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MARKISA-1 DRILLING UPDATE

Overview

Tap Oil Limited (ASX Code: TAP) advises that the Markisa-1 exploration well in Block M, onshore Brunei Darussalam has been suspended following installation of 7" production casing.

Progress

Markisa-1 reached a total depth of 1,300m measured depth and wireline logging, sampling and side wall coring operations have been completed. The well has been suspended with a string of 7" production casing cemented to surface and a wellhead installed. The rig was released at 18:00hrs on 14 October. Markisa-1 is the last well in the current Block M drilling program and demobilisation of the drilling rig and associated drilling services is in progress.

Results

Both Mawar-1 and Markisa-1 encountered hydrocarbons. Both have been cased and suspended in anticipation of future activity.

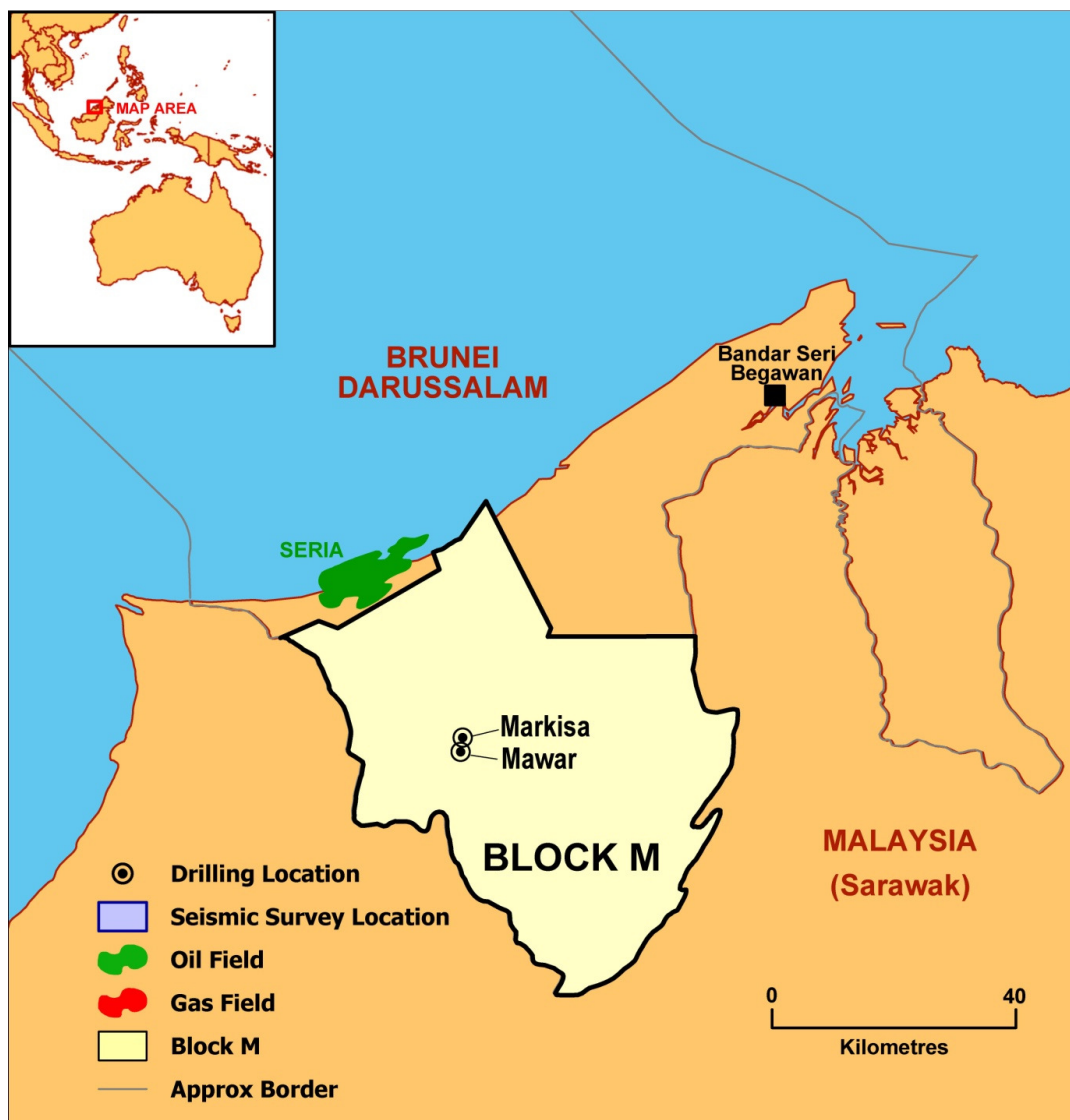
Studies are now underway on data acquired from both wells to determine the implications of the hydrocarbons encountered and to plan the most appropriate future course of action.

Location

Block M covers an area of approximately 3,011 km² (see attached map) in the Baram Delta Basin and is the largest onshore permit in Brunei. The Block contains the Belait oil and gas field, but is under-explored having not seen a concerted exploration effort during the past 20 years.

Block M Participants:

Tap Energy (Borneo) Pty Ltd (Operator)	39%
Triton Borneo Limited	36%
China Sino Oil Company Limited	21%
Jana Corp. Sdn. Bhd.	4%



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