

ASX RELEASE

ACTIVITIES FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER - ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

Highlights

- Full year production of 6,445 BOEPD – in line with 2012 production guidance
- 2012 revenue of US$242.1 million
- Development drilling programme commenced in Beibu Gulf (offshore China) with first oil expected during 1Q13
- 2012 net cash of $56.8 million at year end and an undrawn debt facility of US$91 million
- Pre-development appraisal drilling programme continues through 1Q13 for Balai Cluster (Malaysia) following successful Bentara and Balai wells
- Completion of a three well exploration program in Beibu resulting in three discoveries and expected incremental reserves addition

CEO comments

The Quarter concluded a good year for ROC ensuring our second consecutive year of profit and delivery of production performance in-line with 2012 guidance. Highlights included good progress on Beibu development activities; three successful exploration/appraisal wells drilled in the Beibu Gulf, and a continuation of pre-development activities in Malaysia with two wells confirming the presence of hydrocarbons in the first two fields.

A focus on fiscal discipline will be a continuing theme throughout the business in 2013 and strong operational and financial performance will continue to underpin our strategy for balanced growth within our core operating regions to complement our existing oil producing assets.

ROC's core production assets performed reliably throughout the year delivering full year production within guidance, ensuring good cashflow from operations and underpinning the capacity of the business to fund growth projects. This is a positive result, made possible by the quality of our assets, and supported by the asset integrity management practices in place and the teams working in the regions.

The successful completion of the exploration/appraisal campaign in the Beibu Gulf is expected to deliver incremental reserves to ROC and the project team have now commenced the development drilling programme. First oil target remains during 1Q13 with the production ramp up to plateau production around the middle of 2013 and continuing as new reserves are brought into the original development plans.

On HSE, we reported our first recorded lost time injury (LTI) across the business for two years. The low potential incident occurred at the Cliff Head facility which had been operating LTI free for six years. ROC has a track record of performing ahead of industry averages measuring safety performance and we recognise that this must remain a key focus across our business. We will continue to pursue the highest standards and continue working towards an incident free workplace. Operations in China and at our BMG asset achieved two years without a lost time injury in December 2012.

With a track record for delivering strong operational and financial performance, built upon quality regional oil assets, ROC is well positioned to deliver positive value growth during 2013. The first half of 2013 remains an operationally busy period for ROC as we work to commission the Beibu field and complete the development drilling programme. In Malaysia, BC Petroleum pre-development drilling continues and we anticipate finalising field development plans and moving toward the project development phase by mid-year. ROC is continuing to look at a number of business growth opportunities designed to complement our regional position and deliver early value growth for the Company.

Key Activities

1. Consolidated Revenue & Production

1.1. Total working interest production of 0.556 MMBOE (6,049 BOEPD); compared to 0.565 MMBOE (6,143 BOEPD) in 3Q12.

1.2. Sales volumes of 0.435 MMBOE; down 22% compared to 0.555 MMBOE in 3Q12 mainly due to inventory movements.

1.3. Total sales revenue of US$46.1 million; compared to US$60.7 million in 3Q12 due to lower sales volume and a lower realised oil price.

1.4. Average realised oil price (excluding hedging) of US$106.04/BBL, a 4% discount to Brent (Brent oil price averaged US$110.08/BBL); compared to US$109.84/BBL in 3Q12.

2. Health Safety, Environment and Community (HSEC)

ROC injury statistics remain below the APPEA five year (ROC LTIFR of 0.59 compared to APPEA five-year average of 1.3). Unfortunately, during the Quarter a contractor working for ROC at the Cliff Head operations sustained a lost time injury when he fell off a stationary flat bed truck. This was the first lost time incident recorded by the Company for two years and the first at the Cliff Head operations since production commenced in 2006. Operations in China and BMG reached two years lost time injury free in November.

3. Production Assets

3.1. Zhao Dong Oil Fields, Bohai Bay, Offshore China (C & D Oil Fields ROC: 24.5% & Operator, C4 Oil Field ROC: 11.575% unitised & Operator, Zhanghai ROC: 39.2% & Operator)

Zhao Dong gross oil production averaged 20,213 BOPD (ROC: 4,533 BOPD); up 8% compared to 3Q12 due to continued development drilling on C4 and C&D oil fields and a number of additional development wells coming online during the 4Q12.

Drilling of a second appraisal well (H-2) in the Zhanghai block commenced during the Quarter. The well was drilled to the expected TD and a liner run to secure the well before suspending operations because of severe weather conditions. The well intersected potentially productive sands over an interval from the Shahejie Formation. The well will require further testing towards the end of 1Q 2013 when weather conditions in Bohai Bay improve.

The well results have come in below pre-drill expectation and we are likely to impair (expense) some of the 2012 costs for this well, subject to final audit and Board approval.

3.2. Cliff Head Oil Field, WA-31-L, Offshore Western Australia (ROC: 42.5% & Operator)

Gross oil production averaged 2,840 BOPD (ROC: 1,207 BOPD); down 4% compared to the previous quarter primarily due to planned safety testing which limited production over a four day period.

The conversion of the CH-9 well to a water injection well was completed during the Quarter and performance is being monitored. It is anticipated that a successful conversion will result in increased production rates and a potential reserve addition.

3.3. Blane Oil Field, North Sea (ROC: 12.5%)

Gross oil production averaged 2,369 BOPD (ROC: 296 BOPD); down 54% from 3Q12 due to a shut-in on 12 September following a safety incident on the host Ula platform. This incident was unrelated to the Blane field and production from the Blane field recommenced on 26 November.

Blane production also ceased from 16 to 24 December while tests were performed on the Ula host platform. Gas lift commenced on 26 December. Current gross production rates are approximately 8,500 BOPD.

3.4. Enoch Oil and Gas Field, North Sea (ROC: 12%)

The Enoch field remained shut-in throughout the Quarter due to mechanical and subsea issues that occurred in 1Q12. The necessary remedial activities required to reinstate production are planned for 1H13 with production not expected to restart until late 2013 or possibly early 2014.

4. Development Assets

4.1. WZ 6-12 and WZ 12-8 West Oil Field Development, Beibu Gulf, Offshore China (ROC: 19.6%)

Following the completion of the successful exploration/appraisal drilling programme, the 10 well original development drilling programme commenced during 4Q12. Drilling activity is currently over the WZ6-12 Wellhead Platform with the first five wells being batch drilled.

Development activity continued with all PUQB topside modules successfully lifted into place by the end of November. Hook-up and commissioning work commenced in early December, with the forecast cost to complete still within the original planned US$300 million (gross) development budget, subject to the approval of additional development wells required for new discoveries.

First oil production from the Beibu Gulf project is targeted during 1Q13 with the ramp-up to plateau production anticipated mid-2013.

4.2. Basker-Manta-Gummy Oil and Gas Fields, VIC/L26, VIC/L27 & VIC/L28, Offshore Victoria (ROC: 30% & Operator)

The field remains in a non-production phase (NPP).

The withdrawal of CIECO Exploration and Production (Australia) Pty Ltd from the BMG Joint Venture, effective 31 December 2012, is being finalised amongst the joint venture parties and will result in a pro rata distribution amongst the remaining BMG joint venture parties. Subject to regulatory approval, ROC will hold a 37.5% interest in the BMG joint venture.

5. Exploration and Appraisal Assets

5.1. WZ 6-12 and WZ 12-8 West Oil Field Development, Beibu Gulf, offshore China (ROC 40% and operator)

The successful exploration/appraisal drilling activity concluded during the Quarter, adding to overall project reserves and resulting in additional wells to be included as part of the Beibu Gulf overall field development plan during 2013. The facilities have been designed to allow flexibility for increased volume from these new discoveries.

5.2. Balai Cluster Risk Service Contract, offshore Sarawak, Malaysia (ROC: 48%)

The pre-development program of the Balai Cluster RSC continued during the Quarter. The installation of the Spaoh and West Acis wellhead platforms were successfully completed during November and all wellhead platforms are now in place.

Drilling activities continued during the Quarter. As announced on 24 October the first well - Bentara 2, was successful and confirmed the hydrocarbon extension of the Bentara field. The well was cased and completed in preparation for well testing.

Drilling and testing for the Balai-2 well concluded in mid-January. Initial assessment based on preliminary logging results indicated up to 47 metres of net hydrocarbons pay in the primary target interval and a further 40 metres of gas pay in the secondary target interval. The well has been cased and completed in preparation for extended well testing with an Early Production Vessel (EPV). The rig is preparing to move to the Spaoh field for the drilling of the Spaoh-2 well.

The conversion of the EPV continued in 4Q12 with sea trials and final commissioning planned for 1Q13. The vessel is being prepared for deployment in the field to commence long-term production testing of the successful pre-development wells in 2013 after the monsoon period.

5.3. Block 09/05, Bohai Bay, Offshore China (ROC: 100% & Operator)

Geo-technical work is in progress, together with an ongoing farm-down process of our 100% interest.

5.4. Africa

Juan de Nova: Progress continues to complete the transactions relating to the sale by ROC of its offshore Juan de Nova Mozambique Channels interest with final government approval required by the French authorities for completion. This is expected early 2013.

Block H, Offshore Equatorial Guinea (ROC: 20%): The joint venture partners are seeking a further extension to the permit to February 2014. A detailed technical review is being carried out to develop further prospects in Block H. The drilling of an exploration well is not expected to start prior to 4Q 2013. ROC has a free carry for the exploration well subject to an option in place for White Rose Energy Ventures (Equatorial Guinea) Limited to acquire ROC's remaining 20% interest in Block H for US$16.1 million prior to the spud of any exploration well.

Mauritania: During the Quarter ROC completed the sale of Block C6 to Tullow on 30 December 2012. The sale of all ROC's interests in Mauritania to Tullow has now been completed with total net cash proceeds received of $1.8 million and a profit after tax of $10.3 million in 2012.

6. Financial

6.1. Overview

At 31 December, ROC had net cash of US$56.8 million (no debt).

6.2. Production (Working Interest)

Oil Production (BBL)	4Q 2012	3Q 2012	2012	% Change (4Q12 to 3Q12)
Zhao Dong Oil Fields	417,020	386,940	1,592,934	8%
Cliff Head	111,055	116,099	477,831	(4%)
Blane	27,245	59,631	234,673	(54%)
Chinguetti[1]	-	-	34,180	0%
Enoch	-	-	9,125	0%
Other	29	43	165	(33%)
Total Oil Production	**555,349**	**562,713**	**2,348,908**	**(1%)**
Blane (NGL Production)	1,129	2,452	9,924	(54%)
Total Production (BOE)	**556,478**	**565,165**	**2,358,832**	**(2%)**
Average Rate (BOEPD)	**6,049**	**6,143**	**6,445**	**(2%)**

1. Chinguetti sale was completed in July. No further production will be shown for this asset.

6.3. Oil Sales

	4Q 2012		3Q 2012		2012	
	BBL	**US$'000**	**BBL**	**US$'000**	**BBL**	**US$'000**
Zhao Dong Oil Fields	325,460	34,248	335,592	36,709	1,381,605	157,375
Cliff Head	108,812	11,829	117,311	12,796	479,300	54,011
Blane	-	(27)	98,019	11,008	192,404	22,349
Enoch	-	-	-	-	21,178	2,494
Chinguetti	-	-	-	-	44,854	4,538
Other	29	3	43	5	165	19
Total Oil Sales	**434,301**	**46,053**	**550,965**	**60,518**	**2,119,506**	**240,786**
Blane (NGL's)	584	3	3,979	177	21,356	1,281
Total Sales (BOE)	**434,885**	**46,056**	**554,944**	**60,695**	**2,140,862**	**242,067**

6.4. Exploration and Development Expenditure Incurred

	4Q 2012 US$'000	**3Q 2012 US$'000**	**2012 US$'000**
Exploration			
Africa	-	8	(298)
Beibu	11,043	1,281	12,750
Zhao Dong	10,252	-	10,252
Other (includes New Ventures)	2,170	1,194	6,274
Total Exploration	**23,465**	**2,483**	**28,978**
Development			
Zhao Dong Oil Fields	9,175	8,653	26,667
Beibu Gulf Project	10,139	14,915	38,609
Total Development	**19,314**	**23,568**	**65,276**
Total Exploration & Development	**42,779**	**26,051**	**94,254**

6.5. Hedging

ROC has no further hedge positions remaining at 31 December 2012.

7. Corporate

7.1. Changes to the Board of Directors

Mr Will Jephcott retired from the Board in December after over 15 years of dedicated service. This is part of the Board renewal process which began in 2010 and continued in 2012 with the appointment of Mr Nigel Hartley and Mr Michael Harding earlier this year.

The Board now comprises seven Directors (one executive Director and six non-Executive directors).

In accordance with ASX Listing Rules, the information in this Release has been reviewed and approved by Dr Pierre Eliet, General Manager - Exploration, Geoscience & Business Development, Roc Oil Company Limited, BA (Earth Science) PhD (Geology). Dr Eliet, who is a Fellow of the Geological Society London (FGS), has more than 17 years relevant experience within the industry and consents to the information in the form and context in which it appears.

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Definitions

BBL(S)	barrel(s)
BCP	BC Petroleum Sdn Bhd
BOE	barrels of oil equivalent (6 MSCF = 1 BOE)
BOPD	barrels of oil per day
BOEPD	barrels of oil equivalent per day
CNOOC	China National Offshore Oil Company Limited
LTI	lost time injury
NGL	Natural gas liquids
Quarter	the period 1 October 2012 to 31 December 2012
ROC	Roc Oil Company Limited and includes, where the context requires, its subsidiaries
RSC	Risk Service Contract
YTD	Year to date