating the technical and commercial options for developing a 6.3 mtpa LNG facility targeting first cargoes in 2013. The Project involves piping gas from the Highlands region of Papua New Guinea to an LNG plant situated on the coast of the Gulf of Papua. The Hides gas/condensate field (Santos 25% working interest) will underpin the gas volumes required, with additional gas sourced from the Juha and Angore gas/condensate fields and associated gas from the Kutubu, Gobe and Moran oil fields.

Pre-FEED activities remain on track to be completed by the end of 2007 or early 2008, at which time a FEED decision will be made.

### 3. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

#### Acquisitions/Divestments

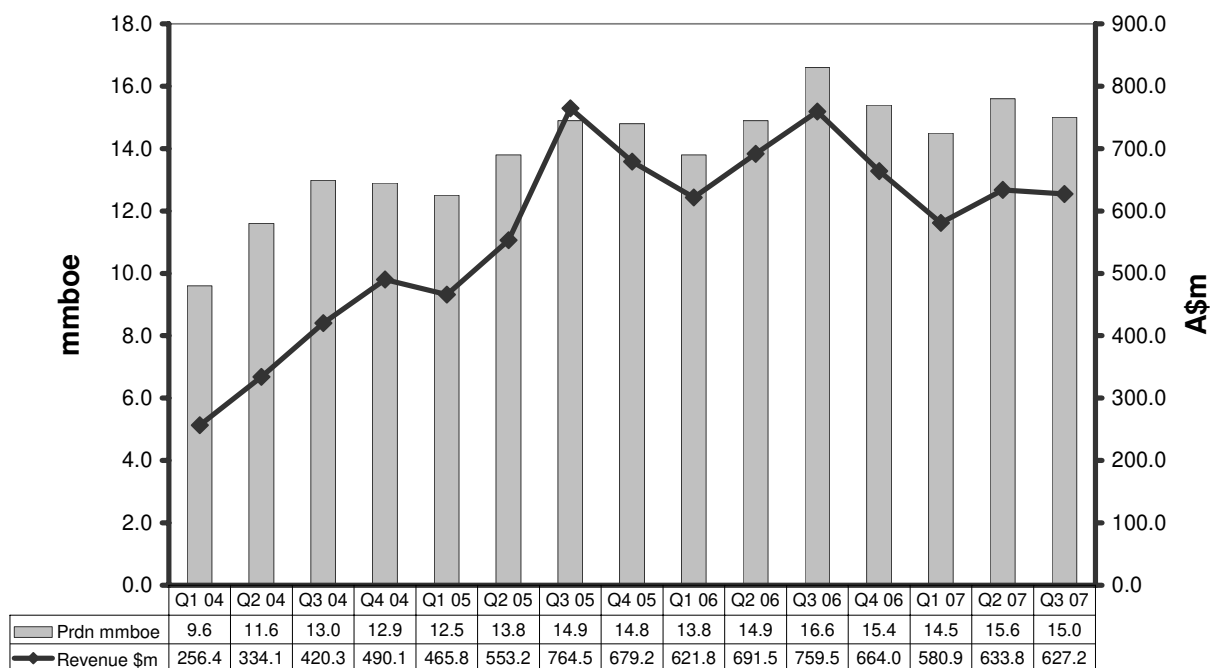
During the quarter, Santos:

- Acquired 100% of permits ATP 665P and ATP 708P in East Queensland from a private company.
- Entered into a Farmin Agreement with Macquarie Energy with respect to PSPAPP 15 in the Gunnedah Basin in New South Wales.
- Sold its United States production and exploration interests for US\$70 million (A\$82 million). In addition to the cash consideration, Santos is entitled to a 17.5% net profits interests in three exploration prospects targeting deep gas structures in the Texas State Waters.

### 4. HEDGING

There was no hedging outstanding at the end of Q3 2007.

### 5. QUARTERLY PRODUCTION AND REVENUE CHART



## 6. CONVERSION FACTORS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviations		Conversion Factors	
PJ	petajoules	Sales Gas & Ethane, 1 PJ	171.937 boe x 10 <sup>3</sup>
TJ	terajoules	Crude Oil, 1 barrel	1 boe
mmbbl	million barrels	Condensate (Naphtha), 1 barrel	0.935 boe
mmboe	million barrels of oil equivalent	LPG, 1 tonne	8.458 boe
mtpa	million tonnes per annum	LNG, 1PJ	18,040 t
t	tonnes		
P&A	plugged and abandoned		
C&S	cased and suspended		
C&C	cased and completed		
P&S	plugged and suspended		
CTU	coiled tubing unit		