

INTRODUCTION

The Pipipa-1 exploration well was drilled during May, 1982 by Hematite Petroleum Pty. Ltd., in permit T/5P, in the Bass Basin, Tasmania (Fig 1). The well is located 66 km north of Wynyard in 73 m of water.

The well location is approximately 15 km southwest and updip of the Pelican structural complex which contains gas. The well was sited primarily to test the upper levels of the Eastern View Coal Measures in a fault controlled anticline. A secondary intra Eastern View Coal Measures target zone was also investigated. This was below the 'O' shale (Hematite, 1979) level and within the Upper M. diversus palynological zone.

The Pipipa-1 well was drilled to a total depth of 2115 m in the Eastern View Coal Measures. No significant hydrocarbon indications were encountered and the well was plugged and abandoned.

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