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

Drilling of west of Shetland Tornado exploration 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 Tornado prospect (Faroe 7.5% working Interest), west of Shetlands.

Tornado is an oil prospect, located 130 km west of the Shetlands Islands in 1,100m of water adjacent to the undeveloped BP-operated Sulven field, and within tie-back distance of the producing Schiehallion oil field.

Faroe was awarded the Tornado interest under the UKCS 22nd Licensing Round and in May 2007 farmed down on promoted terms half of its 20% interest to Idemitsu E&P UK Limited. This was in line with Faroe’s strategy of farming-out the majority of drilling costs to reduce its cost exposure whilst retaining material remaining interests.

Following the farmout, Faroe holds a 10% interest in Block P.1190 (Block 204/13) which represents a 7.5% working interest in the Tornado prospect under the terms of a joint activity agreement with the adjacent licence holders (P.1262, Block 204/14b).

The drilling operation is to be undertaken by the operator OMV (UK) Ltd using the Stena Carron drillship.

Graham Stewart, Chief Executive of Faroe Petroleum commented:

“We are very pleased to announce the start of the drilling operations on the Tornado prospect. Tornado is the second well to be drilled in the firm five-well Atlantic Margin exploration drilling programme which Faroe is undertaking, and follows on from our very recent Glenlivet discovery which is currently being appraised with a side-track well.

“Following Tornado, we are scheduled to drill three further high impact exploration wells in the Atlantic margin, namely the Anne Marie oil prospect in the Faroes (operated by Eni), the Cardhu oil prospect in the UK (operated by BP) and the Lagavulin oil prospect in the UK (operated by Chevron)”.

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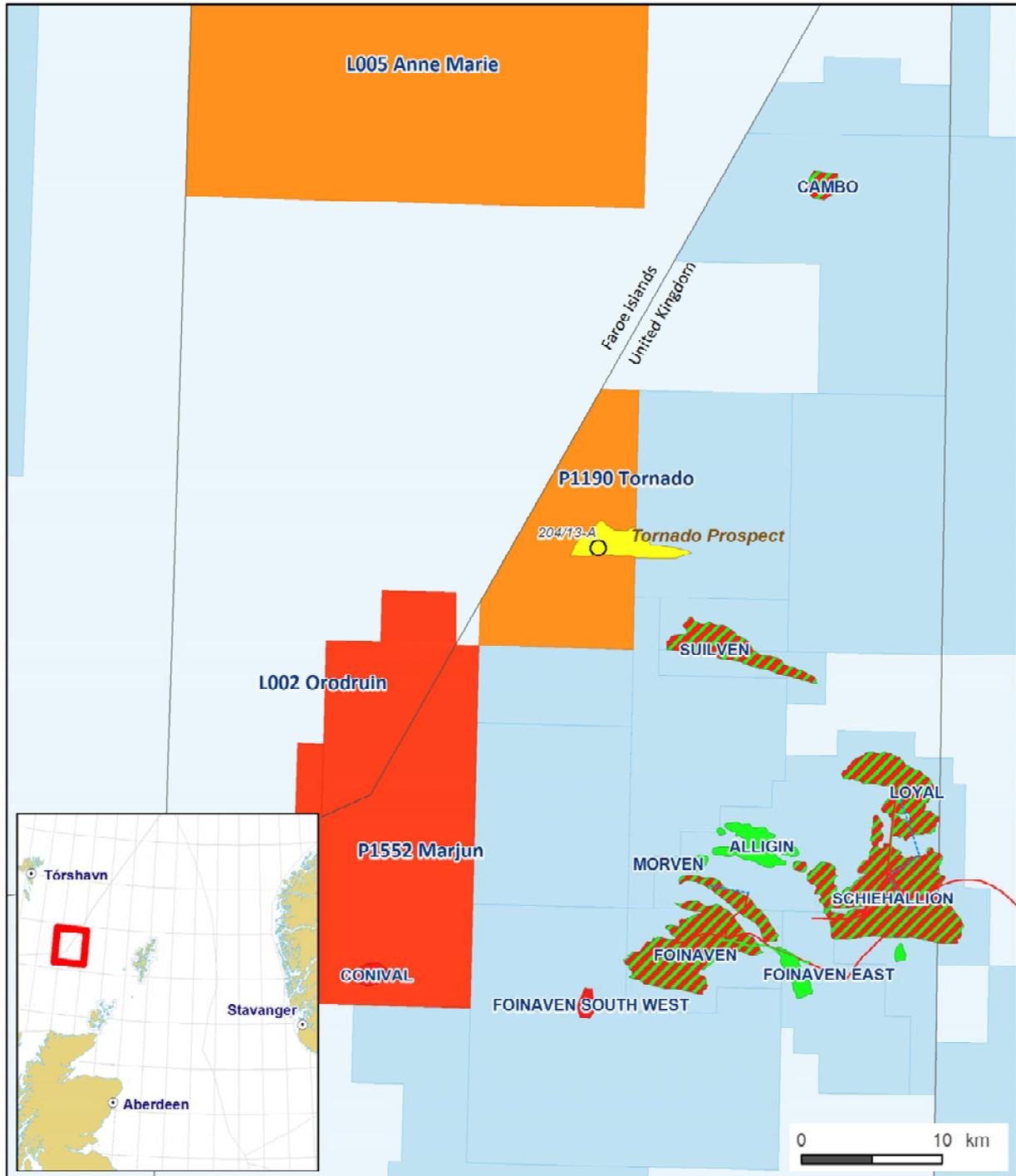
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Location map showing the Tornado prospect





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.

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 19 licences in the Norwegian North Sea, Norwegian Sea and Barents Sea. In addition Faroe has interests in five producing oil and gas fields 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.