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# Ocean Patriot rig has commenced mobilisation to the Galoc Oil Field for the Phase II development

Nido Petroleum Limited ('ASX:NDO' or 'the Company') is pleased to advise that the Operator of SC 14C1 (Galoc Production Company W.L.L, a wholly owned subsidiary of Otto Energy Ltd, ASX: OEL) has informed the Company that the Ocean Patriot rig has commenced mobilisation from Singapore and is currently under tow with the tug Pacific Battler. The rig is expected to arrive at the field location in early June. Attached to this release is a copy of the Operator's latest Galoc Phase II Drilling Update.

Phil Byrne, Managing Director commented, "The departure from Singapore of the 'Ocean Patriot' rig to the Galoc oil field in SC 14C1 to commence the Phase II development project is a major milestone for this project and for the Company. I am very pleased to see the Phase II project enter the operational phase of its life cycle which will result in the drilling of two new additional horizontal development wells into the field. Galoc is the company's cornerstone asset, and the Phase II development project is strongly aligned with the company's strategy of focusing on building its reserves and production base and I look forward to the commencement of Phase II production in the fourth quarter this year".

Yours faithfully

Phil Byrne Managing Director

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#### GALOC-5H AND GALOC-6H DRILLING UPDATE

**Highlights:** 

• Mobilisation of the Ocean Patriot has commenced and the drilling rig is expected to arrive in the Galoc field area in early June

Otto Energy Limited ("Otto") (ASX:OEL), as operator of the producing Galoc oilfield joint venture offshore the Philippines, provides the following update on the Galoc-5H and Galoc-6H drilling campaign in SC14C, part of the Galoc Phase II development approved in 2012.

#### **Progress**

Otto advises that the drilling rig "Ocean Patriot" has commenced mobilisation from Singapore and is currently under tow with the tug Pacific Battler. The rig has completed its fiveyear survey works and also the load out of drilling equipment required for the campaign. It is being accompanied by support vessels during the sail to the Galoc oil field. The Ocean Patriot is expected to take approximately 10 days to arrive in the field. After the rig is anchored, it will proceed to spud the Galoc-5H and Galoc-6H wells.

# **OTTO AT A GLANCE**

- ASX-listed oil and gas company with a strategy to grow its integrated oil and gas business across exploration, development and production
- Focused on South East Asia and East Africa
- Operator of the producing Galoc oil field in the Philippines, which provides cashflow
- Opportunity rich with substantial exploration prospects and leads

#### **COMPANY OFFICERS**

Rick Crabb	Chairman
Ian Macliver	Director
Rufino Bomasang	Director
John Jetter	Director
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Gregor McNab	CEO
Matthew Allen	CFO/Coy Secretary

#### **Forward Plan**

The forward plan is to complete mobilisation of the Ocean Patriot and undertake mooring and anchoring activities in the field. Further updates will be provided once the Galoc-5H and Galoc-6H wells have been spud.

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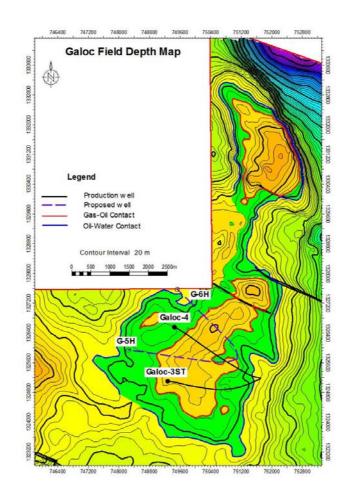
## Location and Proposed Depth

The Galoc field is located in Service Contract SC14C (Galoc Sub Block) in 290m of water approximately 65km North West of Palawan Island and 350km south of Manila in the Republic of the Philippines. The Galoc-5H and Galoc-6H development wells are being drilled within the existing producing field that has delivered over 10 MMbbls of production since the field was commissioned in 2008.

The wells are being batch drilled in 311 metres of water. It is planned that the Galoc-5H and Galoc-6H development wells will be drilled to a total vertical depth of 2,190 with approximately 2,000 of horizontal completion. Drilling is expected to take approximately 115 days including the flowing of the wells for clean-up.

After drilling of both Galoc-5H and Galoc-6H is completed, the DOF operated Skandia Hercules construction vessel will be used to install the subsea equipment and complete the hook-up of both wells to the FPSO Rubicon Intrepid.

First oil from the Phase II wells is expected during Q4 2013.



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#### **APPENDIX A: SUMMARY**

SC14C Galoc-5H and Galoc-6H Development Wells		
Location	Palawan Basin, Philippines	
Permit	SC14C	
Well Type	Horizontal development wells	
Target	Turbiditic sandstone in Miocene Galoc Classic Unit	
Water Depth	Approximately 311metres	
Planned total depth	Approximately 2,190 metres vertical	
	Total drilled length approximately 5,000 metres for each well	
Duration	115 days (including well clean-up flow)	

Note: Depth is measured in metres below the rig rotary table or drilling floor

## Joint Venture Partners:

Participant	Participating Interest %
Galoc Production Company W.L.L. (Operator)	33.00000
(Wholly owned subsidiary of Otto Energy Ltd (ASX: OEL))	
Galoc Production Company No. 2 Pte Ltd	26.84473
(Wholly owned subsidiary of Kuwait Foreign Petroleum	
Exploration Company)	
Nido Production (Galoc) Pty Ltd	22.87952
(ASX: NDO)	
Oriental Petroleum & Minerals Corporation and Linapacan	7.78505
Oil Gas & Power Corporation	
The Philodrill Corporation	7.21495
Forum Energy Philippines Corporation	2.27575