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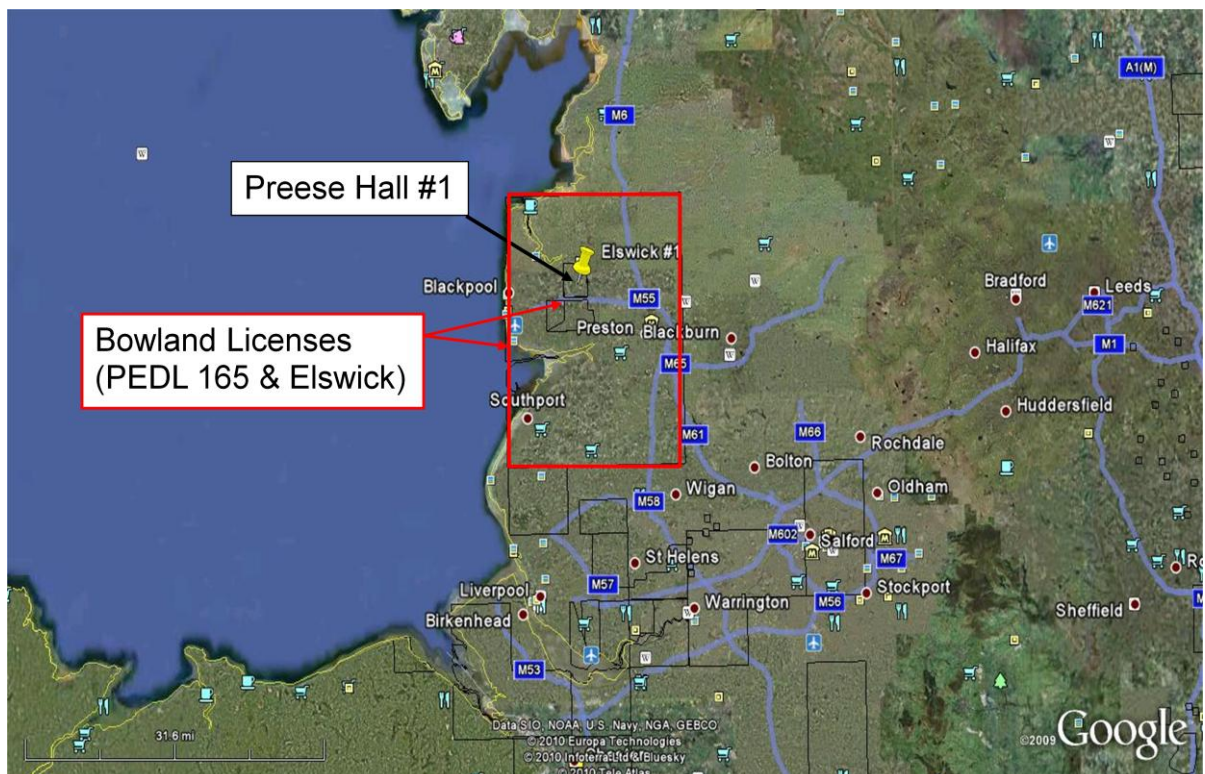
ASX ANNOUNCEMENT/MEDIA RELEASE DRILLING ACTIVITY UPDATE

Cuadrilla Resources Holdings Limited, AJ Lucas' 40.93% owned associate exploring for shale gas in Europe, advises the progress of the Preese Hall #1 exploration well at its Bowland Basin shale prospect as follows:

Spud Date: 16 August 2010
Depth: 4,203 feet as at 11 September 2010

Drilling results show strong gas shows throughout the Collyhurst sandstones over a 200 foot interval, at a depth of 3,900 feet.

The Bowland Basin shale prospect is 286,000 acres located near Blackpool on the Fylde Coast, Lancashire in north-west England. The geology comprises over 4,000 feet of carboniferous shales (late Dinantian and Namurian Lower and Upper Bowland shales) comparable to the Barnett Shale in the USA at a depth range of between 3,000 and 8,000 feet. These shales are overlain unconformably by Permian Collyhurst Sandstone and Manchester Marl.





Total planned depth of the Preese Hall #1 hole is 8,200 feet. Following completion of this hole, estimated by early October, the rig will be relocated to Grange Hill #1, located approximately 15km from Preese Hall.

Preese Hall #1 is being drilled by Cuadrilla's new, state of the art, DrillMec HH220 and will be fraced by Cuadrilla's own fracing unit.

AJ Lucas Group maintains a 25% equity interest in the Bowland Shale prospect.

The Company intends to provide regular updates of progress as drilling continues.



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About AJ Lucas Group Limited

Lucas is a leading provider of specialist infrastructure and mining services and is the largest supplier of drilling services to Australia's coal and coal seam gas industries. It is also one of Australia's largest builders of long distance gas pipelines. Other divisions provide gas management services to the coal and coal seam gas industry, construction, civil and property services.

AJ Lucas is also a proven developer of unconventional hydrocarbon properties. Past projects successfully developed and exited include the Company's investments in Gloucester Basin, Sydney Gas and ATP651 in Queensland's Surat Basin.