

## Independent investigation into fatal incident on Stena Clyde, Bass Strait, 27 August 2012

The National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) is continuing its independent investigation into the fatal incident on the Stena Clyde mobile offshore drilling unit in the Otway Basin on 27 August 2012. In accordance with NOPSEMA requirements, drilling operations remain suspended following the incident in which two workers were fatally injured.

The well remains in a safe condition and continues to be monitored.

An electrical fire today in connection with a circuit-breaker in the switch control room on the facility caused minor damage and was rapidly extinguished.

NOPSEMA recognises the distress experienced by crew members, family and friends arising from the fatalities and is committed to conducting an independent, rigorous and thorough investigation into the causes of the incident as efficiently and quickly as possible.

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