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**HORIZON OIL (HZN)
ADVISES FID ON BEIBU GULF FIELD DEVELOPMENT**

Horizon Oil Limited advises that it and its partners have approved the Final Investment Decision (FID) for the WZ6-12 and WZ12-8 West oil fields in Block 22/12, Beibu Gulf, South China Sea.

A copy of the ASX release made by Roc Oil (China) Company on behalf of the joint venture parties is attached.

Horizon Oil's interest in the development is 14.7% and its share of certified proven and probable recoverable reserves for WZ6-12 and WZ12-8 West of 24 million barrels of oil is 3.5 million barrels. The Project Investment and Overall Development Plan (ODP) have now been submitted to the relevant Chinese Government Authority for formal approval, although it is noted that development preparation activities such as engineering design work and procurement of long lead equipment are already in progress.

Participating interests in the Beibu Gulf project are:-

Horizon Oil (Beibu) Limited	14.70%
CNOOC Limited	51.00%
Roc Oil (China) Company	19.60%
Petsec Petroleum LLC	12.25%
Oil Australia Pty Ltd (Majuko Corp)	2.45%

Yours faithfully,

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ASX RELEASE

BEIBU GULF PROJECT FINAL INVESTMENT DECISION

Roc Oil (China) Company advises that the Beibu Gulf project joint venture parties and the Joint Management Committee (which includes CNOOC Limited) have approved the Final Investment Decision ("FID") in respect of the WZ6-12 and WZ12-8 West Oil Fields in Block 22/12, in the Beibu Gulf, South China Sea. ROC advised on 31 January 2011 that CNOOC Limited, as the delegated authority, had internally approved Project Investment and Overall Development Plan ("ODP") and that each international joint venture partner was progressing towards FID. The Project Investment and ODP have now been submitted to the relevant Chinese Government Authority for formal approval.

As a result of FID approval, 2P reserves of 24 MMBBL will be booked for the project (ROC working interest: 4.7 MMBBL).

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The reserve and resource information contained in this report is based on information compiled by Mr Neil Seage, Chief Reservoir Engineer, Roc Oil Company Limited, BA, BEng (Hons), MBA and Dip App Fin. Mr Seage, who is a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, has more than 30 years of relevant experience within the industry and consents to the information in the form and context in which it appears.
