

Providence Resources P.L.c. (“Providence” or the “Company”)

PROVIDENCE WINS INTEREST IN MAJOR WEST AFRICAN OIL PROJECT

Providence Resources P.L.c. is pleased to announce that, as part of an international oil company consortium, it has recently successfully bid for participation in Oil Mining Lease 113 (“OML 113”) which contains the Aje oil and gas discovery (“Aje”) in the Benin Basin, offshore Western Nigeria.

The transaction

Under the participation agreement entered into by the members of the consortium, Providence will be entitled to 6.328% of the post-payback revenues from any Aje development. The transaction is subject to the formal approval of the government of Nigeria.

Providence’s strong fellow participants in OML 113 includes Lundin Petroleum (Technical Advisor), Challenger Minerals (part of the GlobalSantaFe Corporation), Palace Exploration Company, Howard Energy, Syntroleum Corporation and Yinka Folawiyo Petroleum. Providence was invited into the bidding consortium as a result of relationships developed with both Challenger Minerals and Palace Exploration during the 2004 Celtic Sea drilling programme on the Blackrock prospect.

History of Aje, OML 113

As reported in the most recent independent technical assessment (completed in October 2004), Aje is located in water depths of between 325 feet and c.3,000 feet and is 15 miles offshore being some 40 miles southwest of Lagos. The discovery well, Aje-1, which was drilled in 1996 encountered oil and gas in reservoirs of Cretaceous age, and flowed at an aggregate rate of 42 MMSCFD and 2,262 BOPD over three zones. An appraisal well, Aje-2, which was drilled in 1997 flowed 3,866 BOPD from an additional zone which had not been tested in the Aje-1 well.

The October 2004 independent technical assessment of Aje indicates that appraisal drilling has the potential to confirm large volumes of commercially viable oil and gas reserves. Appraisal drilling on Aje during 2005 will be undertaken with this objective. OML 113 also contains a number of further large undrilled prospects. The participants have also entered into an Area of Mutual Interest covering areas adjoining OML 113.

Future programme

The participants currently plan to drill at least one and up to two wells on Aje in 2005 with drilling expected to commence during the second or third quarter. Providence’s minimum financial commitment will be met from existing resources.

In addition to oil, Aje also contains a significant volume of natural gas. One of the participants, Syntroleum, may deploy their proprietary Gas to Liquids (“GTL”) technology in order to maximize value from this gas.

Elsewhere Providence continues to actively pursue its activities in the Irish Celtic Sea, Porcupine Basin and onshore and offshore UK. Significant progress continues to be made in these areas as well as in other international pursuits.

Commenting on the announcement, Dr. Brian Hillery, Chairman of Providence said:

“Providence is very pleased to join this strong group on a project of such robust qualities where oil and gas has already been discovered with potential for significant reserves at Aje. In addition there is further significant upside potential in large undrilled prospects within OML 113.”

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Challenger Minerals Inc is a subsidiary of GlobalSantaFe Corporation one of the largest international drilling contractors. www.gsfdrill.com

Palace Exploration Company and Howard Energy Inc are both privately owned US oil exploration and production companies.

Syntroleum Corporation is a US NASDAQ quoted company which owns a proprietary GTL process for converting natural gas to into synthetic liquid hydrocarbons. www.syntroleum.com

Yinka Folawiyo Petroleum (Operator) is a Nigerian indigenous company with significant diverse business activities. www.yinkafolawiyo.com