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## **Rialto Energy Ltd** ("Rialto" or the "Company")

## Weekly Drilling Progress Report - Gazelle-P3 ST2 well

Rialto Energy Limited (ASX: RIA and AIM: RIA) provides a weekly update on drilling operations at the Gazelle-P3 ST2 Well, Offshore Côte D'Ivoire as at 06:00hrs, 5 June 2012 (GMT).

The Gazelle-P3 well was spudded on 12 March 2012 using the Transocean GSF Monitor jack-up drilling rig. The well is the first of an overall three well drilling programme on permit CI-202.

Since the last report the well has been plugged back to the 13 3/8" casing and Gazelle-P3 ST2 was kicked-off from 1578m MD (1404m TVDSS). The well is currently drilling ahead under directional control at 1691m MD (1457m TVDSS). The top of the Upper Cenomanian reservoir is expected at 2570mMD and 2352mTVD. Drilling to this depth is expected to take 7 days.

In accordance with its policy of releasing weekly drilling progress reports, the company expects to issue a further drilling report on 13 June 2012, subject to any material events occurring in the meantime.

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# DRILLING PROGRESS REPORT



# **Gazelle-P3 ST2**

REPORT DATE	5 June 2012
COUNTRY	Offshore Côte D'Ivoire
PERMIT	CI-202
WELL LOCATION:	
GEOGRAPHICAL (WGS84)	Latitude 5° 6' 28.79"N
	Longitude 3° 42' 29.92"W
GRID (UTM ZONE 30 N)	Easting 564645.37
	Northing 421491.60
PERMIT INTERESTS	C&L Natural Resources (100% RIA owned) 85%
	PETROCI 15%
PROPOSED TOTAL DEPTH	2980 metres MDRT (2700 metres TVDSS).
DEPTH AT 0600 HRS (GMT)	1691 metres MDRT (1457 metres TVDSS).
ORIGINAL PROGNOSED DRILLING DAYS	45
CURRENT PROGNOSED DRILLING DAYS	95
METRES DRILLED SINCE LAST REPORT	225 metres.
SPUD DATE	12 March 2012.
DAYS SINCE SPUD	84 days.
TARGET FORMATION	Cenomanian sands.
OPERATIONS SINCE LAST PROGRESS REPORT	Plugged back to 13 3/8" casing. Drilled out cement plug from 1466m. Kicked-off sidetrack from 1578m. Drilled to 1691m.
HYDROCARBONS INDICATIONS	Nil.
FORWARD OPERATIONS	Drill ahead under directional control.

#### **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.

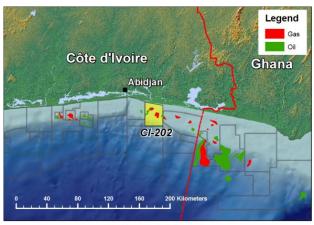
A Competent Person's Report completed in September 2011 by RPS Energy Services in relation to CI-202 certified Total Mean Contingent Resources of 50 MMbbls of liquids and 396 Bcf of gas, in addition to Total Mean Prospective Resources of 511 MMbbls of liquids and 1,785 Bcf of gas.

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