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PROVIDENCE RESOURCES P.L.C.

CELTIC SEA 2007 DRILLING UPDATE

- **SITE SURVEY NOW COMPLETED**
- **HOOK HEAD DRILLING CONFIRMED FOR AUGUST 2007**

Providence, the AIM (London) and IEX (Dublin) listed oil and gas exploration and production company, is pleased to announce that it has completed site surveying in preparation for its Summer 2007 Celtic Sea drilling programme. Using the R.V. Ocean Researcher, Gardline Geosurveys Ltd carried out the site survey over two well locations on the Hook Head structure.

Providence is also pleased to confirm that it has now been advised that Island Oil and Gas plc has taken delivery of the semi-submersible drilling rig, Petrolia, which they have secured for operating their summer drilling programme. As per its agreement with Island, Providence and its partners now expect to take delivery of the Petrolia rig at the beginning of August 2007, when a 50-day drilling programme over Hook Head in the Celtic Sea will commence.

Commenting on today's announcement, Tony O'Reilly Jnr., Chief Executive of Providence Resources P.l.c., said:

"I am pleased that we have now successfully completed our site surveys and that all aspects of the summer drilling programme can now be finalised. This will be a very exciting period for Providence and I look forward to updating you further over the next few months."

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About Providence

Providence Resources P.l.c. is an independent oil and gas exploration company traded on the 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:

- Preliminary Results for the Period ended 31st December, 2006 (announced April 18th, 2007)
- Placing of 368.2 million new Ordinary Shares to raise €25.774 million (US\$34.6 million) (announced April 11th, 2007)
- Extension to Apollo Licensing Option 05/03, St. George's Channel (announced April 5th, 2007)
- Acquisition of Majority Stake in Singleton (announced April 2nd, 2007)
- Ireland 2007 Celtic Sea Drilling Programme (announced March 30th, 2007)
- Celtic Sea Licence 3/07, OBS Survey & 3 Farm ins (announced March 28th, 2007)
- Initial Farm out at Spanish Point (announced March 15th, 2007)
- Celtic Sea Farm-out to Forest Gate Resources Inc. (announced Feb 23rd, 2007)
- Celtic Sea Farm-out to DYAS and Atlantic Petroleum (announced Feb 7th, 2007)
- Grant of Irish Standard Exploration Licence 1/07 & 2/07 (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 www.providenceresources.com

About Hook Head

Providence holds a 40% interest and is operator of SEL 2/07 in the Celtic Sea which contains the Hook Head Prospect. In September 2006, the Company announced that it had successfully secured a 50-day slot on the Petrolia Rig for Summer 2007 drilling in the Celtic Sea. Subsequently, the Company announced a series of farm-outs to industry partners (comprising Challenger Minerals Inc, PF Atlantic Petroleum, ForestGate Resources Inc and Dyas BV), diluting its equity stake in the Licence from 95% to 40%.

The Hook Head structure is a large mid-basinal anticline where two previous wells have successfully encountered hydrocarbon-bearing sands. The original IRL50/11-1 discovery well, which was drilled by Marathon in 1971, logged c. 100 feet of hydrocarbons in five sandstone units of Lower Cretaceous age. The well was not flow-tested due to severe operational issues at the time. The subsequent IRL50/11-2 appraisal well, which was drilled by Marathon in 1975, was drilled as a delineation well at the down-dip edge of the structure.

Post-drill mapping by Marathon indicated that the crest of the structure is located to the north-east of the IRL50/11-1 discovery well, which is further supported by the seismic data acquired by Providence in 2006. This crestal location is some 2 km northeast of the IRL50/11-1 well and is thought to be c. 70 metres structurally higher than the original discovery well. The most recent in-house volumetric estimates suggest that the Hook Head discovery could contain contingent resources of up to c.70 MMBO or 250 BSCFG.

Sub-surface work continues on the other prospects contained within Licence 2/07 (Ardmore, Helvick and Dunmore) and subject to the results of the Hook Head appraisal well, certain integrated development options may be pursued.