Drilling of Exploratory Wells for Geothermal Energy Development in Hokkaido and Akita, Japan

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1. Drilling location:
   (1) Amemasudake area, Hokkaido Prefecture, Japan
      ① Drilling period: From July 16, 2013 through October 2013
      ② Measured Depth 2,000m (AME-1 well)

   (2) Oyasu area, Akita Prefecture, Japan (in Kurikoma Quasi-National Park)
      ① Drilling period: From July 25, 2013 through November 2013
      ② Measured Depth: 1,800m (OYE-1 well), 1,700m (OYE-2 well)

2. Purpose of the Study:
The main purpose of the Study is to confirm the subsurface structure, temperatures and the water permeability.

3. Future Plan
Further exploratory wells are planned in both the Amemasudake area and the Oyasu area.
until 2015 and evaluate the result to determine whether we move on to the third phase of the Study, which includes the drilling of production pilot wells, steam production / hot water reinjection tests, evaluation of the geothermal reservoirs and environmental impact assessment.

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