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### Ocean Rig Athena drill ship commences mobilisation to Senegal

- Ocean Rig Athena departed Angola for Senegal
- Drilling expected to commence late October

The Ocean Rig Athena drill ship has commenced mobilisation from Luanda, Angola in preparation for the appraisal and exploration drilling program in FAR's highly prospective blocks, offshore Senegal.

The SNE discovery made in late 2014 will be appraised with the first two wells in the three well drilling program. SNE was ranked by IHS CERA as the world's largest oil discovery for 2014 and a key aim of the appraisal program will be proving the threshold economic field size which FAR estimates is in the order of 200 mmbbls for a foundation project.

The firm drilling program will include a coring and testing program, two appraisal wells for SNE (SNE-2 and SNE-3) plus one shelf exploration well (BEL-1) to further evaluate the shelf area prospectivity. The three wells will be drilled, logged, cored and tested in a program expected to be completed by mid-2016.

BEL-1 will be the first exploration well to be drilled in the blocks following the discoveries in the FAN-1 and SNE-1 wells. This well will be aimed at building the resource base within tie-back range of a possible future hub development over the SNE field. It will be drilled into the Bellatrix Prospect which has been mapped by FAR to contain 168 mmbbls\* of oil on a gross, unrisked, prospective resource basis (*refer ASX release 13 April 2015*) with 25 mmbbls net to FAR. Following the discovery of the SNE field on the shelf, FAR has applied a 49% chance of geological success to the Bellatrix prospect. The well will be deepened to appraise the northern extent of the SNE field so has a key, dual role in the drilling program.

"Following last year's incredibly successful drilling program and the encouraging geological work carried out since making our two world class discoveries, FAR looks forward to the commencement of our appraisal of the SNE field and building value through the drill bit over the coming months."

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<sup>\*</sup> Refer to Cautionary Statement in this report (page 2) relating to estimates of prospective resources

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**Prospective Resources** - All prospective resource estimates presented in this report are prepared as at 27/2/2013, 11/3/2014, 5/2/2014 and 13/04/2015 (Reference: FAR ASX releases of 27/02/2013, 11/3/2014, 5/2/2014 and 13/04/2015). The estimates have been prepared by the Company in accordance with the definitions and guidelines set forth in the Petroleum Resources Management System, 2007 approved by the Society of Petroleum Engineer and have been prepared using probabilistic methods. Unless otherwise stated the estimates provided in this report are Best Estimates and represent that there is a 50% probability that the actual resource volume will be in excess of the amounts reported. The estimates are unrisked and have not been adjusted for both an associated chance of discovery and a chance of development. The 100% basis and net to FAR prospective resource estimates include Government share of production applicable under the Production Sharing Contract.

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