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Torrens hot rocks find in grid's reach

CAMERON ENGLAND

TORRENS Energy has discovered high subterranean heat flows just 15km from the national power grid, the company said yesterday.

The geothermal energy explorer said drilling on its Torrens project area north of Port Augusta confirmed

the company's targeted heat flow of 90 milliwatts per square metre, stating: "The thick insulating cover rocks are likely to 'trap' a heat flow of 90mW/m² and result in temperatures of over 200 degrees at 5000m depth.

"This is well within the viable temperatures re-

quired for hot rock power generation and represents a great success."

Torrens part-paid for the exploration hole.

The company has now committed to drilling another seven exploration holes over 200sq/km in the same project area.

"Further heat-flow re-

sults are expected in the first quarter of 2008 as Torrens Energy seeks to define a hot rock province in close proximity to South Australia's existing power infrastructure," chief executive Chris Matthews said.



ENERGISED: Torrens Energy chief executive Chris Matthews holding project plans.

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