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## Carnarvon subsidiary files Claim against Tiger Petroleum in Canada

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Carnarvon Petroleum Ltd ("Carnarvon"), through its wholly owned subsidiary, Strategic Exploration (Asia) Limited ("SEAL"), has issued proceedings in Alberta, Canada, against its partners in the Wichian Buri SW1A joint venture in Thailand, Pacific Tiger (Energy) Thailand Limited ("Pacific Tiger"), and Tiger Petroleum Inc. The Claim seeks specific performance of the Joint Operating Agreement, including an order that Pacific Tiger transfer all its interests in the joint venture to SEAL, a declaration that the joint venture properties include Exploration Block L33/43, damages of US\$2.2 million for negligence, breach of contract and breach of fiduciary duties, and ancillary relief.

Carnarvon has commenced this legal action as it has been unable to otherwise resolve the various outstanding commercial matters between itself and Tiger Petroleum.

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