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## Varn JVU-5 Drilling Commences

Winchester Energy Limited (ASX: WEL) (**Company**) is pleased to advise that the JVU-5 production well within the Varn waterflood project in Taylor County, Texas, commenced drilling on 7 October 2025. The well is being drilled on behalf of the recently announced Varn joint venture with Winchester as operator (70% working interest) (see ASX announcement dated 16 September 2025).



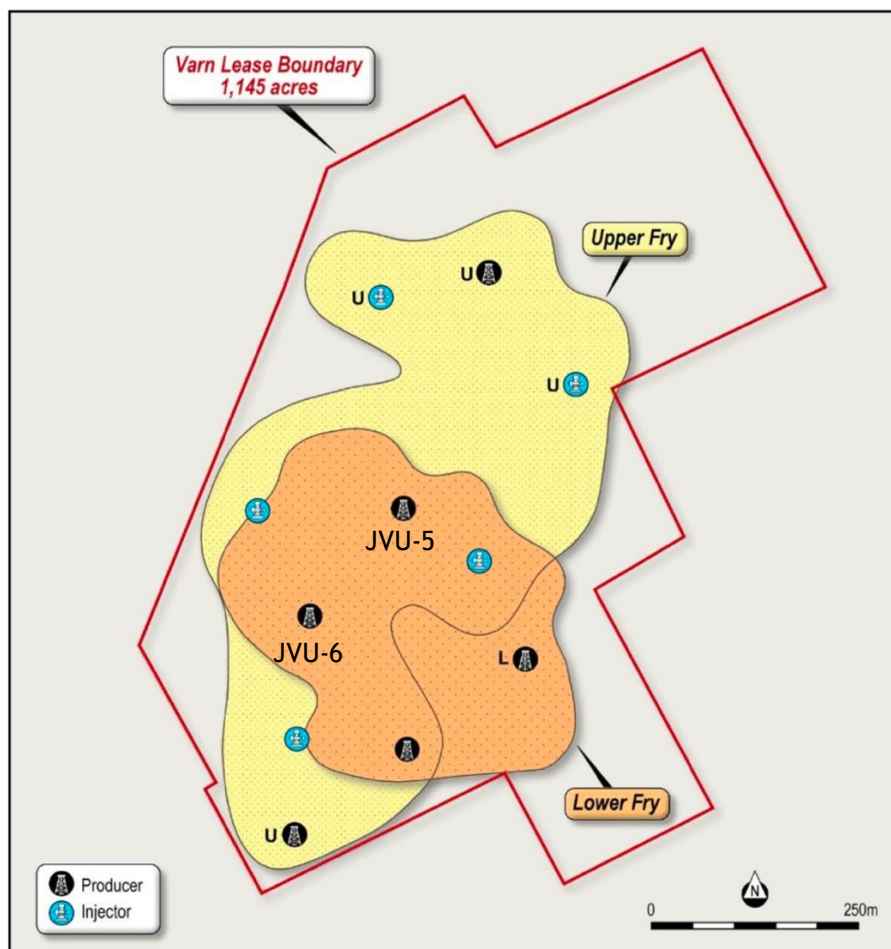
**Photo 1.** JVU-5 drilling operations at the Varn Oil Field

Chief Executive Officer, Rory McGoldrick said *“We are very excited to spud the JVU-6 well, the second production well for the Varn waterflood project. The drilling of this well demonstrates our continued commitment to realizing value from our US operations.”*

The estimated total time for the rig to be on location is 7 days and the drilling time is estimated to be 5 days. In the success case, the well is expected to reach a planned total depth (TD) of 4,900ft (1,164m) and have logging completed around 16 October 2025. The Company will then proceed to completion operations and bringing the well online.

## About the Varn waterflood project

The planned waterflood operation will comprise a total of 10 wells (five oil and gas producers and five water injectors). The majority of these wells are planned for the central area where the Upper and Lower Fry Sand overlap while the rest of the wells capture oil from the more widespread Upper Fry Sand.



**Figure 2.** Configuration of producer and injector wells at Varn

All planning and permitting is in place to drill the remaining wells. A significant amount of above-ground infrastructure (roads, flow lines, tanks and facilities) are already in place which will enable each well to be put on production shortly after drilling and completion.

The Varn Oil Field contains existing Proven and Probable (2P) of 1,068,000 barrels of oil equivalent (boe) comprised of 994,000 barrels of oil and 442 thousand cubic feet of gas (mmcf)<sup>1</sup>. Production is to be derived from the Fry Sands (a sub-unit of the Strawn Sands).

This announcement was authorised for release by the Board of Directors.

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<sup>1</sup> See ASX Release dated 3 December 2021



**Photo 2.** JVU-5 drill rig and lined pit.



**Photo 3.** Existing JVU-6 production well at the Varn project.

## ESTIMATES OF PETROLEUM RESERVES AND RESOURCES

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