

BOP issues resolved

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KAROON Gas has solved its bothersome blow-out preventer issues and is drilling ahead at Zephyros-1 in WA-398-P.

The joint venture between Karoon and ConocoPhillips had to pull the blow-out preventer from the well for mechanical repairs last month, but said in a statement to the Australian Securities Exchange that the issue had been sorted.

The Transocean Legend semisubmersible

The marine riser has now been run to the seafloor.

The joint venture was plagued by blow-out preventer issues at the previous well on the five-well program, leading to lengthy delays at Boreas-1.

However, it is believed that the JV was not slugged the extra day rates by the owner of the Transocean Legend semi-submersible rig.

Initial flow testing undertaken at Boreas-1 achieved a stabilised flow rate of 30MMcfd through a 40/64 inch choke at wellhead pressure of 3300psi.

It also said the gas came up with condensate, with 18 barrels per MMcf recorded. This gas-to-condensate ratio is almost double the rate recorded at the previous Kronos-1 well.

The gas also came up with 16% carbon dioxide content.

The gas and condensate were recorded from a 70m perforated section of the target Plover formation.

Zephyros-1 is the second well in the program, which is aiming to test Plover formation reservoirs. The broader drilling program is aiming to test the prospectivity of the Greater Poseidon trend.

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