Roc Oil Company Limited (ROC)

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ACTIVITIES FOR QUARTER ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

CEO Comments

Highlights from the Quarter include: the approval of the Environmental Impact Assessment for the Beibu Gulf project in China; tangible progress on the pre-development phase of the Balai Cluster Risk Service Contract in Malaysia; and the successful completion of activities to enter the Australian BMG asset into a Non-Production Phase.

Average daily production in 1Q 2012 was 7,326 BOEPD, a 5% decrease on the previous quarter primarily due to operational issues at the non-operated UK-assets. Sales revenue of US$76.7 million was steady compared to the previous quarter. Net cash at Quarter-end was US$14.7million. Continuing strong safety and environmental performances at all operated facilities meant that ROC experienced no Lost Time Injuries and no significant environmental incidents during the Quarter.

Production guidance for 2012 remains 6,000-7,000 BOEPD, despite the expected loss of production from the Enoch oil and gas field for the rest of the year due to subsea mechanical issues.

Key strategic objectives for ROC in 2012, designed to enhance the growth profile of the business and to build shareholder returns include:

- The delivery of new and additional exploration/appraisal/development opportunities and assets in the focus region of China, South East Asia and Australasia;
- Additional reserve growth from existing assets and through new assets in the focus region; and
- Continued profitability and cost control.

Key Activities

1. Consolidated Revenue & Production

1.1. Total working interest production of 0.667 MMBOE (7,326 BOEPD); down 7% compared to 0.713 MMBOE (7,752 BOEPD) in the previous quarter.

1.2. Sales volumes of 0.636 MMBOE; down 8% compared to 0.687 MMBOE in the previous quarter due to lower production.

1.3. Total sales revenue of US$76.7 million; compared to US$76.4 million in the previous quarter.

1.4. Average realised oil price (excluding hedging) of US$122.10/BBL; compared to US$111.28/BBL in the previous quarter. Brent oil price averaged US$118.60/BBL.

2. Production Assets

2.1. Zhao Dong Oil Fields, Bohai Bay, Offshore China

C&D Oil Fields (ROC: 24.5% & Operator) gross oil production averaged 18,313 BOPD (ROC: 4,487 BOPD); up 4% compared to the previous quarter due to development drilling activities.

C4 Oil Field (ROC: 11.575% unitised & Operator) gross oil production averaged 1,455 BOPD (ROC: 168 BOPD); down 41% compared to the previous quarter due to natural decline.

Zhanghai Block (ROC: 39.2% & Operator) gross oil production averaged 109 BOPD (ROC: 43 BOPD); down 28% compared to the previous quarter due to natural decline.

2.2. Cliff Head Oil Field, WA-31-L, Offshore Western Australia (ROC: 42.5% & Operator)

Gross oil production averaged 3,289 BOPD (ROC: 1,398 BOPD); down 8% compared to the previous quarter primarily due to an unplanned four day shut down during January because of localised bushfires. No damage occurred to the onshore processing facilities and production resumed without incident. In February, Cliff Head operations achieved six years without a Lost Time Injury ("LTI").

2.3. Blane Oil Field, North Sea (ROC: 12.5%)

Gross oil production averaged 7,426 BOPD (ROC: 928 BOPD); down 17% from the previous quarter due to operational restrictions on the host platform in late January and early February and a planned maintenance shutdown related to production wellheads in March.

2.4. Enoch Oil and Gas Field, North Sea (ROC: 12%)

Gross oil production averaged 827 BOPD (ROC: 99 BOPD); down 68% from the previous quarter. Due to mechanical issues related to subsea equipment, production from the Enoch oil and gas field was shut in on 29 January and is expected to be offline for the remainder of 2012. ROC is awaiting advice from the operator (Talisman North Sea Limited) regarding the potential work programme and costs of remedial activities required to reinstate production. No environmental or safety incidents occurred as a result of the mechanical problems at Enoch.

2.5. Chinguetti Oil Field, PSC Area B, Offshore Mauritania (ROC: 3.25%)

Gross oil production averaged 4,484 BOPD (ROC: 146 BOPD); down 32% from the previous quarter due to an unplanned 19 day shut down related to a hydrate blockage in the gas supply line in late January and early February and an eight day shut down related to subsea communication and control issues in late March. Both problems have been subsequently rectified. Completion of the transaction relating to the sale by ROC of its offshore Mauritanian interests is anticipated in 1H 2012.

3. Development Assets

3.1. WZ 6-12 and WZ 12-8 West Oil Field Development, Beibu Gulf, Offshore China (ROC: 19.6%)

The Environmental Impact Assessment was approved by the State Oceanic Administration in February. The final government approval required is sanction of the project by the National Development and Reform Commission.

Development activity continued during the Quarter and included ongoing onshore platform fabrication. Drilling activity is expected to commence mid-year and will include four exploration/appraisal wells, to be followed by the development drilling programme in 4Q 2012.

The operator still anticipates first oil production from the Beibu Gulf project by the end of 2012. The ramp-up to full-field peak production is anticipated during 2013.

3.2. Zhao Dong Oil Fields, Bohai Bay, Offshore China

A total of 20 development wells (16 producers and 4 injectors) are planned to be drilled during 2012. The development drilling programme commenced on 15 February, with the drilling of three new production wells and two workovers at the C&D fields during the Quarter.

Technical work on the Zhanghai and Chenghai blocks continued during the Quarter. A second appraisal well is planned to be drilled in Zhanghai block during 4Q 2012.

3.3. Basker-Manta-Gummy Oil and Gas Fields, VIC/L26, VIC/L27 & VIC/L28, Offshore Victoria (ROC: 30% & Operator)

During the Quarter, activities to enter the field into the Non-Production Phase ("NPP") continued and included: the removal of the Crystal Ocean's detachable turret mooring from the field; the trenching of a subsea flow line in the field; and offshore deconstruction and well intervention activities. These activities were successfully undertaken without experiencing an LTI or significant loss of containment incident.

ROC's share of cash paid for NPP activities during the Quarter was US$7.5 million. This amount will be reflected in the operating activities section of ROC's 2012 Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows and will reduce a restoration provision in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position.

Activities to enter the field into the NPP concluded following the end of the Quarter and the project was completed on budget.

4. Exploration and Appraisal Assets

4.1. Balai Cluster Small Field Risk Service Contract, offshore Sarawak, Malaysia (ROC: 48%)

The pre-development phase of the Balai Cluster RSC is progressing and work undertaken during the Quarter included: the fabrication of four wellhead platforms (commencement of load-out and installation activities is anticipated mid-year); the finalisation of a drilling rig contract (drilling is anticipated to commence mid-year); and commencement of the conversion of a purchased vessel to an Early Production Vessel (EPV). The pre-development phase is expected to be completed by February 2013.

During the Quarter, ROC directly contributed funds of US$14.4 million to BC Petroleum Sdn Bhd for pre-development phase activities relating to the Balai Cluster RSC. The amount of equity invested will be reflected in the investing activities section of ROC's 2012 Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, rather than in the development activities section. Project financing to assist in funding of the pre-development phase is anticipated to be finalised over coming weeks.

4.2. WZ 6-12 and WZ 12-8 West Oil Field Development, Beibu Gulf, Offshore China (ROC: 40% & Operator)

Planning continues for the drilling of four near-field exploration/appraisal wells during 2012. Several of the wells are planned to be drilled from the WZ 6-12 wellhead platform following its scheduled installation in 2Q 2012. If successful and commercial, these wells could be completed and included as additional production wells for the Beibu Gulf project.

4.3. Australasia

PEP52181, Offshore Taranaki, New Zealand (ROC: 50% & Operator): ROC notified joint venture partners of its withdrawal from the permit on 23 March and is awaiting necessary government approvals before the withdrawal is finalised.

PEP38259, Canterbury Basin, Offshore New Zealand (ROC: 15%): The finalisation of ROC's withdrawal from the permit was completed during the Quarter.

4.4. Africa

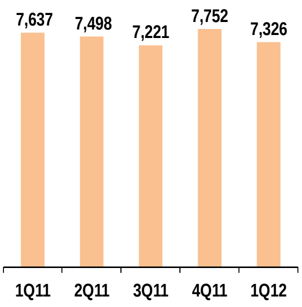
Progress continues to complete the transactions relating to the sale by ROC of its offshore Mauritania and Mozambique Channels interests.

Block H, Offshore Equatorial Guinea (ROC: 20%): Preparations continue for the drilling of an exploration well, through which ROC has a free carry. An option is in place for White Rose Energy Ventures (Equatorial Guinea) Limited to acquire ROC's remaining interest in Block H for US$16.1 million prior to the spud of any exploration well.

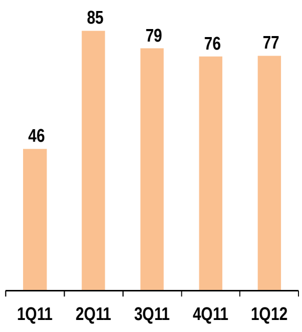
5. Financial

5.1. Overview

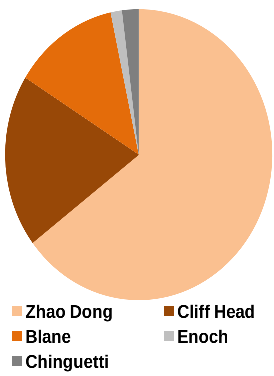
At Quarter-end ROC had net cash of US$14.7 million: US$27.9 million of cash offset by gross debt of US$13.2 million.



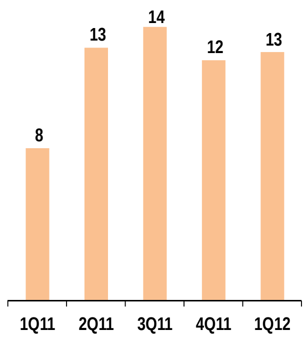
Average Quarterly Production Rate (BOEPD)



Quarterly Sales Revenue (US$ million)



Quarterly Production Break Down (BOEPD)



Quarterly Development & Exploration Expenditure (US$ million)

5.2. Production (Working Interest)

	1Q 2012	4Q 2011	YTD	% Change (4Q11 to 1Q12)
Oil Production (BBL)				
Zhao Dong Oil Fields	427,516	428,848	427,516	(0.3)
Cliff Head	127,219	128,886	127,219	(1)
Blane	84,468	103,115	84,468	(18)
Chinguetti	13,260	19,588	13,260	(32)
Enoch	9,029	28,185	9,029	(68)
Other	48	53	48	(9)
Total Oil Production	**661,540**	**708,675**	**661,540**	**(7)**
NGL Production (BOE)				
Blane	5,149	4,553	5,149	13
Total Production (BOE)	**666,689**	**713,228**	**666,689**	**(7)**
Average Rate (BOEPD)	**7,326**	**7,752**	**7,326**	**(5)**

5.3. Sales

	1Q 2012		4Q 2011		YTD	
Oil Sales	**BBL**	**US$'000**	**BBL**	**US$'000**	**BBL**	**US$'000**
Zhao Dong Oil Fields	393,183	47,917	381,221	42,717	393,183	47,917
Cliff Head	130,661	15,882	129,216	14,515	130,661	15,882
Blane	55,231	7,271	132,634	14,470	55,231	7,271
Enoch	21,178	2,494	25,361	2,768	21,178	2,494
Chinguetti	19,013	2,047	18,317	1,948	19,013	2,047
Other	48	6	53	6	48	6
Total Oil Sales	**619,314**	**75,617**	**686,802**	**76,424**	**619,314**	**75,617**
NGL Sales (BOE)						
Blane	16,195	1,041	532	2	16,195	1,041
Total Sales (BOE)	**635,509**	**76,658**	**687,334**	**76,426**	**635,509**	**76,658**

5.4. Exploration and Development Expenditure Incurred

	1Q 2012	4Q 2011	YTD
Exploration	**US$'000**	**US$'000**	**US$'000**
Australasia	-	276	-
Africa	63	20	63
China	236	206	236
Other (includes New Ventures)	1,266	1,796	1,266
Total Exploration	**1,565**	**2,298**	**1,565**
Development			
Zhao Dong Oil Fields	3,990	7,928	3,990
Beibu Gulf Project	7,048	1,983	7,048
Blane	-	(10)	-
Total Development	**11,038**	**9,902**	**11,038**
Total Exploration & Development	**12,603**	**12,200**	**12,603**

5.5. Hedging

Remaining hedge positions from 1 April 2012 to 31 December 2012 are 112,500 Brent oil price swaps, at a weighted average Brent price of US$114.59/BBL. Hedge book mark-to-market valuation at 31 March 2012 was a liability of US$0.7 million.

6. Corporate

6.1. Health, Safety, Environment and Community ("HSEC") Issues

During the Quarter there were no LTIs, zero significant loss of containment incidents and no significant environmental incidents reported from any of ROC's operations.

6.2. CEO Appointed as an Executive Director

Mr Alan Linn, ROC's Chief Executive Officer, was appointed an Executive Director of the Company, effective 27 February 2012. Following this appointment the ROC Board comprises seven Directors (one executive Director and six non-executive Directors).

6.3. Annual General Meeting

The 2012 Annual General Meeting will take place at 11:00am on Thursday 17 May at the Australian National Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour, Sydney.

7. Further Information

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Definitions

BBL(S)	barrel(s)
BMG	Basker-Manta-Gummy Oil and Gas Fields, Bass Strait, Australia
BOE	barrels of oil equivalent (6 MSCF = 1 BOE)
BOPD	barrels of oil per day
BOEPD	barrels of oil equivalent per day
CNOOC	China National Offshore Oil Company Limited
LTI	Lost time injury
NPP	Non-Production Phase
Quarter	the period 1 January 2012 to 31 March 2012
ROC	Roc Oil Company Limited and includes, where the context requires, its subsidiaries
RSC	Risk Service Contract
YTD	Year to date