



Amerada Hess Enters Into A New Exploration Permit Offshore Brunei Darussalam

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Amerada Hess (NYSE: AHC) has signed a Production Sharing Agreement with the Brunei National Petroleum Company for Block J in the deep offshore waters of Brunei Darussalam. Amerada Hess has a 15% interest in a joint venture with Total Fina Elf which has a 60% interest and is the operator and BHPBilliton which has a 25% interest. This Block has been awarded following the International Licensing round launched by the Government of Brunei Darussalam in January 2001.

Block J covers an area of approximately 5,000 square kilometers and its southern boundary is located around 100 kilometers Northwest of Brunei Darussalam in water depths of between 800 and 2,100 meters.

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