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Black Rock Oil & Gas Plc
Sandhills 2
PEDL 113 Isle of Wight
Planning Permission Granted

Black Rock Oil & Gas Plc is pleased to announce that, the operator for this Joint Venture has advised that the Development Control meeting held on 14th September, the Isle of Wight Council granted Planning Permission for the drilling of a petroleum exploration well on the Isle of Wight, west of Newport.

Granting of this approval clears the way forward and enables planning of the Sandhills 2 well to commence. Work undertaken by the Isle of Wight Planning Department means that all recognised environmental, ecological and other concerns have been addressed.

Black Rock Managing Director, Ivan Burgess, stated that the approval could, depending on drilling rig availability enable the Sandhills 2 well to be drilled before the end of calendar year 2004. The well will be drilled as a follow-up to the first well which was drilled in 1982 into the same structure. That well encountered significant hydrocarbons in the Jurassic Great Oolite reservoir rocks but was never tested.

Black Rock Oil Gas Plc has 5% equity in this project and will be free carried through the drilling of the well. The Company therefore is not obliged to spend any money on the drilling but will benefit from any success.

Sandhills 2 will be drilled after the Cyrano 2 well which is scheduled as an appraisal of a 29 metre hydrocarbon, 10 metre gross oil column. That well, located in the offshore Carnarvon Basin of Western Australia is likely to commence drilling during October 2004. For further information on Cyrano 2 please refer to earlier market releases, the Company's web page or the Company directly.

Ivan Burgess said that Black Rock has an exciting programme for the remainder of 2004.

It is understood that Black Rock has been offered two 12th Round onshore United Kingdom application areas. The company awaits formal advice and will in due course advise further.

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