



## Woodside plans seismic sweep in WA permit

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AUSTRALIA: Woodside Petroleum plans to undertake a 2,784-square kilometre (1,075-sq mile) 3-D seismic sweep on WA-404-P off Western Australia next year, before embarking on a nine-well exploration drilling program from 2009 to 2010.

The Australian operator has identified a few targets including the Camus prospect, which holds a potential gas reserve of 0.6 Tcf. The three-year exploration program was last estimated to cost more than A\$196 million (US\$168 million).

WA-404-P is located near Woodside's A\$12 billion (US\$10 billion) Pluto liquefied natural gas (LNG) project in water depths of between 1,150 metres (3,773 ft) to 1,600 metres (5,249 ft). Woodside operates the block with a 50 per cent stake. U.S. partner Hess holds the remaining 50 per cent stake.