

Paramount To Spud Northern Well This Week

Paramount Resources Ltd. intends to mark the Fort Liard region of the Northwest Territories this week with the company's first exploratory drilling in the region aimed at deep Devonian gas.

The well, licensed as Paramount et al Bovie C-76, will push the bit 3 220 metres to terminate in the Devonian-Nahanni formation, said Jim Riddell, a company geologist.

"We expect to be spudding it in the next couple of days. They are moving the rig in now," he said Monday, adding Kenting Hi-Tower Drilling will be doing the work.

Seismic work combined with results from an offset hole drilled previously by Texaco Canada Petroleum Inc. is giving the company confidence in the venture.

"There's an extensive seismic base to finding it but it also offsets a previous discovery made by Texaco in 1967. It's the Texaco Bovie Lake J-72 find that we're moving updip of," Riddell said.

At present, Paramount is not planning any further exploratory wells on the Fort Liard lands in 1997. Costs involved in spudding the well were not divulged.

"Logically speaking, by the time we're down I don't think we could get in there and spud another one," he added.

Tops

Well name	Paramount et al Bovie lake C-76							
Operator	Paramount Resources Ltd.							
Location	EL 369 (grid 60-20/122-45)							
Kb elevation (m)	433.32							
Tops entered into DB (date)								
Formation Name	F_code	Prognosed depth (mKb)	Sample depth (mKb)	Log depth (mKb)	TVD (mKb)	Log depth (m ss)	Difference Sample Prognosed (m)	Difference Log/Prognosed (m)
Recent/Quaternary gravels/till	100	na	0	na	na	na	na	na
Cretaceous Fort St. John Group	1390000	55	145 to 150	=		433.32	na	na
Cretaceous Scatter Fm	1497000	320		=		433.32	na	na
Cretaceous Garbutt Fm	1489000	380		=		433.32	na	na
Permian Fantasque Fm	4001400	495	400	=		433.32	na	na
Mississippian Flett Fm	5821000	495	229 to 278	=		433.32	na	na
Mississippian Banff Fm	5980100	1115	1151	1159		433.32	36	-1115
Mississippian Exshaw Fm	6060000	1660	1647	1646		433.32	-13	-1660
Devonian Kotcho Fm	6065000	1670	1662	1663.5		433.32	-8	-1670
Devonian Tetcho	6080000	2025	2029	2030.5		433.32	4	-2025
Devonian Fort Simpson Fm	6111000	2115	2161	2162.3		433.32	46	-2115
Devonian Muskwa Fm	6280000	2755	2812	=		433.32	57	-2755
Devonian Nahanni	6614000	2830	2886	2887.5		433.32	56	-2830
Manetoe Facies		na	3129			433.32	na	na
Arnica		na	3184			433.32	na	na
TD	9999999	3220	3220			433.32	0	-3220