

NEWS RELEASE

Mercator Limited announces Oil Discovery in second well also

Mercator Limited ("the Company" or "Mercator"), an Indian Energy and Shipping major, with business interests in Coal, Oil & Gas, Shipping and Dredging is pleased to announce that its subsidiary Mercator Petroleum Ltd. (MPL), made an oil discovery in well *Jyoti-2*, Block CB-ONN-2005/9 of Cambay Basin, India. ***This discovery is Mercator's second oil discovery after the recent Jyoti – 1 success.*** The Block was awarded during the NELP-VII bidding. The discovery has been notified to the Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH).

The well was drilled in compliance with all the technological and ecological standards & requirements to a depth of 2806 meters penetrating various hydrocarbon layers. Multiple zones were perforated and the well flowed very good quality light oil of 41°API at 2000 BOPD through 32/64" choke and up to 5000 BOPD through 64/64" choke. These flow rates were better than those observed in the first discovery.

Both the discoveries (Jyoti -1 & Jyoti -2) in quick succession not only substantiates the high prospectively of the area but also provides encouraging and positive inputs for pursuing the exploration program further with identified prospects and leads.

Mr. HK Mittal, Executive Chairman, Mercator Ltd. commented on the discovery saying "*We are extremely excited with the results of our oil drilling program. These oil discoveries ushers Mercator into an altogether new direction.*"

About the Company:

Mercator Ltd. is one of India's Energy and Shipping group with business interest in Oil & Gas, Coal, Shipping and Dredging.

Mercator's Oil & Gas business owns and operates one Production Unit (MOPU) and Floating Storage (FSO), own Oil blocks and is also currently executing a large EPC project for ONGC, India. The Coal division operates 3 coal mines in Indonesia along with Coal trading and logistics and has a mining license in Mozambique. The Shipping division owns and operates tankers, gas carrier and bulkers in addition to dredgers. Mercator's dredging business ranks second largest in India.

The Group services primarily Indian / International Oil Majors, large thermal-based power plants and steel companies, Ports, Indian Navy and has established strong relationships with its reputed end user customers such as Indian Oil Corporation, ONGC, HPCL, BPCL, BG Exploration & Production, some major Indian Ports, to name a few.

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