

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

**Funding Secured for the Monterey Appraisal Well**

Black Rock with interests in Colombia and offshore UK, is pleased to announce that it has come to an agreement with Gemini Oil & Gas Fund II, L.P. ("Gemini") whereby Gemini will fund Black Rock's 15% share of the drilling and testing of the forthcoming 49/8c-4 Monterey appraisal well, in the Southern Gas Basin of the UK North Sea. The Monterey Gas Field is estimated to contain 165 billion cubic feet of reserves. The well will appraise the commerciality of the field.

Operated by Wintershall, the Monterey appraisal well is expected to commence drilling during early September and will take approximately 53 days to reach its projected total depth of about 4020 metres. If tested, it is estimated that it will take an additional 20 days to complete the well. The water depth in this location is about 35 metres.

Discovered in 1989, the field is located approximately 15 kilometres west of the Windermere gas platform and south of the Schooner and Ketch gas fields.

The initial well, 49/8-2, intersected a 300 foot gross gas column reseroired in Carboniferous sandstones. Despite severe formation damage in the original well it flowed gas on test at a rate of 5 million cubic feet per day.

The level of funding guaranteed by Gemini is up to \$US4.274 million (approximately £2.4 million). This funding is in return for an entitlement for Gemini to receive payments from Black Rock's future revenues from the Monterey Gas Field.

Ivan Burgess, Managing Director of Black Rock Oil & Gas plc, commented:

"The agreement with Gemini is excellent news as it allows us to fund our interest in the field without recourse to shareholders, yet retain a significant proportion of the potential cashflow. The field has been drilled previously and there are known, quantified reserves of gas so we are optimistic regarding the outcome.

"In both Colombia and the North Sea we have deliberately chosen highly prospective acreage and experienced partners. As a result we believe that the outlook for the Company continues to improve and the Board has never been more positive regarding its prospects".

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## **Editors' Notes:**

Black Rock has holdings in the North Sea, Celtic Sea and Colombia. In the North Sea Black Rock has a 15% interest in Blocks 49/8c and 49/9d, operated by Wintershall. The Monterey Field was originally drilled in 1989, gas flowed and it is estimated to contain 165 BCF of gas. An appraisal well to test commerciality will be drilled shortly.

The Association Contracts in Colombia are held in conjunction with a joint venture partner, Kappa Resources Colombia Limited ("Kappa"). As announced in April 2005, the Company acquired a 50 per cent, non-operated equity interest from Kappa in the 249,000 acre Las Quinchas Association Contract located in the prolific Middle Magdalena Valley of Colombia. The contract contains three known fields, Arce, Baul and Bukhara. The Company anticipates that the Arce Oil Field, estimated to contain gross recoverable oil reserves of 5 million barrels, could be in commercial production during 2007. In addition, the Company has a 50% holding in the Alhucema Association Contract where initially seismic acquisition will be undertaken this year.

Gemini Oil & Gas Fund II, L.P. is an international oil and gas investment fund that provides funding to small to medium sized oil and gas companies globally for specific projects.

## **Qualified Person**

Dr John Cubitt (a Director of the Company) has been involved in the oil and gas production industry for more than 26 years. Dr John Cubitt is a registered Chartered Geologist (CGeol) and has a BSc and PhD in geology. He has compiled, read and approved the technical disclosure in this regulatory announcement.