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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **LEGAL DISPUTE WITH OROGEN - UPDATE**

Highlands Pacific Limited and Oil Search Limited have agreed to work together to find a commercial resolution to the legal dispute between them in respect of the Ramu project by 30 June 2002. The dispute is the subject of a court action in the Federal Court of Australia brought by Highlands Pacific against Oil Search's subsidiary companies Orogen Minerals Limited and Orogen Minerals (Ramu) Limited.

As a consequence of the agreement both parties have petitioned the Court requesting that it stand the matter over until after 30 June. The Court has issued orders to this effect.

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