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### Cairn India Limited Reserves and Resources estimates as on 31 March, 2013

Cairn India Limited (“Cairn India” or the “Company”), an independent oil and gas exploration and production company, is today announcing the results of its annual review of reserves and resources.

A comprehensive review of reserves and resources potential in all blocks where the Company has an interest has been completed by Cairn India. The Cairn India estimates are at 1,286 mmboe. DeGolyer and MacNaughton (D&M), the leading independent reserves auditors, in an independent review estimate it to be 1,296 mmboe.

The combined total of net proven and probable (2P) reserves and contingent resources (2C) (see table below) remain unchanged as compared to the previous year, excluding the KG-DWN-98/2 block that was farmed out during the year. Net production during the year was 47 mmboe.

#### Cairn India Group Reserves and Resource (estimates as on 31 March, 2013)

	Gross Proved & Probable Hydrocarbons Initially In Place (mmboe)		Gross Proved & Probable Reserves & Resources (mmboe)		Net Working Interest Proved & Probable Reserves & Resources (mmboe)	
	31 March 2013	31 March 2012	31 March 2013	31 March 2012	31 March 2013	31 March 2012
Rajasthan MBA Fields	2,193	2,090	905*	944*	634*	661*
Rajasthan Block Other Fields	2,004	2,088	180	178	126	125
Ravva Fields	681	690	50	70	11	16
CB/OS-2 Fields	209	182	20	13	8	5
KG-ONN-2003/1	481	68	74	17	36	8
SL-2007-01-001	74	74	56	56	56	56
<b>Total (excl. KG-DWN-98/2)</b>	<b>5,641</b>	<b>5,192</b>	<b>1,286</b>	<b>1,278</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>871</b>
<b>KG-DWN-98/2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Total (incl. KG-DWN-98/2)</b>	<b>5,641</b>	<b>5,842</b>	<b>1,286</b>	<b>1,631</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>906</b>

\*Includes MBA EOR potential

Note:

- MBA comprises the Mangala, Bhagyam and Aishwariya fields
- MBA reserves and resources total, excluding production of 61.5 mmboe (Gross for FY 2012-13), have improved due to enhanced off-take facilities, expected field life and revised in-place estimates

The review includes an assessment of the potential for the Rajasthan block. The major discoveries ie MBA fields have gross ultimate oil recovery of over 1 billion barrels from primary, secondary and Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) methods.

Evaluation of the other discoveries in the Rajasthan block has made progress and development plans for the NI, NE, and Barmer Hill oil pools have been submitted to our joint venture partner for review. Corporate budgets for bringing these fields to production have been approved, and contingent resources have been moved to reserves in anticipation of upcoming development activities. We believe that the Barmer Hill formation has significant potential, and Cairn India will be utilizing state-of-the-art fracture



stimulation and horizontal well completion technology to monetize this low permeability resource. Cairn India will assess further upside in the basin where this formation is similar to the prolific unconventional plays that are being developed around the globe.

Elsewhere, the gross estimated ultimate recovery (EUR) of CB/OS-2 block has increased by approximately 10 mmboe as a result of an infill drilling campaign and improved understanding of the subsurface due to completion of advanced geological and engineering studies.

In the KG-ONN-2003/1 block, the gross 2C resources saw a significant increase which is attributed to the most recent discovery in the Nagayalanka SE-1 well.

**Mr Elango P., Board member and the Interim CEO said,**

“After having received clarification to carry out exploration activity in the Rajasthan block from the Government of India in February 2013, it is encouraging to see a discovery in the first well spud in the Rajasthan block. The block is estimated to have a prospective risked recoverable resource of 530 mmboe which will be explored over the next three years. This is line with our exploration led growth strategy of accreting reserves and resources. ”

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<b>Notes for Editors</b>
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On 9 January, 2007, Cairn India Limited was listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange and the National Stock Exchange of India. Cairn India is now part of the Vedanta Group, a globally diversified natural resources group with wide ranging interests in aluminium, copper, zinc, lead, silver, iron ore, etc.

Cairn India is headquartered in Gurgaon in the National Capital Region, with operational offices in India - Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and International - Colombo and London.

Cairn India is primarily engaged in the business of oil and gas exploration, production and transportation. Average daily gross operated production was 205,323 boe in FY2012-13. The Company sells its oil to major refineries in India and its gas to both PSU and private buyers.

The Company has a world-class resource base, with interests in seven blocks in India, one in Sri Lanka and one in South Africa. Cairn India's resource base is located in four strategically focused areas namely one block in Rajasthan, two on the west coast of India, five on the east coast of India (including one in Sri Lanka) and one in South Africa.

The blocks are located in the Barmer Basin, Krishna-Godavari Basin, the Palar-Pennar Basin, the Cambay Basin, the Mumbai Offshore Basin, Mannar Basin and Orange Basin.

Cairn India's historic focus on India has resulted in a significant number of oil and gas discoveries. Cairn made a major oil discovery (Mangala) in Rajasthan in the north west of India at the beginning of 2004. To date, twenty six discoveries have been made in the Rajasthan block RJ-ON-90/1.

In Rajasthan, Cairn India operates Block RJ-ON-90/1 under a PSC signed on 15 May, 1995. The main Development Area (1,859 km<sup>2</sup>), which includes Mangala, Aishwariya, Raageshwari and Saraswati is shared between Cairn India and ONGC, with Cairn India holding 70% and ONGC having exercised their back in right for 30%. The Operating Committee for Block RJ-ON-90/1 consists of Cairn India and ONGC.

Further Development Areas (430 km<sup>2</sup>), including the Bhagyam and Shakti fields and (822 km<sup>2</sup>) comprising the Kaameshwari West Development Area, is also shared between Cairn India and ONGC in the same proportion. The

Mangala, Bhagyam and Aishwariya (MBA) fields have gross ultimate recovery of over 1 billion barrels. The Rajasthan block is contributing more than one fifth of current domestic crude production.

In Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat, Cairn India on behalf of its JV partners operates two processing plants, 11 platforms and more than 200 km of sub-sea pipelines with a production of over 35,000 boepd.

Block SL-2007-01-001 was awarded to Cairn Lanka in the bid round held in 2008. This offshore block is located in the Gulf of Mannar. The water depths range from 400 to 1,900 meter. Cairn Lanka (Private) Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of CIG Mauritius Private Limited under Cairn India and holds a 100% participating interest in the block. The signing of the Petroleum Resources Agreement (PRA) to explore oil and natural gas in the Mannar Basin was held in July 2008 in Colombo.

The farm-in agreement has been signed with PetroSA on 16 August, 2012 in the 'Block-I' located in Orange basin, South Africa. The block covers an area of 19,922 sq km. The assignment of 60% interest and operatorship has been granted by the South African regulatory authorities.

India currently imports 3.4\* million bopd of crude oil. The current domestic crude oil production is approximately 0.75\*\* million bopd of which Cairn India operated assets (Ravva, CB/OS-2 and the RJ-ON-90/1) contribute around one-fourth.

For further information on Cairn India Limited & Cairn Lanka (Pvt) Limited see [www.cairnindia.com](http://www.cairnindia.com) & [www.cairnlanka.com](http://www.cairnlanka.com)

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\*\*MoPNG March 2013 data

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