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## **Faroe Petroleum plc (“Faroe Petroleum”, “Faroe” or the “Company”)**

### **Successful testing of the Breagh horizontal Well**

Faroe Petroleum, the independent oil and gas company focusing principally on exploration, appraisal and undeveloped field opportunities in the Atlantic Margin, the North Sea and Norway, is pleased to announce the successful testing of the 42/13-5 and 42/13-5z wells on the Breagh gas field, located in the UK Southern North Sea Gas basin (Faroe 10%).

The well tested dry gas at a maximum rate of 26 million standard cubic feet per day (mmscfd) from a number of perforations at various intervals along a horizontal sand section of 1,200 feet and confirms the economic benefits of utilising conventional horizontal wells in the development of the field. The well will be suspended as a future production well.

The well test results will now be incorporated into the partnership’s reservoir model to optimise the well requirements for the development. The operator’s geological mapping work, which will be updated for the results of the 42/13 - 5 and 5z wells, is expected to show an increase in gross rock volume in excess of 20% to its previous estimate.

#### **Graham Stewart, Chief Executive of Faroe Petroleum commented:**

“We are very pleased to confirm that all of the objectives set for the appraisal of the Breagh field during the 2008 drilling campaign have been achieved. Additional gas was proved up with the 42/13-4 well, and the operator has now drilled and tested the 42/13-5z well bringing the Breagh Field one step closer to development.”

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Trine Bjørvik, who has a degree in Petroleum Engineering from Rogaland Regional College 1982 and an MBA from the Norwegian School of Business and Administration is Asset Manager at Faroe Petroleum, has been involved in the energy industry for more than 25 years and has read and approved the technical disclosure in this regulatory announcement.

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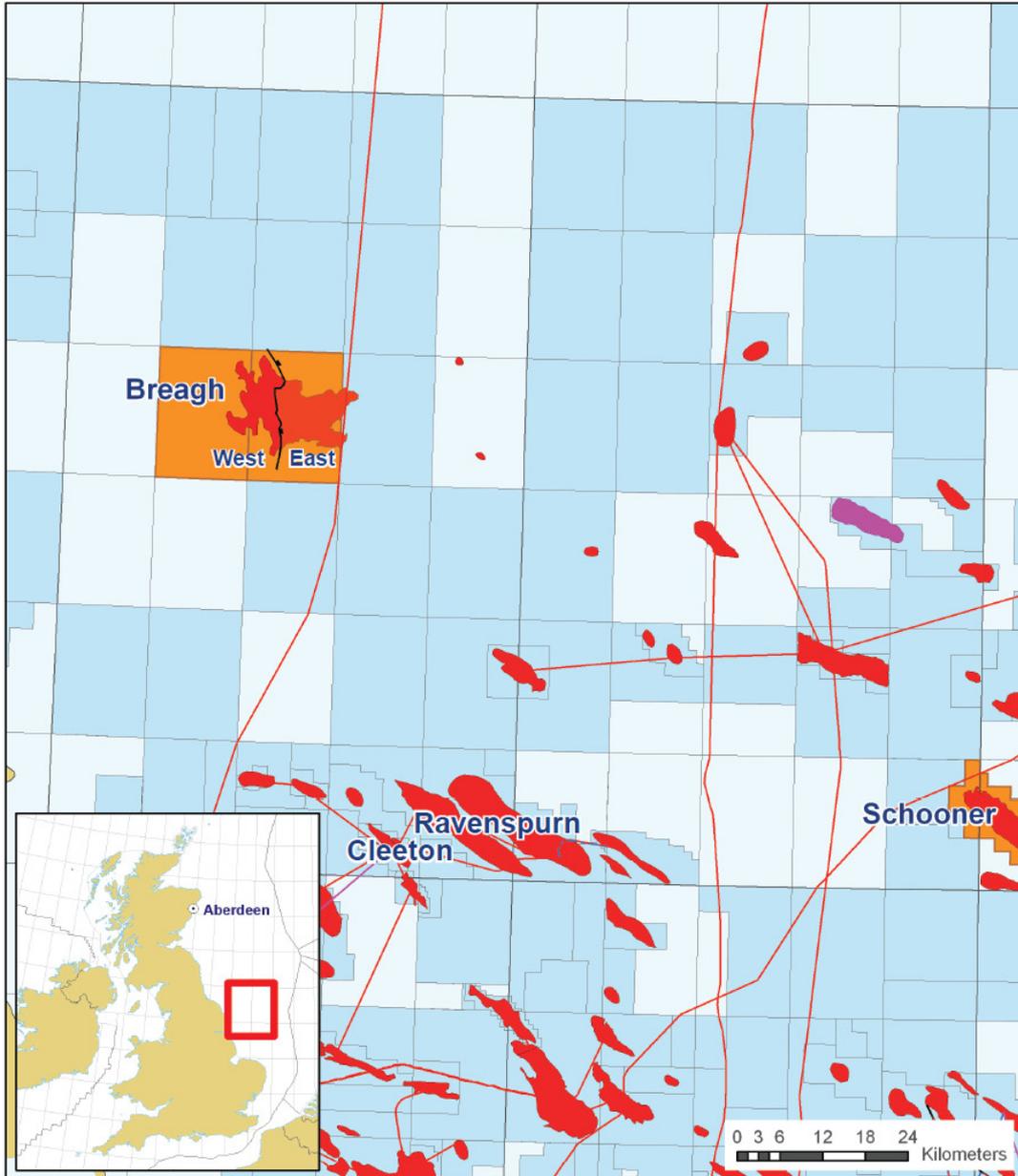
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Location of Breagh Gas Field



**Notes to Editors**

The Company is actively building a balanced portfolio of operated and non-operated exploration and appraisal properties, with significant stakes and an active work programme. Faroe Petroleum has through successive licence applications and acquisitions built a substantial portfolio of exploration, appraisal and development assets across the Atlantic Margin, the UK and Norwegian North Sea and the Norwegian Sea. The licence portfolio provides considerable spread of risk and reward, encompasses over fifty licences with eight licences West of Shetlands, six licences offshore the Faroe Islands, six licences in the Moray Firth area of the UK Central North Sea, eleven licences in the Southern gas basin and twenty three licences in the Norwegian North Sea and Norwegian Sea. Faroe Petroleum joint venture partners include BP, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, DONG, DSM, Eni, E.ON Ruhrgas, GDF, Oilexco, OMV, RWE, Shell and Statoil all of which have an outstanding track record in oil and gas exploration and development.

The Company is well financed and is pursuing an active, fully funded drilling programme with wells in each of its core areas being drilled over the coming 18 months.

Faroe Petroleum is quoted on the AIM Market of the London Stock Exchange with offices in Aberdeen, Stavanger and Torshavn. The Company has a highly experienced team of professionals focused on creating exceptional value for its shareholders.