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Providence Resources Plc ("Providence" or the "Company")

CELTIC SEA TRADING UPDATE

New Celtic Sea Licence, positive OBS survey results and three new farm-out agreements

Providence, the AIM (London) and IEX (Dublin) listed oil & gas exploration and production company, today announces that:

- Providence and its partners have been granted a new exploration licence, Standard Exploration Licence No. 3/07, in the Celtic Sea Basin over the Blackrock discovery;
- Providence has successfully concluded its OBS Survey over the Blackrock oil discovery and the analysed data supports the 2004 post-drill interpretation that additional hydrocarbons may exist between the 2 well control points; and
- Providence has agreed three further farm-out agreements with Dyas BV, P/F Atlantic Petroleum and Forest Gate Resources Inc. over Celtic Sea Licence No 3/07.

Tony O'Reilly Jnr., Chief Executive of Providence Resources said:

"These are extremely exciting developments in our Celtic Sea operations. We are delighted that Atlantic Petroleum, Forest Gate and Dyas have joined us in this licence, in addition to their recent farm-in to Licence 2/07. This licence contains the highly prospective Blackrock oil discovery, where we have just completed a very encouraging OBS survey, the results of which will now be factored into our future drilling programmes.

"All these developments go to the heart of Providence's strategy of continuing to develop and progress its portfolio of exploration, development and production assets. We are hugely encouraged by this progress we have made in the Celtic Sea and very much look forward to continuing to develop our operations there".

New Celtic Sea Exploration Licences

The Irish Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources today announced that he has approved the granting of a new Petroleum Exploration Licence to Providence and its existing partners.

Standard Exploration Licence 3/07 has been granted over part blocks 48/29, 48/30 & 49/26 in the North Celtic Sea Basin. Licence No. 3/07 is a successor licence to Licencing Option 03/1, which contains the "Blackrock" oil discovery.

OBS Survey

The OBS (Ocean Bottom Seismic) survey over the Blackrock oil discovery was carried out on Providence's behalf in November 2006 by the Ocean Bottom Instrument Consortium (OBIC). The data have since been processed and interpreted by OBIC. The results support the post-drill interpretation of the 2004 Blackrock well and indicate the potential presence of additional hydrocarbons between the existing well control points. In addition to the OBS data, multi-channel reflection seismic data were acquired along two transects over the crest of the Blackrock structure. These lines indicate that the crestal area is larger than had been previously mapped and also indicates the possible presence of a gas chimney. These encouraging data will now be factored into the assessment of future drilling plans and locations.

New Farm-Out Agreements

A further three farm-out agreements on Providence's Celtic Sea area interest, held under this new Standard Exploration Licence (SEL) 3/07 are subject to approval from The Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources.

SEL 3/07 which contains the Blackrock oil discovery has recently been successfully surveyed using OBS (see above) technology.

The first agreement covers a farm-out of a 15% equity interest in Licence 3/07 to Dyas BV, a Dutch oil and gas company. Dyas BV is a subsidiary of SHV Holdings NV, a large privately-owned Dutch investment holding company.

The second agreement covers a farm-out of a 10% equity interest in Licence 3/07 to Atlantic Petroleum (Ireland) Limited, a subsidiary of P/F Atlantic Petroleum. P/F Atlantic Petroleum is a Faroe Island based oil and gas exploration company listed on both ICEX (Icelandic) & OMX (Copenhagen) stock markets.

The third agreement covers a farm-out of a 15% equity interest in Licence 3/07 to Forest Gate Resources Inc, a Canadian resource company listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

These farm-outs follow on from the recent announcements where the above companies farmed into Standard Exploration Licence 2/07 on similar equity positions.

Subject to Irish governmental approval of these agreements, Providence's equity stake will reduce to 40% in Licence 3/07, whilst its most recent farm-in partner, Challenger Minerals (Celtic Sea) Limited, (a subsidiary of GlobalSantaFe Corporation) will retain a 15% interest and Midmar Energy Limited, will retain a 5% stake.

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About Providence

Providence Resources P.l.c. is an independent oil and gas exploration company listed on AIM (London) and IEX (Dublin) markets. The Company was founded in 1997, but with roots going back to 1981 when its predecessor company, Atlantic Resources Plc was formed by a group of investors led by Sir Anthony O'Reilly.

Providence's active oil and gas portfolio includes interests in Ireland (offshore), the UK (onshore and offshore), the Gulf of Mexico (USA) and West Africa (offshore Nigeria). Providence's portfolio is balanced between production, appraisal and exploration assets, as well as being diversified geographically.

Recent key corporate announcements include:

- First Farm out Deal Agreed on Spanish Point (announced March 15th, 2007)
- Celtic Sea Farm-out to Forest Gate Resources Inc. (announced February 23rd, 2007)
- Celtic Sea Farm-out to DYAS and Atlantic Petroleum (announced Feb 7th, 2007)
- Grant of Standard Exploration Licence 1/07 and 2/07 offshore Ireland (announced Feb 6th, 2007)
- Award of Licence in UK 24th Seaward Round (announced Feb 2nd, 2007)
- Providence makes oil and gas discovery in Gulf of Mexico (announced Jan 25th, 2007)
- Award of Goban Spur Licencing Option with ExxonMobil & Sosina (announced Nov 1st 2006)
- Secures Rig Slot for 2007 (announced Sept. 25th, 2006)
- 20% Farm-out Deal agreed with CMI on Celtic Sea Licences (announced Sept 5th, 2006)
- Completion of Dunquin Seismic (announced Aug. 8th, 2006)
- Increased production at its Singleton oilfield (announced March 7th, 2006)
- Dunquin Farm-out to ExxonMobil (announced on Feb 13th, 2006) and
- €50 million Revolving Credit Finance Facility with Macquarie (announced on Feb 2nd, 2006).

Comprehensive information on Providence and its oil and gas portfolio, including its 2005 AIM Admission document, 2005 Annual Report, Interim Report 2005 and recent press releases are all available from Providence's website at

Celtic Sea Licence No 3/07

Licence No 3/07 refers to part blocks 48/29, 30 & 49/26 in the North Celtic Sea Basin.

About Dyas BV

Dyas BV is an active investor in oil and gas exploration, development and production joint ventures, always as a non-operator, with a focus on onshore the Netherlands and the North Sea. The size of Dyas equity in joint ventures ranges from 1 - 50%, and is normally between 10 - 20 %. Net 2006 developed oil and gas reserves are some 43 million bbl oil equivalent, split approximately 50/50 in oil and gas, with a daily production level of 17,500 bbl oil equivalent. For more details, please see www.dyas.nl

The company is a 100 % subsidiary of the privately owned SHV Holdings NV. In 1896 a group of leading Dutch coal importers founded the Steenkolen Handels Vereeniging NV (Coal Trading Association), which was a merger between a number of large coal trading companies, some of which had been active since the 18th century. Today SHV's activities involve trade and distribution in LPG (SHV Gas), trade in food and non food consumer articles (Makro), provision of venture capital (NPM Capital), trade in and production of raw materials (Recycling) and exploration and production of oil and gas (Dyas). For further details, please see www.SHV.nl.

About P/F Atlantic Petroleum

P/F Atlantic Petroleum was formed in 1998 by 18 private Faroese investors to become the Faroes' first independent upstream oil and gas company. Its corporate shareholders represent most of the major Faroese business sectors. The Company is a public company listed on the Iceland Stock Exchange and the OMX Copenhagen Exchange. Atlantic Petroleum currently participates in exploration on the Faroese Continental Shelf and exploration, appraisal and development in the UK sector of the North Sea. Atlantic Petroleum currently participates in three Faroese licences, and in seven licences in UK waters, four exploration licences, and three oilfield assets which will be developed in the near future. For more details, please see www.petroleum.fo.

About Forest Gate Resources Inc

Forest Gate is a publicly traded mineral exploration company with diamond properties in Canada. The company's shares trade under the symbol FGT on the TSX Venture Exchange. Forest Gate continues to own diamond properties in Saskatchewan and Quebec. However, the company plans to focus on oil and gas exploration both internationally and domestically.