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Faroe Petroleum plc (“Faroe”, the “Company”)

West of Shetland Glenlivet well commences

Faroe Petroleum plc, 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 that drilling has commenced on the Glenlivet prospect (Faroe 10%), west of Shetlands.

Glenlivet is a large Palaeocene gas prospect in a proven play, situated approximately 15 kilometres from the proposed Laggan gas export pipeline to Sullom Voe in the Shetland Islands. The prospect is an analogue to other undeveloped gas discoveries in the vicinity. A discovery at Glenlivet could become a significant part of the planned new UK gas gathering system for the West of Shetland area, for which the Total operated Laggan field is the focal point. Glenlivet operator DONG E&P (UK) Ltd (“DONG E&P”) is also a 20% equity partner within the Laggan field development project.

Faroe acquired the Glenlivet interest in 2008 through a like for like swap arrangement with DONG E&P where Faroe exchanged 10% of Faroe’s Glenshee licence (covering West of Shetlands blocks 217/21,22,26 and 216/30) for 10% of DONG E&P’s Glenlivet licence (block 214/30).

The drilling operation, to be undertaken by the operator DONG E&P using the Transocean Rather semi-submersible drilling rig, is expected to take approximately 40 days.

Graham Stewart, Chief Executive of Faroe, commented:

“The Glenlivet well is an exciting high impact exploration prospect from our strategically significant West of Shetland acreage and is part of a 2009 two well drilling programme which Faroe is currently undertaking in this area. The other west of Shetland well we are scheduled to drill this year is the Tornado exploration well, which is expected to commence in the next few weeks, upon which a further announcement will be made in due course.

“These two wells are part of Faroe’s firm and funded nine well exploration programme to be drilled over the next 24 months”.

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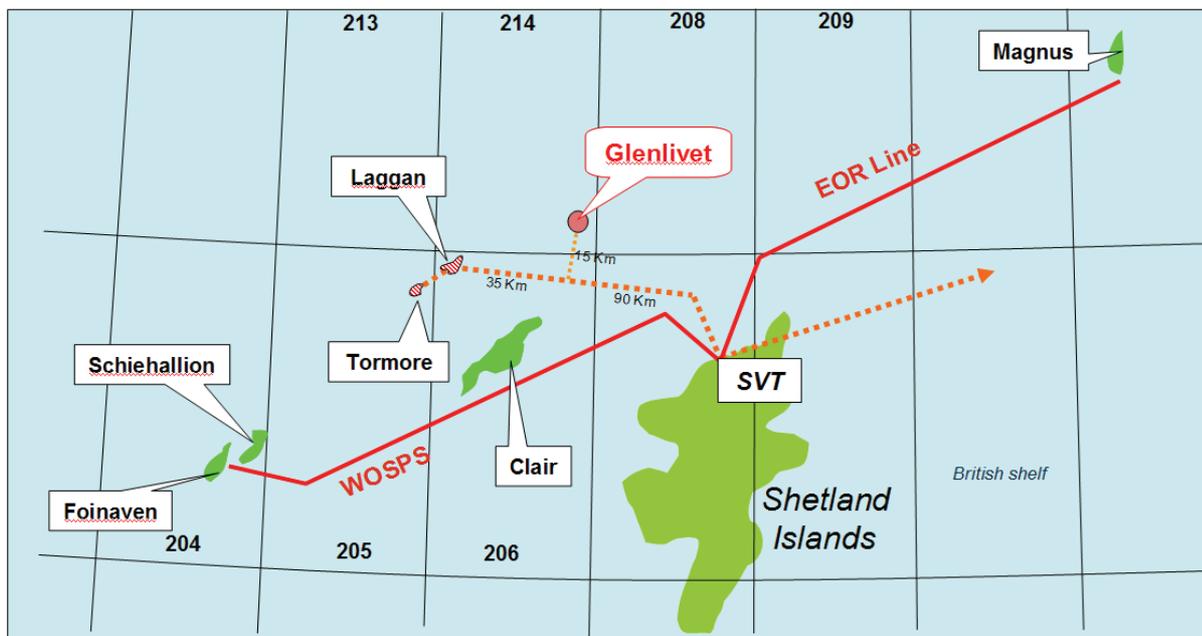
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James Jordan, who is a Geophysicist (with a BSc and MSc in Geology from University College London), is Faroe Petroleum's Exploration Manager for UK and the Faroe Islands and who has been involved in the energy industry for more than 19 years, has read and approved the technical disclosure in this regulatory announcement.



Location map showing the Glenlivet prospect and proximity to possible Laggan and Tormore gas export pipeline route

Notes to Editors

The Company is actively building a balanced portfolio of exploration, appraisal and production 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, development and production 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, encompassing nearly 50 licences with eight licences West of Shetlands, six licences offshore the Faroe Islands, two licences in the Moray Firth area of the UK Central North Sea, nine licences in the Southern gas basin and 21 licences in the Norwegian North Sea, Norwegian Sea and Barents Sea. In addition Faroe has interests in five producing oil and gas interests in the UK and Norway. Faroe Petroleum's joint venture partners include BP, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, DONG, DSM, Eni, E.ON Ruhrgas, GDF, OMV, RWE Dea, Shell and Statoil all of which have an outstanding track record in oil and gas exploration and development.

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.