



## ASX ANNOUNCEMENT 12 January 2006

### Block D-7 Diamond Project, Chhattisgarh, India

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**ASX CODE: ORP**

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Share Price: A\$0.135  
Issued Shares: 68.23m  
Market Cap: A\$9.21m  
Options .50c ORP 13.28m

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Oropa Limited wishes to announce that there has been some significant progress made with its long running court case against the Chhattisgarh state government involving the suspension of the Block D-7 Prospecting Licence ("P/L") by the state in mid-2001. The P/L holder, B.Vijaykumar Chhattisgarh Exploration Pvt Ltd ("BVCE"), an Indian company in which Oropa holds its beneficial interest in the project initiated legal proceedings against the state in the Chhattisgarh high court in early 2002 and has been involved in numerous court hearings since initiating the action.

It appears that the case has been placed in a more active mode by the court as it has been listed on the high court's Weekly Cause Lists since early December and is currently listed on this week's list. We understand that a court decision last week to dismiss third party claims over a very small portion of the 4,600 sq km block (approximately 1.5 ha) discharges all extraneous matters and paves the way for the court to now dismiss the case and hand it back to the state government for processing the documentation to reinstate the project. Issues between the state and BVCE have been resolved amicably and our Indian joint venture partners are confident that these outstanding matters will be finalized quickly. A resumption of field work on the block will not commence until after all formal documentation is re-issued to BVCE.

Yours faithfully

**OROPA LIMITED**

**PHILIP C CHRISTIE**  
Director