



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**MIDMAR ENERGY AWARDED NEW UK ONSHORE LICENCES**

Midmar Energy Ltd (“Midmar”), the UK entrepreneurial oil and gas exploration and production company, today announces that it has been awarded two new onshore licences in the 13th Landward Oil and Gas Licensing round. The Company is pleased to announce details of the two new Petroleum Exploration and Development Licences PEDL 248 and 230, which it now holds in addition to its existing UK onshore producing fields.

Midmar has considerable experience in UK onshore production with two existing producing fields in the Weald Basin; at Brockham in Surrey with Production Licence PL235 and at Lidsey in West Sussex with Production Licence PL241. Midmar is Operator and 100% interest owner of both fields. The award by the Department for Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (“BERR”) of two additional Petroleum Exploration and Development Licences further strengthens Midmar’s position in the Company’s focus area of the Weald Basin, within the UK.

Midmar has been awarded a 100% interest in PEDL 230. The licence is located at the western end of the Weald Basin in Hampshire close to, and on-trend with, other existing onshore producing fields such as Stockbridge. PEDL 230 contains a number of possible structures that have been identified on seismic data. The future work programme will include the reprocessing of existing seismic data to confirm the presence of the structures in the Block prior to drilling in a couple of years time.

Midmar has also been awarded a 70% interest in PEDL 248, with the remaining 30% held by MPX (Oil & Gas) Limited. PEDL 248 is an appraisal prospect as oil was originally encountered by wells previously drilled on the acreage by Gulf Oil and later by a well drilled by Conoco. In the current market, Midmar believes that this is an extremely attractive prospect. The initial work programme will see Midmar drill an appraisal well within the initial licence period. This acreage is also located on the Weald Basin, in Kent, a known oil producing basin.

**Commenting on the Licence Awards, Dr Thomas Redman, Managing Director of Midmar, stated:**

“We are excited to have been awarded two further attractive UK licences within the known hydrocarbon producing Weald Basin. In current markets, we deem these licences to be extremely attractive and of importance to the UK market in establishing further domestic onshore production. These awards strengthen our already recognised position onshore UK and further demonstrate our expertise in this area. In addition to the widening of our UK position, Midmar continues to actively pursue international opportunities where it can apply its acknowledged expertise in exploration and production.”

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**Notes to Editors:**

Founded in 1995, Midmar Energy, the entrepreneurial oil and gas exploration and production company, has to date, achieved its growth by acquisition of existing onshore oil fields and the enhancement of the reserve potential and recovery rates for these fields.

Midmar Energy is focused upon maximising existing reserves and developing new reserves through the application of its outstanding technical skills and experience. The Company currently has four UK onshore licences, two of which were awarded in the 13<sup>th</sup> UK Onshore Licencing Round.

Midmar has significant experience in UK onshore production with two producing fields in the Weald Basin; Brockham Production Licence PL235 and Lidsey Production Licence PL241. Midmar is operator of both fields with 100% interests.

Additionally, the Company was awarded two further onshore licences in the Weald Basin in the 13<sup>th</sup> UK Onshore Licensing Round – PEDL 248 and PEDL 230. Midmar holds a 100% interest in PEDL230 and a 70% interest in PEDL 248.

Midmar intends to continue its expansion in oil and gas exploration and production in both the UK and internationally.

*Further information on Midmar can be found on the Company's website at  
<http://www.midmar.co.uk>*