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

CELTIC SEA TRADING UPDATE

DRILLING OF HOOK HEAD WELL COMMENCES

Providence, the AIM (London) and IEX (Dublin) listed oil & gas exploration and production company, today announces that it has commenced drilling its Hook Head appraisal well, located in Standard Exploration Licence 2/07 in the North Celtic Sea Basin. Using the Petrolia semi-submersible rig, drilling operations on the 50/11-3 well commenced at approximately 20:45 on Friday, August 17th.

Partners in the Hook Head well are:

Providence Resources Plc (Operator)	40%
Challenger Minerals (Celtic Sea) Limited	15%
Dyas BV	15%
Forest Gate Resources Inc	15%
Atlantic Petroleum (Ireland) Limited	10%
Sosina Exploration Limited *	5%

It is anticipated that the complete drilling programme will take up to 50** days.

* *Farm in subject to Ministerial Consent*

***This includes a provision for comprehensive wireline logging and testing.*

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

"We are pleased to announce the commencement of drilling operations at Hook Head. This is an exciting time for Providence and we look forward to the outcome of this drilling programme".

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About Providence

Providence Resources Plc is an independent oil and gas exploration company listed on the AIM market in London and on Dublin's IEX market. 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 United Kingdom (onshore and offshore), the United States (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 all press releases, annual reports and interim reports are available from Providence's website at www.providenceresources.com.

About Hook Head

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 indicates 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 well. The most recent in-house volumetric estimates suggest that the Hook Head discovery could contain prospective resources of up to c.70 MMBO or 250 BSCFG REC.

Celtic Sea Licence 2/07

Licence No 2/07 refers to part blocks 49/22, 49/23, 48/29, 48/30, 49/26, 49/27, 49/28, 49/8, 49/9, 49/13, 49/14, 50/6,50/7 and 50/11 in the North Celtic Sea Basin.