

AFRICA

- **Dana Gas** announced a gas and condensate discovery in its Egyptian concessions. The Al Tawil-1 exploratory well reached a total measured depth of 3163 m in the Qawasim formation. The well, located in the West Manzala concession, encountered 34 m of net hydrocarbons pay in the Qawasim sandstone reservoirs with excellent porosity and permeability. The well flowed at a daily rate of 23.5 MMscf of gas and 1,027 bbl of condensate.
- **OMV** announced the discovery and successful testing of condensate and gas in its Sourour-1 exploration well in the Jenein Sud exploration permit in southern Tunisia. The well reached a total depth of 4013 m and encountered a total of 20 m net gas and condensate pay in several layers at depths ranging from 3700 to 3950 m.
- **InterOil** announced that the Ebony-1 exploration well offshore Ghana in the Tano Shallow license was spudded. The well will target the turbiditic sandstones of Upper Cretaceous age. The well is located 30 km from shore in 87 m of water and will be drilled vertically down to a total depth of 2800 m subsea.
- **Apache** reported that the WKAL-C-1X discovery on the West Kalabsha concession established the western-most production in Egypt's Western Desert. The well flowed 4,746 BOPD and 4.4 MMcf/D of gas in a test of the Jurassic Safa formation. The WKAL-C-1X, located in the Faghur basin and 50 miles east of the Libyan border, was drilled to a total depth of 14,600 ft.

ASIA

- **Total** made a gas and condensate discovery in Block B offshore Brunei, in a water depth of 62 m, 50 km from the coast. Drilled to a depth of 5227 m, the ML-4 well discovered a gas-bearing compartment in the Maharaja Lela/Jamalulalam field. A gas column of more than 400 m was encountered.

- **IPR Energy Red Sea** made its second oil discovery in North Ramadan concession located in the Gulf of Suez. The discovery well, NR-2, was drilled to a total depth of 11,700 ft measured depth in the Lower Miocene Mheiherrat formation. Tests of the reservoir produced up to 800 BOPD and 0.50 MMscf/D on natural flow with no water.

AUSTRALIA

- **Beach Petroleum** made a natural gas discovery in the Cooper basin in South Australia, intersecting a high-quality gas sand in the Brownlow-1 wildcat exploration well. Beach Petroleum will evaluate additional hydrocarbon shows in the basal Patchawarra formation by a drillstem test over the interval 2715 to 2722 m, before casing the well for production.
- **Nexus** announced that the Libra-1 exploration well in exploration permit AC/P41 in the Browse basin, offshore Western Australia, was spudded. The well is expected to intersect the target reservoir and is testing near-field exploration potential around the greater Crux area. Nexus' estimate of predrill most-likely gross recoverable resource for Libra-1 stands at 500 Bcf of gas and 19 million bbl of condensate.

EUROPE

- **Cirrus Energy Nederland** drilled the Q14-3 exploration well to a true vertical depth of 3020 m subsea. The well, located in offshore Netherlands Block Q14 in 18 m of water, was designed to test a well-defined fault block with the primary target being Triassic-aged Bunter sandstone reservoirs with secondary potential in Permian-aged Zechstein sandstone reservoirs.
- **StatoilHydro** confirmed hydrocarbons in an exploration well, drilled in Block 7222/11, in the Caurus prospect in the Barents Sea, 160 km north-northwest of Hammerfest in north Norway. Hydrocarbons were confirmed in sandstone of Middle and Late Triassic age.

- **Zeta**, operator, announced that the Duzce-1 exploration well started drilling in the Duzce South license in northern Turkey. The objective of the well is to evaluate the gas production potential of the Caycuma formation between 760 and 1000 m. The Duzce South license is located directly onshore from the producing South Akcakoca offshore gas field.
- **Incremental Petroleum** announced that Atesler-1 in southeast Turkey spudded. **TransAtlantic Petroleum** is the operator and is fully funding the drilling of the well to 3200 m. Incremental Petroleum will retain a 40% equity in the prospect.

NORTH AMERICA

- **Murphy Oil** announced the results of two recent exploration wells in the eastern Gulf of Mexico. A discovery was made at its Dalmatian exploration well with a bottomhole location in De Soto Canyon Block 48, while its Manhattan exploration well located in Lloyd Ridge 511 was unsuccessful and has been plugged and abandoned. The Dalmatian well was drilled just under 5,900 ft of water and found 120 ft measured depth of net high-quality natural gas pay. Plans are to develop the well as a subsea tieback to existing infrastructure in the area.
- **Atlas Oil and Gas** completed the drilling of its first oil well in Oklahoma. The completion marks the end of drilling and the beginning of the oil production phase. The well, Eric Foust No. 1-9, is located in Pawnee County.

SOUTH AMERICA

- **Petrominerales** announced that its Corcel-C3 exploration well is producing at rates in excess of 9,700 BOPD from 23 ft of high-quality sand in the Guadalupe formation in Colombia. Petrominerales installed an electric submersible pump in the well and plans to ramp the production up to the pump's capacity of 11,000 bbl of fluid per day.

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