



GREYMOUTH PETROLEUM

Greymouth Petroleum wins three new permits for significant Central Taranaki expansion

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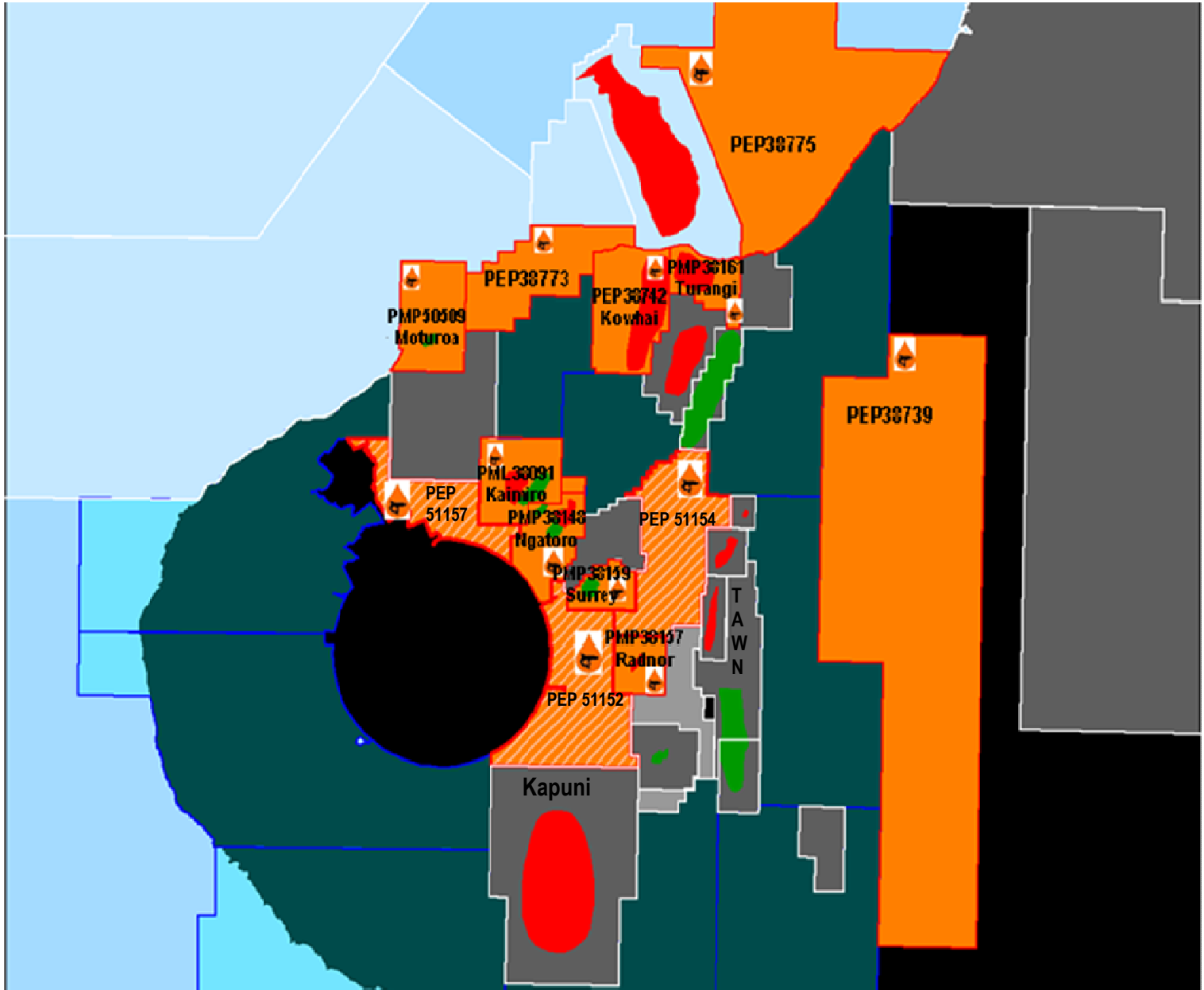
New Zealand owned and operated Greymouth Petroleum advised today that it has been awarded three new petroleum exploration permits, PEP 51152, PEP 51154, and PEP 51157, for a significant expansion of Greymouth's Central Taranaki operations.


The three new permits together cover an area of 254 sq km and are located onshore on the Central Taranaki Peninsular, to the North and East of Mount Taranaki. The new permits are situated immediately adjacent to the Shell Kapuni and Origin TAWN gas/condensate fields and nearby Greymouth's Kaimiro, Ngatoro, Radnor, Surrey and Windsor oil and gas fields (see attached location map). In the new permits, Greymouth will initially acquire seismic and undertake geotechnical studies, ahead of well drilling operations planned for 2010.

In other news, Greymouth group company, Petrochem Limited, is nearing completion of Kowhai field testing operations in PEP 38742, onshore on the North Taranaki peninsular. Following the early testing success which has been achieved at Kowhai, Petrochem is fast tracking Kowhai field development. In the Radnor field area, the permit holders, including Greymouth Petroleum and Bridge Petroleum, have proposed the October, 2008 commencement of well drilling operations and invited commitment from the key counterparties.

Greymouth Petroleum group companies hold the Turangi, Kowhai, Moturoa, Kaimiro, Ngatoro, Surrey, Windsor and Radnor oil and gas fields in Taranaki. In addition to these Taranaki fields, Greymouth holds seven exploration permits in the Taranaki and Great South Basins covering an aggregate 16,600 sq km. In Chile, Greymouth's Petromagallanes companies hold oil and gas properties through the Straits of Magellan and on Tierra del Fuego covering an aggregate 9,000 sq km.

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