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## **Gindara-1 Drilling Program approved by the Philippine Department of Energy**

### **Highlights**

- Philippine Department of Energy approves the Gindara-1 Drilling Program;
- Rig remains on schedule to mobilise to the Philippines in early May 2011; and
- Nido's Gindara Project Team augmented with Shell Philippines Exploration B.V. (SPEX) drilling and subsurface expertise.

Nido Petroleum Limited (ASX:NDO), on behalf of the SC 54B Joint Venture, is pleased to announce the Philippine Department of Energy (DOE) has approved the Gindara-1 Drilling Program.

This approval marks another important milestone in the lead up to the drilling of the Gindara-1 Prospect (refer Location Map). Further, this event follows the recent announcement regarding the contracting of the 'Atwood Falcon' deepwater semi-submersible rig to drill the well.

Jon Pattillo, Head of Exploration, said: "With the DOE's approval of the drilling program now secured, the next month's activity will focus on finalising remaining third party contracts and logistics planning. This will ensure we're confidently prepared ahead of mobilisation of the rig to the Philippines.

Through our partnership with SPEX, Nido has successfully enhanced our Manila based drilling team with a Shell drilling engineer who is highly familiar with the 'Atwood Falcon' rig through his involvement in SPEX's 2010 Philippine drilling campaign. In addition, the Nido subsurface and operations team continues to work closely with SPEX to ensure efficient aviation and logistics support to the Gindara-1 drilling operation."

Importantly, the 'Atwood Falcon' remains on schedule to mobilise from Labuan, Malaysia to the Gindara-1 location in the Philippines during the first half of May 2011.

Yours sincerely



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### SC 54B Working Interests

Company	Working Interest
Shell Philippines Exploration B.V. (Shell)	45%
Nido Petroleum Philippines Pty Ltd (Nido, ASX: NDO) - Operator	33%
Yilgarn Petroleum Philippines Pty Ltd, (Kairiki, ASX: KIK)	22%

### SC 54B Location Map and Gindara Prospect

