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## SPUD OF MUKHIANI 1 WELL, GEORGIA

## **Highlights**

- Successful spudding of Mukhiani 1 well in Georgia.
- The Mukhiani 1 well is the first of an anticipated 4-6 high impact exploration wells to be drilled in 2011 across the Company's Georgian, Puntland, Texan and Trinidadian exploration assets.

International oil and gas exploration, development and production company, Range Resources Limited ("Range" or "the Company") along with its joint venture partners, Strait Oil and Gas ("Strait") and Red Emperor Resources ("Red Emperor ") (ASX/AIM: RMP) is pleased to announce that it has spudded the Mukhiani 1 well in Georgia overnight. Mukhiani 1 is targeting a prospect with a mean estimate of undiscovered oil in place of 115 million barrels (with 46 million barrels attributable to Range's 40% interest).

Range Executive Director, Peter Landau commented, "This is a significant milestone for Range as it is our maiden well spud as an operator and the culmination of a significant amount of appraisal work completed by Strait's operations team."

The drilling operations will run 24 hours with a team of between 40-50 personnel and is expected to take approximately 45-55 days with a target depth of circa 3,500m.

The Mukhiani Well is targeting the Vani 3 prospect which has the following estimated undiscovered stock tank oil-in-place ("STOIIP"):

Vani 3 Prospect - STOIIP (MMbbls)

	P90	P50	P10	Mean
Gross (100%)	41.7	92.7	178.2	115.2
Net Attributable to Range (40%)	16.7	37.1	71.3	46.1

The recently completed geochemical helium survey undertaken by Range confirmed the suitability of the first drill location with oil exploration and development prospectivity complementing the earlier seismic work completed on the target.



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Figure 1 & 2 – Drilling Rig on the Mukhiani Well site

Following the successful completion of the Mukhiani 1 well, the rig will then move on to spud the Company's second exploration well as part of the two well highly prospective drilling program in Georgia.

The Company will provide updates on a regular basis as to the progress of the drilling of the Mukhiani well.

# Yours faithfully



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### **Range Background**

Range Resources is a dual listed (ASX: RRS; AIM: RRL) oil & gas exploration company with oil & gas interests in the frontier state of Puntland, Somalia, the Republic of Georgia and Texas, USA.

- Range holds a 25% interest in the initial Smith #1 well and 20% interest in further wells on the
  North Chapman Ranch project, Texas. The project area encompasses approximately 1,680 acres
  in one of the most prolific oil and gas producing trends in the State of Texas. Drilling of the first
  well has resulted in a commercial discovery with independently assessed gross recoverable
  reserves in place (on a mean 100% basis) of 240 Bcf of natural gas, 18 mmbbls of oil and 17
  mmbbls of natural gas liquids.
- Range holds a 21.75% interest in the East Texas Cotton Valley Prospect in Red River County,
  Texas, USA, with the prospect's project area encompassing approximately 1,570 acres including
  a recent oil discovery. Independently assessed gross recoverable reserves in place (on a mean
  100% basis) of 5.4 Mmbbls of oil.
- In Puntland, Range holds a 20% working interest in two licences encompassing the highly prospective Dharoor and Nugaal valleys with the operator and 45% interest holder, Africa Oil Corp (TSXV:AOI) plan ing to drill two wells in 2011.
- In the Republic of Georgia, Range holds a 40% farm-in interest in onshore blocks VIa and VIb, covering approx. 7,000sq.km. Range has recently completed a 410km 2D seismic program with independent consultants RPS Energy identifying 68 potential structures containing an estimated 2.04 billion barrels of undiscovered oil-in-place (on a mean 100% basis).
- In Trinidad Range has entered into a HOA to acquire a 100% interest in holding companies with three onshore production licenses and a fully operational drilling subsidiary. Independently assessed gross recoverable 3P reserves in place of 6.9MMbls (mean 100% basis).

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The reserves estimate for the North Chapman Ranch Project and East Texas Cotton Valley has been formulated by Lonquist & Co LLC who are Petroleum Consultants based in the United States with offices in Houston and Austin. Lonquist provides specific engineering services to the oil and gas exploration and production industry, and consults on all aspects of petroleum geology and engineering for both domestic and international projects and companies. Lonquist & Co LLC have consented in writing to the reference to them in this announcement and to the estimates of oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids provided. These estimates were formulated in accordance with the guidelines of the Society of Petroleum Engineers ("SPE"). The SPE Reserve definitions can be found on the SPE website at spe.org.

The reserves estimates for the 3 Trinidad blocks referred above have been formulated by Forrest A. Garb & Associates, Inc. (FGA). FGA is an international petroleum engineering and geologic consulting firm staffed by experienced engineers and geologists. Collectively FGA staff have more than a century of world-wide experience. FGA have consented in writing to the reference to them in this announcement and to the estimates of oil and natural gas liquids provided. The definitions for oil and gas reserves are in accordance with SEC Regulation S-X.

RPS Group is an International Petroleum Consulting Firm with offices worldwide, who specialise in the evaluation of resources, and have consented to the information with regards to the Company's Georgian interests in the form and context that they appear. These estimates were formulated in accordance with the guidelines of the Society of Petroleum Engineers ("SPE").

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