

news release

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PEP 53473 Takapou

Petroleum Exploration Permit 53473 'Takapou' has been returned to the Crown after the partners opted not to commit to drilling a well, which would have been required by March 2016.

New Zealand Oil & Gas acquired a 50 per cent interest in the permit and became operator in 2012. Octanex NL also held a 50 per cent interest.

New Zealand Oil & Gas continues to believe there is prospectivity in the Takapou permit, but the market perceived the prospects as partially dependent on the outcome of the Oi well earlier this year. In the absence of a smaller financial interest in the permit, the company believes a drill commitment would not fit the balance of risk and reward it seeks in its New Zealand portfolio.

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