

AFRICA

- **Circle Oil** announced that the Al Amir SE-1 sidetrack well was drilled in the onshore North West Gemsa concession in Egypt. The concession covers an area of more than 400 km² and is 300 km southeast of Cairo. The company confirmed a discovery in the Kareem formation sandstones, with the well testing at sustained rates of 3,388 BOPD and 4.25 MMscf/D. The well is currently being completed as a potential producer. Circle Oil holds 40% interest in the concession while partners **Vegas Oil and Gas**, operator, holds 50% and **Premier Oil** holds 10% interest.
- **Sirte Oil** discovered oil in Libya's Ghadames basin. Oil and gas were discovered in the Tannezuft sands at a depth of 10,662 ft. Oil flows at a rate of 1,725 BOPD and gas at a rate of 0.25 MMscf/D. The wildcat well A1-NC216A is located in Block NC216A, 310 km southwest of Tripoli. This is the first discovery and the first well drilled by Sirte Oil in this block.
- **Sonangol** and **BP Exploration (Angola)** announced the Dione oil discovery in ultradeepwater Block 31, offshore Angola. The discovery is located 9 km to the southwest of the Juno-1 discovery. Dione was drilled in a water depth of 1696 m, 390 km northwest of Luanda and reached a total depth of 3272 m below sea level. The well test results confirmed the capacity of the reservoir to flow in excess of 5,000 BOPD under production conditions.
- **Eni** and **Sonangol** made an oil discovery in Block 15/06, offshore Angola. The discovery well Ngoma-1, located 350 km from Luanda, was drilled in 1421 m of water to a total vertical depth of 3383 m, encountering an oil column of 127 m in high-permeability Miocene sands.
- **Verenex Energy** confirmed an oil and gas discovery at G1-47/02 well in Area 47 in the Ghadames basin in Libya. The well is located in Block 2 and was drilled and cased to a depth of 10,645 ft in the Memouniat formation. Extended flow tests were

carried out on the well from a total of 12 ft of perforations in a sandstone interval in the Lower Acacus formation. The test yielded a maximum measured flow rate of 4,167 BOPD of light sweet crude oil and 2.0 MMcf/D of natural gas.

ASIA

- **CNOOC** made a discovery in Bohai Bay. The discovery well BZ35-2-2 has successfully completed its drilling process. BZ35-2-2 is located to the east of Yellow River Mouth sag. The well penetrated oil pay zones with total thickness of 31.2 m, and was drilled to a total depth of 3235 m in a water depth of 20 m. During the drillstem test, the well was tested to flow at an average rate of 560 BOPD from the oil zones and 32,000 ft³/D of gas.
- **Coastal Energy** spudded the Songkhla A-01 well in the Songkhla field located in Block G5/43, offshore Thailand. The company plans to drill Songkhla A-01 to a total depth of 8,500 ft true vertical depth.

AUSTRALIA

- The **North West Shelf Venture's** Angel platform is operational and is producing gas for processing at its Karratha gas plant in Western Australia. Located 120 km northwest of Karratha, the Angel platform is in 80 m of water with a production capacity of 800 MMscf/D of raw gas and up to 50,000 B/D of condensate.

EUROPE

- **Sterling Resources** announced the successful drilling of the East Breagh well located in Block 42/13 in the UK North Sea. Sterling Resources, operator of the block, holds a 45% interest. The well was drilled to a final depth of 8,000 ft true vertical depth subsea with gas shows of up to 20% while coring and drilling.
- **StatoilHydro** spudded the exploration well 15/9-F-15 S on the Volve South prospect from the combined drilling and production platform, Maersk Inspirer, at the Volve field on the Norwegian continental shelf.

The well will be drilled as a deviated well. The planned total depth of the well is 3100 m.

MIDDLE EAST

- **Gulf sands Petroleum** started drilling operations on the Yousefieh-1 exploration well in Syria. The Yousefieh-1 well, located in Block 26, is planned to be drilled to a total vertical depth of 2300 m, and will target Cretaceous-aged reservoirs identified within a structure located adjacent to the Khurbet East oil field. The well is designed to evaluate the potential of a newly identified play type within the Cretaceous reservoir system.

NORTH AMERICA

- **BP** made an oil discovery at its Freedom Prospect in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico. The well, located in Mississippi Canyon Block 948, 70 miles southeast of the Louisiana coast, is in 6,100 ft of water. The well was drilled to a total depth of 29,280 ft and encountered more than 550 net ft of hydrocarbon-bearing sands in Middle and Lower Miocene reservoirs. Appraisal will be required to determine the size and commerciality of the discovery.

SOUTH AMERICA

- **Antrim** announced the successful testing of well LF-1010 in the Los Flamencos gas field in Tierra del Fuego, Argentina. Stabilized gas rates of 10 MMcf/D were recorded from the Springhill reservoir. Pressures were consistent with original reservoir pressure. Antrim's working interest in the Tierra del Fuego concession is 25.78%.
- **Petrobras** made three oil discoveries. The company discovered traces of oil in the ES-T-418 Block in the Espirito Santo basin, the BC-60 Block in the Campos basin, and the BM-S-12 Block in the Santos basin. The ES-T-418 Block is on land, with the discovery made at an undisclosed depth. The discoveries in the BC-60 and BM-S-12 Blocks were made offshore, according to the National Petroleum Agency. **JPT**



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