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

**Providence Awarded 25% Interest in UK Offshore Block
in 23rd Round Licencing Awards**

Providence Resources P.I.c. is pleased to announce that the UK Department of Trade and Industry has awarded Providence (through its 100% UK subsidiary) a 25% interest in Block 210/19(p). The Block forms part of the UK 23rd Seaward Licensing Round awards.

The block is located in Northern North Sea 500 kilometers north east of Aberdeen close to the existing Shell-operated Tern field and is contiguous with Providence's previously awarded 22nd Round acreage (P1197).

Detailed evaluation of existing 3D seismic data over the area has revealed the presence of a number of Upper Jurassic Magnus-age oil prospects within the existing P1197 licence. These oil prospects also trend into the new licence in Block 210/19(p). Providence's partners in the Block are Midmar Energy (55%, Operator) and Sosina Exploration (20%).

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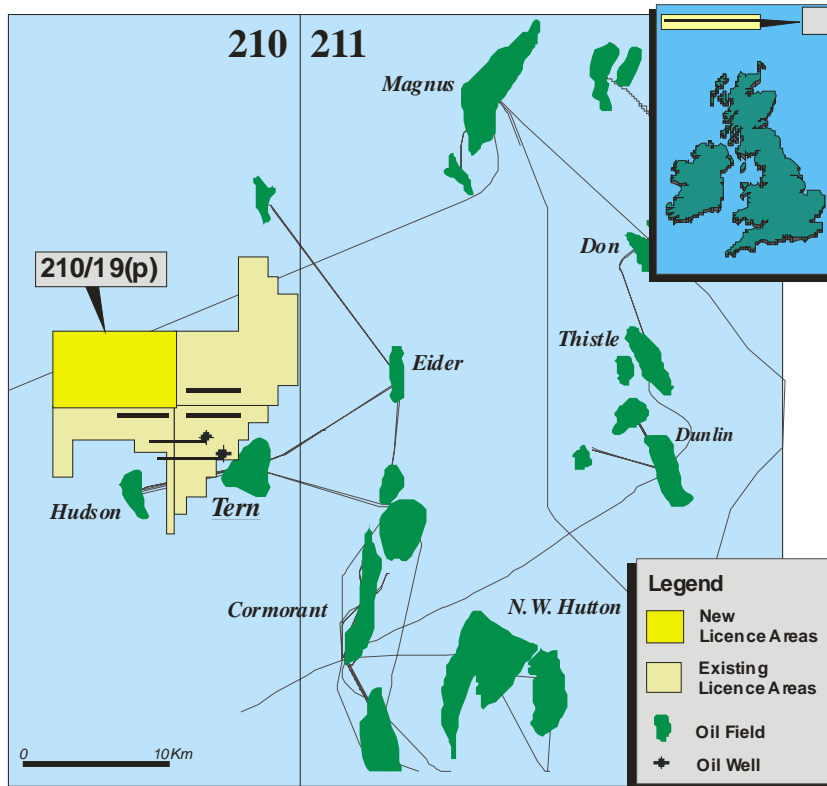
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Location of UK Block 210/19(p)



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About Providence Resources

Providence's active oil and gas portfolio includes interests in Ireland (offshore), the UK (onshore and offshore) and West Africa (offshore Nigeria).

Providence's portfolio is balanced between production, appraisal and exploration assets, as well as being diversified geographically.

Comprehensive information on Providence and its oil and gas portfolio, including the AIM Admission document and Annual Report 2004 are all available from Providence's website at www.providenceresources.com