

**Black Rock Oil & Gas plc
(or "the Company")**

Licence Award

Black Rock Oil & Gas plc today announces that it has been offered the award of the eastern part of Central North Sea exploration block 22/8a ('the Block'), with its partner Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc. ("Carrizo") in the 23rd Round of Offshore Licensing.

Black Rock has a 15% interest in the block, Carrizo being the Operator. The award is a "Traditional Seaward Production licence" and, under the terms of the award, Carrizo and Black Rock are committed to purchasing seismic data to evaluate the hydrocarbon potential of the acreage, after which there is a "drill or drop" commitment

Commenting on the award of the Block, Ivan Burgess, Managing Director of Black Rock, said:

"The award of this exploration block demonstrates the benefits of teaming up with a more established player in what has been a highly competitive process.

It represents a significant addition to Black Rock's exciting portfolio of UK offshore exploration prospects."

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**Notes to Editors
About Carrizo**

Carrizo Oil & Gas, Inc. is a Houston-based energy company, quoted on NASDAQ, which is actively engaged in the exploration, development, exploitation and production of oil and natural gas primarily in proven onshore trends along the Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coast regions and the Barnett Shale area in North Texas. Carrizo controls significant prospective acreage blocks and utilises advanced 3-D seismic techniques to identify potential oil and gas reserves and drilling opportunities.

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