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AWARD OF EXPLORATION BLOCK L44/43 AND NEW PRODUCTION LICENCE

Carnarvon Petroleum NL ("Carnarvon") is pleased to announce that the SW1A Joint participants have been awarded petroleum exploration licence L44/43 consisting of square km surrounding the SW1A Concession, onshore in Central Thailand, and Pro II (PL II).

Block L44/43 includes at least seven highly ranked prospects and leads identified or and 3D seismic grid.

The Joint Venture Operator, Pacific Tiger, applied for L44/43 in March 2000. Pursua of the Farmin Agreement in which Carnarvon acquired a 40% interest in the SW1A (Company is entitled to participate in L44/43 subject to it contributing to the costs of a exploration licence. The value to be contributed by Carnarvon is US\$30,000 and the intends to exercise its option to participate in L44/43.

The Joint Venture Operator has also been formally advised of the award of the Wich This new licence area includes the shut-in WB-N1 oil well.

PL II also includes the Haui Phai prospect which forms part of the Phase III Develop Huai Phai is now considered highly prospective for oil based on the recent results frowell which was drilled two days ago. WB-N5 discovered hydrocarbons in a new deel is believed to be in the same fault block as Huai Phai.

Carnarvon Petroleum NL is a listed junior oil and gas exploration and production cor Carnarvon has a 40% interest in the SW1A Concession in Thailand, and reserves in Guinea and the North West Shelf of Australia. Carnarvon's Joint Venture partner in 1 Concession is Pacific Tiger Energy Inc.

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