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Cairn India

Further Exploration Acreage for Cairn India

The Government of Sri Lanka has awarded an exploration licence to explore for oil and natural gas in the Mannar Basin, to Cairn India.

Block SL 2007-01-001 is offshore north west Sri Lanka and covers approximately 3,400 Km² in water depths of 200 metres to 1800 metres.

The Petroleum Resources Agreement for the offshore block will be signed in due course.



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About Cairn India Limited

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- "Cairn" w here referred to in this release means Cairn Energy PLC and/or its subsidiaries (including Cairn India), as appropriate.
- Cairn India is headquartered in Gurgaon on the outskirts of Delhi, with operational offices in Chennai, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan.
- On 9 January 2007, Cairn successfully concluded the flotation of its Indian business w ith the commencement of trading of Cairn India Limited on the Bombay Stock Exchange and the National Stock Exchange of India. Cairn Energy PLC currently holds a 65% shareholding in Cairn India Limited.
- Cairn India is currently focused on exploration and production in India w here it has a w orking interest in 14 blocks, tw o of w hich are producing hydrocarbons. The company holds material exploration and production positions in w est India and east India along w ith new exploration rights elsew here in India.
- This focus on India has already resulted in a significant number of oil and gas discoveries. In particular, Cairn made a major oil discovery (Mangala) in Rajasthan in the north w est of India at the beginning of 2004. More than 20 discoveries have been made in Rajasthan block RJ-ON-90/1.
- In Rajasthan, Cairn India operates Block RJ-ON-90/1 under a Production Sharing Contract (PSC) signed on 15 May 1995. The main Development Area (1,858 km²), w hich includes Mangala, Aishw ariya, Sarasw ati and Raageshw ari; is shared betw een Cairn India and ONGC, w ith Cairn India holding 70% and ONGC having exercised their back in right for 30%. A further Development Area (430 km²), including the Bhagyam and Shakti fields, is also shared betw een Cairn India and ONGC in the same proportion.
- The Operating Committee for Block RJ-ON-90/1 consists of Cairn India and ONGC.
- India currently imports approximately 2,000,000 barrels of oil per day (bopd). It produces approximately 700,000 bopd itself of w hich approximately 50,000 bopd comes from the Cairn India operated Ravva field on the east coast of India.
- For further information on Cairn India Limited see www.cairnindia.com

