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Origin buys Woodside interest in Vic offshore gas field **6-February-08 by AAP**

Origin Energy Ltd has bought Woodside Petroleum Ltd 62.5 per cent interest in two offshore gas fields for \$13.6 million.

The permits for the resource off the south west Victorian coast contain the Halladale and Black Watch gas and condensate fields. The acquisition gives Origin with 100 per cent ownership of the asset.

"Securing Halladale and Black Watch complements Origin's integrated portfolio strategy and provides added flexibility in managing its southern gas requirements," managing director Grant King said.

"The anticipated reserves will be used to support Origin's existing gas retail business and the proposed Mortlake Power Station." Mr King said the could also be used for gas storage in the future to support winter peak demand requirements in Origins retail businesses.

The Halladale and Black Watch fields were discovered in 2005. They are estimated to contain a 55 petajoule recoverable gas and

condensate contingent resource.

Harvey Beef acquires Fremantle City Processors

3-February-08 by Edited announcement

Harvey Industries Group, trading as Harvey Beef, has acquired the business assets of meat processing company Fremantle City Processors Pty Ltd for an undisclosed sum.

Harvey Beef will operate the Fremantle facility as Harvey Industries Processing Centre, and it will continue to operate as a boning room.

"We are excited at the prospect of being able to acquire facilities that will allow Harvey Beef to increase production capacity so significantly," said Harvey Industries Group chief executive Michael Rapattoni.

"Ultimately, we are confident this move will benefit producers and the Western Australian red meat community substantially. As a group we see this as the perfect opportunity for continuing our commitment to strengthening relationships with our producers, key suppliers and customers over the coming months."

Fremantle City Processors

commenced as a beef processing facility in late 2006 under the guidance of experienced managing director Rob Nottle.

Comdek sets sights on Tasmanian coal

6-February-08 by Jenelle Carter

Former satellite communications provider Comdek Ltd is expanding its coal interests into Tasmania with the acquisition of Energy Investments Ltd for \$4.27 million. The deal comes almost three months after Comdek acquired Isicebi Mining Pty Ltd, which has the right to earn a 70 per cent interest in three coal properties in the Waterberg coalfields of South Africa. West Perth-based Comdek has agreed to acquire 100 per cent of the issued capital of EIL for a consideration of 28.5 million fully paid ordinary Comdek shares, with an indicative value of 15 cents per share, based on the adjusted close price for the five days trading from January 14 to January 18, 2008.

The consideration is equivalent to 4.39 per cent of the current total issued capital of Comdek on a fully diluted basis.