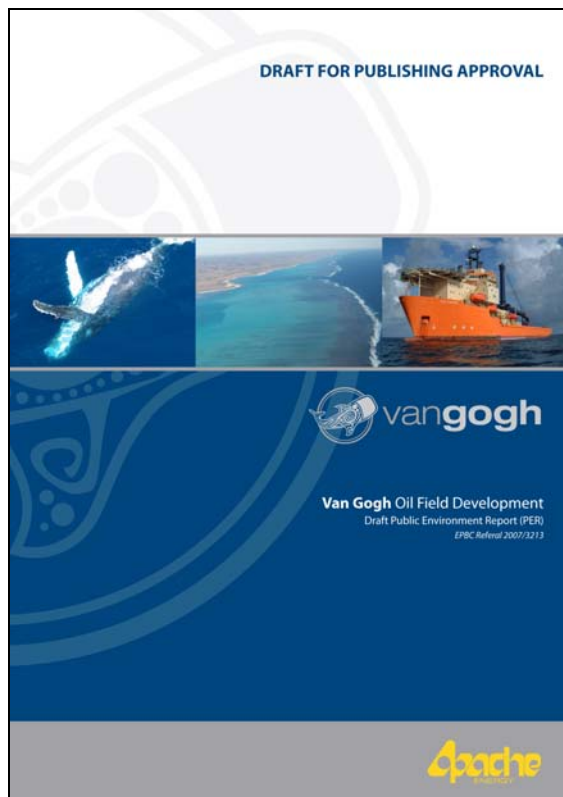


*Apache Energy Limited (Apache), on behalf of the Van Gogh joint venture participants, is proposing to develop an oilfield, known as Van Gogh, off the Exmouth coast.*

### Draft PER Release

A significant milestone for the Van Gogh Oil Field Development is the release of the Draft Public Environment Report (PER) on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February 2008. The Draft PER is available for public comment until the 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2008. See contact details over page to obtain or view a copy. Apache has invested significant resources to ensure the science presented in the Draft PER is the most accurate and up to date, to enable an informed review by the public and government regulators of the development's potential environmental impacts.



*The front cover of the Van Gogh Draft PER*

### Project Update

The *Stena Clyde* drill rig commenced drilling the first of the Van Gogh wells in January 2008, and is planned to continue until September 2008. A second drill rig, the *Ocean Epoch*, has been contracted to drill four of the Van Gogh wells from Drill Centre 2, which is planned to commence in June 2008 and continue through to September 2008.

The tanker conversion to the FPSO continues. The *Kudam* left the Subic shipyard in late January 2008 and arrived in Singapore on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February after a sea tow. The vessel is now at the Keppel Tuas shipyard where work has re-commenced on the ballast tanks.

Fabrication of the mooring buoy and turret is underway in Singapore, the topside modules are being fabricated in Batam and the process vessels are being fabricated in Malaysia.



*The Kudam leaving the Philippines at the start of its sea tow to Singapore*

## FPSO Name Announcement

In late 2007, Prosafe (owner and builder of the Van Gogh FPSO), announced 'Ningaloo Vision' as the name of the FPSO. The name was chosen to reflect the development's geographic location 45 km north of the iconic Ningaloo Reef. The name and logo will feature prominently on the FPSO.



*Part of the DTM buoy during fabrication*



*Subsea manifold framing fabrication at Ausclad, which is 50% complete*



*Fabrication of part of the FPSO flare tower*

## Stakeholder Consultation Group Meetings

A fourth SCG meeting was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February in Exmouth, with a Perth meeting scheduled for early March to coincide with the release of the Draft PER. Meeting agendas and minutes are available on the project website.

## Sponsorship Focus

Over the past few months, Apache has been negotiating its sponsorship arrangements with the Exmouth District High School aligned with the Department of Education and Training's (DET) guidelines.

Apache will provide \$20,000 over two years to support the school's maritime and marine studies program, focusing on the 'Firebug' sailing project. Apache hopes the funding will further encourage the school's students to gain an appreciation for the marine environment and assist in the development of their practical maritime skills.

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