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## **PROVIDENCE CONFIRMS SINGLETON DRILLING PROGRAMME AND BOOSTS FIELD OIL RESOURCES**

- **FIRST STAGE OF FIELD REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME TO COMMENCE WITH THE DRILLING OF THE SNX-SWD HORIZONTAL WELL IN Q1 2009**
- **PRELIMINARY THIRD PARTY MODELLING INCREASES SINGLETON ORIGINAL OIL IN-PLACE RESOURCES BY UP TO C. 50% TO 107 MMBO**
- **MODELLING SUPPORTS POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT REMAINING UNSWEPT OIL RESERVES IN THE SINGLETON FIELD**

Providence Resources P.l.c., the AIM and IEX listed exploration and production company, is pleased to provide an update on activities at its Singleton Field in the Weald Basin, onshore United Kingdom.

Providence recently commissioned a number of studies as part of the planned redevelopment for enhanced production of the Singleton Field which included static deterministic resource modelling carried out by RPS Energy. The main aim of this modelling was to understand the detailed distribution of oil within the field and to highlight any areas which may be currently bypassed by the existing wells. The preliminary results of the study, which suggest an original oil in-place resource of up to c. 107 MMBO, a 50% increase over previous estimates, are presently being incorporated and tested in a new dynamic simulation model of the field.

Current production is c. 500 BOPD and c. 1.2 MSCFGD\* (c. 700 BOEPD) from six wells. Since production commenced in 1986, the field has produced c. 3.7 MMBO, which represents a recovery factor to date of c. 3.5%. Published data from similar fields in the area suggest an ultimate recovery factor of up to c. 10% should be achievable which means there is up to c. 7 MMBO of potential remaining reserves. The first stage of the redevelopment of the Singleton Field is due to commence in Quarter 1 2009 with the drilling of the SNX-SWD horizontal development well, which is targeting one of a number of areas highlighted in the recent modelling. In addition, several well stimulation programmes are planned for the existing wells together with facilities upgrades.

The total increase in production from these initial redevelopment activities is estimated to be c. 300 BOEPD taking total field production to c. 1,000 BOEPD.

Providence holds a 99.125% interest in the Singleton Field, with Noble Energy holding the remaining 0.875%.

Speaking today, Tony O'Reilly, Chief Executive of Providence, said:

"The initial results of this new resource modelling study have given further impetus to our planned redevelopment programme for the Singleton Field as they have significantly increased the original in-place resource estimate thereby boosting the remaining reserve potential. The commencement of drilling of the SNX-SWD development well will be the next milestone in the field redevelopment process and this, together with the planned stimulation programme and facilities upgrades should allow us to further increase the field's reserves. I look forward to updating you on these activities in the future."

\* Only a small proportion of the produced gas is used for operations, with the remaining portion currently being flared. The Company is in the process of finalising plans to monetize this flared gas.

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## **Notes to Editors**

### **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 (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 all press releases, annual reports and interim reports are available from Providence's website at [www.providenceresources.com](http://www.providenceresources.com).

### **About Singleton**

The Singleton Oil Field is located 7 km north of Chichester in the onshore licence PL 240 in the Weald Basin in the south of England. The field consists of two east west trending elongate horst blocks divided by a narrow graben. The wells produce from the Jurassic-aged Great Oolite formation, consisting predominantly of oolitic grainstones deposited during transgressive/regressive episodes. The produced oil is a 37° API gravity crude and is trucked to the Holybourne Rail terminal.

### **Terms used in this Announcement**

MMBO	Millions of Barrels of Oil
MMBOE	Millions of Barrels of Oil Equivalent
BOPD	Barrels of Oil per Day
BOEPD	Barrels of Oil Equivalent per Day
MSCFGD	Millions of Standard Cubic Feet of Gas per Day

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