

# Petroleum Exploration & Development Offshore Ireland

## Acreage Position – March 2008

### Petroleum Leases

A **Petroleum Lease** vests in the Lessee the exclusive right to produce petroleum from the leased areas.

Lease	Commencement Date	Block Nos	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Participants (* = Operator)	% Interest
<b><u>Offshore Petroleum Lease No. 1: Kinsale/ Ballycotton</u></b>	7 May, 1970	48/20, 48/25, 49/16 & 49/21	1,003.03	*Marathon Oil Ireland Limited	100%
<b><u>Corrib Petroleum Lease</u></b>	15 November, 2001	18/20 (p) & 18/25 (p)	29.28	*Shell E&P Ireland Limited Statoil Exploration (Ireland) Limited Marathon International Petroleum Hibernia Limited	45% 36.5% 18.5%
<b><u>Seven Heads Petroleum Lease</u></b>	13 November, 2002	48/23 (p), 48/24 (p), 48/29 (p) & 48/30 (p)	168.5	*Marathon Seven Heads Limited Island Oil and Gas Plc Sunningdale Oils (Ireland) Limited	86.5% 12.5% 1%

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## Offshore Petroleum Exploration Licences

A **Petroleum Exploration Licence** vests in the Holder the exclusive right of carrying out exploration for petroleum in a specific licensed offshore area.

A **Standard Exploration Licence** is issued for a period of 6 years in respect of an area with water depths of up to 200 metres.

A **Deepwater Exploration Licence** is issued for a period of 9 years in respect of an area with water depths exceeding 200 metres.

A **Frontier Exploration Licence** is issued in respect of an area with special difficulties related to physical environment, geology or technology – where such an area is specified and announced by the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources as a 'Frontier Area'. This licence type is valid for a period of not less than 12 years and comprises a maximum of 4 phases.

Licence	Licence Period	Block No.	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Participants (* = Operator)	% Interest
<u>2/94</u> Frontier	15 March, 1994 – 14 March, 2012	12/2 (p), 12/3 (p), 12/7 (p), & 12/8 (p)	465.6	*Shell E&P Ireland Limited Eni Ireland BV OMV (Ireland) Exploration GMBH	50% 40% 10%
<u>3/94</u> Frontier	15 March, 1994 – 14 March, 2010	18/14 (p), 18/15 (p), 18/19 (p) & 18/20 (p)	467.2	*Shell E&P Ireland Limited Statoil Exploration (Ireland) Limited Marathon International Petroleum Hibernia Limited	45% 36.5% 18.5%
<u>5/94</u> Frontier	15 March, 1994 – 14 March, 2012	19/2 (p), 19/3 (p), 19/4 (p), 19/7 (p), 19/8, 19/11 (p), 19/12 (p), 19/16 (p), 19/17 (p) & 19/21 (p)	1,316.04	*Statoil Exploration (Ireland) Limited Shell E&P Ireland Limited Shell E&P Ireland Offshore Inc. Hess Exploration Ireland Limited	39.348% 42.065% 13.587% 5%
<u>7/97</u> Frontier	4 June, 1997 – 3 June, 2013	11/20, 11/23 (p), 11/24, 11/25, 11/28 (p), 12/11 (p), 12/12 (p) & 12/16 (p)	1,327.66	*Eni Ireland BV	100%
<u>1/99</u> Frontier	15 March, 1999 – 14 March, 2014	43/19, 43/20, 43/24, 43/25, 43/28 & 43/29	1,553.62	*Eni Ireland BV	100%
<u>1/04</u> Frontier	15 April, 2004 – 14 April, 2019	26/27 (p), 26/28, 35/2 (p) & 35/3 (p)	622.06	*Island Assets Porcupine Limited Valhalla Oil and Gas Limited Supernova Ireland Resources B.V.	51.5% 38.5% 10%
<u>2/04</u> Frontier	15 November, 2004 – 14 November, 2019	35/8 & 35/9	500.95	*Providence Resources Plc Sosina Exploration Limited	80% 20%

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Licence	Licence Period	Block No.	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Participants (* = Operator)	% Interest
<b>3/04</b> Frontier	15 November, 2004 – 14 November, 2020	44/18, 44/23, 44/24, 44/29, & 44/30	1,295.27	*ExxonMobil Exploration and Production Ireland (Offshore) Limited Providence Resources Plc Sosina Exploration Limited	80% 16% 4%
<b>2/05</b> Frontier	1 July, 2005 – 30 June, 2021	11/10, 11/15 & 12/1, 12/6	932.18	*Shell E&P Ireland Limited Eni Ireland BV OMV (IRELAND) Exploration GmbH	50% 40% 10%
<b>3/05</b> Frontier	1 July, 2005 – 30 June, 2021	18/10, 19/1 & 19/6	715.58	*Island Rockall JV Limited OMV (Ireland) Killala Exploration GmbH	50% 50%
<b>4/05</b> Standard	1 November, 2005 – 31 October, 2011	49/17 (p), 49/22 (p) & 49/23 (p)	258.49	*Island Expro Limited Valhalla Oil and Gas Limited Encore Exploration Limited	65% 20% 15%
<b>5/05</b> Standard	1 November, 2005 – 31 October, 2011	48/26 (p), 48/27 (p), 57/1 (p), 57/2	664.2	*Island Expro Limited Valhalla Oil and Gas Limited Encore Exploration Limited	62.5% 25% 12.5%
<b>1/06</b> Frontier	1 December, 2006 to 30 November, 2021	27/4, 27/5 (p) & 27/9	610.55	*Serica Energy (UK) Limited	100%
<b>2/06</b> Frontier	1 December, 2006 to 30 November, 2021	19/9, 19/13 & 19/17 (p)	653.53	*Statoil Exploration (Ireland) Limited Hess Exploration Ireland Limited Shell E&P Ireland Limited	39.348% 42.065% 18.587%
<b>3/06</b> Frontier	1 December, 2006 to 30 November, 2021	13/4 (p), 13/5 (p), 13/9 (p), 13/13 (p), 13/14 (p) & 14/1 (p),	699.29	*Island Oil and Gas plc Lundin Exploration BV Endeavour Energy UK Limited	40% 40% 20%
<b>4/06</b> Frontier	1 December, 2006 to 30 November, 2021	27/17 (p), 27/18, 27/22 (p) & 27/23	741.48	*Island Oil and Gas plc Lundin Exploration BV	50% 50%
<b>1/07</b> Standard	1 February, 2007 – 31 January, 2013	41/25 (p), 42/21 (p), 41/30 (p), 42/26 (p) & 51/1 (p)	558.75	*Providence Resources P.l.c	100%

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## Offshore Petroleum Exploration Licences (cont'd)

Licence	Licence Period	Block No.	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Participants (* = Operator)	% Interest
<b>2/07</b> Standard	1 February, 2007 – 31 January, 2013	49/8 (p), 49/9 (p), 49/13 (p), 49/14 (p), 49/18 (p), 49/19 (p), 50/6 (p), 50/7 (p), 50/11 (p), & 50/12 (p)	368.65	*Providence Resources P.l.c Challenger Minerals (Celtic Sea) Limited Dyas BV Forest Gate Resources Inc Atlantic Petroleum (Ireland) Limited Sosina Exploration Limited	40% 15% 15% 15% 10% 5%
<b>3/07</b> Standard	1 April, 2007 – 31 March, 2013	48/29 (p), 48/30 (p) & 49/26 (p)	298.86	*Providence Resources P.l.c Challenger Minerals (Celtic Sea) Limited Dyas BV Forest Gate Resources Inc Atlantic Petroleum (Ireland) Limited Sosina Exploration Limited	40% 15% 15% 15% 10% 5%
<b>4/07</b> Standard	1 August, 2007 – 31 July, 2013	49/11 (p), 49/12 (p), 49/17 (p) & 49/18 (p)	494.07	*Lansdowne Celtic Sea Limited	100%
<b>5/07</b> Standard	1 August, 2007 – 31 July, 2013	48/17 (p), 48/18 (p), 48/19 (p), 48/22 (p) & 48/24 (p)	365.81	*Lansdowne Celtic Sea Limited Island Expro Limited Sunningdale Oils (Ireland) Limited	77% 22% 1%
<b>1/08</b> Frontier	12 March, 2008 - 11 March, 2021	52/5, 52/10, 52/15, 53/1, 53/6 & 53/11	1570.3	*ExxonMobil Exploration and Production Ireland (Offshore) Limited Providence Resources Plc Sosina Exploration Limited	80% 16% 4%
<b>2/08</b> Frontier	12 March, 2008 - 11 March, 2021	52/13 (p), 52/14, 52/18, 52/19, 52/20, 52/23 & 52/24 (p)	1581.3	*ExxonMobil Exploration and Production Ireland (Offshore) Limited Providence Resources Plc Sosina Exploration Limited	80% 16% 4%
<b>3/08</b> Frontier	12 March, 2008 - 11 March, 2021	61/9, 61/10 & 62/6	801.62	*Island Oil and Gas Plc Supernova Ireland Resources BV	50% 50%
<b>4/08</b> Frontier	12 March, 2008 - 11 March, 2020	35/2 (p), 35/3 (p), 35/4, & 35/7(p)	741.06	*Providence Resources P.l.c. Sosina Exploration Ltd Challenger Minerals Inc	72% 18% 10%

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## Reserved Area Licences

A lessee may at any time apply for a **Reserved Area Licence** in respect of a specified area adjacent to or surrounding the leased area and which is not the subject of an authorisation other than a Petroleum Prospecting Licence granted to a person other than the lessee.

Licence	Licence Period	Block No.	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Participants (* = Operator)	% Interest
<u>1/05 (RA)</u> Deepwater	1 January, 2005 – 31 December, 2008	18/25 (p) & 18/30(p)	130.21	*Shell E&P Ireland Limited Statoil Exploration (Ireland) Limited Marathon International Petroleum Hibernia Limited	45% 36.5% 18.5%

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## Onshore Petroleum Exploration Licences

Licence	Licence Period	Location	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Participants (* = Operator)	% Interest
<u>ON1/05</u>	1 November, 2005 – 31 October, 2011	Northwest Carboniferous Basin, over parts of Counties Cavan and Leitrim	209.51	*Finavera Limited	100%
<u>ON2/05</u>	1 November, 2005 – 31 October, 2011	Northwest Carboniferous Basin, over parts of Counties Sligo, Leitrim, Cavan, Roscommon and Mayo	1,069.47	*Finavera Limited	100%

## Licensing Options

A **Licensing Option** gives the Holder the first right to an Exploration Licence over all or part of the area covered by the Option.

Option No	Option Period	Block Nos.	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Participants (* = Operator)	% Interest
<b><u>05/3*</u></b>	1 April 2005 – 31 March, 2008	41/29 (p), 41/30 (p), 50/3 (p), 50/4, 50/5 & 51/1 (p)	841.56	*Providence Resources Plc	100%
<b><u>06/1</u></b>	1 September 2006 – 31 August 2009	61/14, 61/15, 61/17, 61/18, 61/19, 61/20, 61/22, 61/23, 61/24, 61/25, 62/11, 62/16, 62/17, 62/21 & 62/22	4029.53	*Providence Resources Plc ExxonMobil Exploration and Production Ireland (Offshore) Limited. Sosina Exploration Limited	16% 80% 4%
<b><u>07/1</u></b>	1 September 2006 – 31 August 2009	49/15 (p), 50/7 (p), 50/8 (p), 50/11 (p), 50/12 (p) & 50/13 (p)	374.51	*Providence Resources Plc Challenger Minerals (Celtic Sea) Limited, DYAS B.V., Forest Gate Resources Inc Atlantic Petroleum (Ireland) Limited	45% 15% 15% 10%
<b><u>07/2</u></b>	5 November 2007 – 4 November 2009	56/10, 57/1 (p), 57/3, 57/6, 57/7, 57/8 & 57/9 (p)	1565.09	*Valhalla Oil & Gas Limited	100%

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Licensing Options 05/3 (Providence Resources plc) expires 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008. The related acreage is available for licensing from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2008.

## Petroleum Prospecting Licences

A Petroleum Prospecting Licence is non-exclusive and confers on the Licensee the right to search for petroleum in any area where an Exploration Licence, Reserved Area Licence or Petroleum Lease is not in force.

Licence No.	No. of Years	Licence From	Licensee
<u>2/05</u>	3	14 June, 2005	Trans-International Oil Exploration Ltd
<u>3/05</u>	3	1 October, 2005	TGS-NOPEC Geophysical Company (UK)
<u>1/06</u>	3	8 March, 2006	Lansdowne Celtic Sea Limited
<u>2/06</u>	3	22 May, 2006	Shell E&P Ireland Limited
<u>3/06</u>	3	12 June, 2006	Fugro Data Services AG
<u>1/07</u>	3	23 April, 2007	Providence Resources P.l.c
<u>2/07</u>	3	17 May, 2007	GX Technology Corporation
<u>3/07</u>	3	5 November, 2007	Valhalla Oil & Gas Limited

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