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**Rialto to proceed with testing of Gazelle-P3 ST2 Well**

Rialto Energy Limited (ASX: RIA and AIM: RIA) is pleased to report an update on the Gazelle-P3 ST2 well.

As previously announced, the Gazelle-P3 ST2 well encountered the expected oil and gas bearing Upper Cenomanian reservoirs and will now be drill stem tested. Testing operations are expected to be completed in around 2 weeks.

Following successful testing operations, the well will be suspended for future completion as the first production well of the Gazelle field. The drilling rig will then move directly to the Gazelle-P4 location to commence drilling of this second development well of the current fully funded three well programme.

Rialto will provide its next update as soon as the testing results are available.

Commenting on the decision to proceed with testing, Charlie Nieto, COO of Rialto said:

"The overall objective of the Gazelle-P3 well was to suspend it as a producer. Based on the encouraging results of the sidetrack we will commence testing operations - an important step in achieving this outcome. Having resolved the significant challenges encountered with drilling to date, Rialto remains on track to deliver the Gazelle Development.

"Further, through this well and subsequent sidetrack, we have obtained significant new geological information to improve our understanding of the CI-202 block and progress the development of the Gazelle field."

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**About Rialto Energy Ltd**

Rialto Energy Limited (ASX:RIA, AIM:RIA) is an oil and gas exploration and production company with offices in Perth (Australia), London (UK) and Abidjan (Côte d’Ivoire).

Rialto is the Operator (85% working interest) of the CI-202 block offshore Côte d’Ivoire. The CI-202 block contains the Gazelle Field, which is the current focus of development, with first production expected by the end of 2013/Q1 2014.

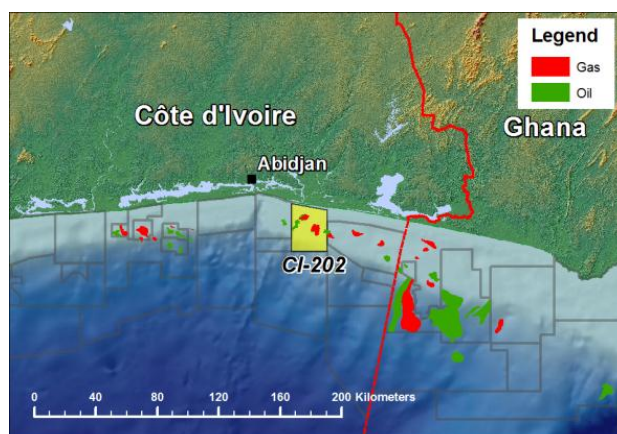
On 12 March, 2012, Rialto commenced a fully funded, 3 well drilling programme in CI-202 using the Transocean GSF Monitor drilling rig.

A Competent Person’s Report completed in September 2011 by RPS Energy Services in relation to CI-202 certified Total Mean Contingent Resources of 50 MMbbls of liquids and 396 Bcf of gas, in addition to Total Mean Prospective Resources of 511 MMbbls of liquids and 1,785 Bcf of gas.

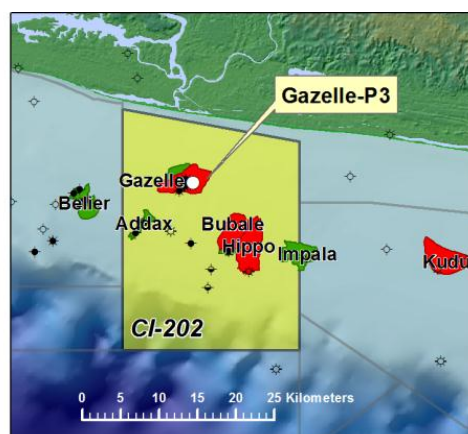
The Company has received approval for a Field Development Plan and Exclusive Exploitation Area over the Gazelle Field and has executed a Gas Sales MOU, which will be superseded by a final binding agreement at Final Investment Decision, with the Government of the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire.

Rialto also has an interest in the Apache operated WA-399-P block in the Carnarvon Basin, Western Australia and is currently in the process of working with joint venture parties and Ghanaian governmental authorities to achieve approvals for an assignment of a 20% paying interest in the Accra Block, offshore Ghana.

Rialto listed on the Australian Securities Exchange in July 2006 and listed on the Alternative Investment Market in April 2012.



Ivorian Basin Location Map



Gazelle-P3 Location Map