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BLACK ROCK OIL & GAS PLC

SITE PREPARATION OF SANDHILLS 2 WELL SITE HAS COMMENCED

Black Rock Oil and Gas Plc (the “Company”) today announces that site preparation began yesterday at the Sandhills 2 well (PEDL 113) on the Isle of Wight. The Company has a 5% free carry in this project.

The Sandhills 2 well location is expected to be drill-ready by January 2005 and is required to enable the drilling of the well. This well is one of 5 projects that the Company has an interest in near the Isle of Wight (PEDL 098- 5%; PEDL 099- 5%; PEDL 113- 5%; PEDL 151- 2.5%; PEDL 152- 5%). The Company also has a 40% interest in P1140, an offshore Southern North Sea Gas Basin project and four 100% owned projects in Ireland (04/5, 04/6, 04/7 and 04/8).

Speaking today Managing Director Ivan Burgess said that “With our Cyrano 2 well in the Carnarvon Basin of Western Australia commencing drilling yesterday and Sandhills 2 today, our Company is on track with our focus to acquire highly prospective holdings in Europe and the North Sea.”

The Cyrano 2 Appraisal well is located in EP-364, 12 kilometres east southeast of Airlie Island at latitude 21°21'52.24"S and longitude 115°16'44.95"E. Cyrano 2 has drilled to a depth of 356 metres measured depth and will continue to drill to a total depth of 1,737 metres measure depth (1,626 metres true vertical depth). The Cyrano 2 well will appraise the downdip extent of the oil pool, previously discovered by the drilling of Cyrano 1 in March 2003, within lower Cretaceous sandstone reservoir. Cyrano 2 will also be deepened to intersect predicted Jurassic Athol Formation equivalent sandstones, which are interpreted to form a trap on the downthrown side of the main bounding Flinders Fault. The well is expected to take 8 days to reach the planned total depth.

The AGM for the Company will be held at 11am on 8th December in the offices of Sprecher Grier Halberstam LLP, 30 Farringdon Street, EC4A 4HJ

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