

Hammamet West-3 to be suspended

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- **Hammamet West-3 being suspended to allow drilling of second sidetrack with new rig**
- **Rig on location to be released as terms unacceptable for JV**
- **Positive and encouraging results being analysed for resources update in CY13**

Cooper Energy Limited (Cooper Energy: ASX:COE) as Operator and 30% joint venture interest-holder of the Bargou Permit, offshore Tunisia advises that the joint venture has decided to release the rig currently on location, GSP Jupiter, from Hammamet West-3 after completing operations to suspend the well. The drilling of a second deviated wellbore (ST-2) from the well will be undertaken by another rig at a later date.

As announced on 17 October, the joint venture had decided to drill ST-2 to access and production test hydrocarbon bearing fractures in the Abiod formation targeted and confirmed by the initial deviated well bore (ST-1), using the rig on location, subject to the finalisation of terms. The GSP Jupiter could not be secured on acceptable terms and the duration required to allow a production test and therefore the joint venture has decided to contract an alternative rig for the ST-2 wellbore. It is expected that ST-2 will be drilled as soon as practicable, with this date to be primarily determined by rig availability.

Cooper Energy Executive Director- Exploration and Production Hector Gordon said that the highly encouraging results of Hammamet West-3 will now be analysed and used to determine their impact on the assessment of resources in the Hammamet West discovery and on the potential within the company's Tunisian exploration portfolio. "The results from Hammamet West-3 are unambiguously positive and encouraging. The decision to suspend the well and select a new rig for the production test is the best decision for the joint venture in the circumstances. Hammamet West-3 has confirmed the presence of open porous oil bearing fractures in the Abiod Formation, which have the potential to produce oil at an economic rate."

"After the analysis of the results we will advise the impact on our assessment of resources. We expect to make this announcement within this calendar year" Mr Gordon said.

The joint venture will use information obtained from the drilling of Hammamet West-3 in the design, drilling and rig selection for ST-2. This is expected to significantly reduce reliance on Lost Control Material (LCM) and exposure to other issues which impacted the ST-1 operations.

It is expected that the total Hammamet West-3 cost will be US\$85 million (including suspension), of which Cooper Energy's share is approximately US\$16 million.

Well background

Hammamet West-3 is located 15 km offshore and 1.6 km east of Hammamet West-2 in 54 metres water depth (see map following). The nearest producing field is Maamoura, 12 km SW.

The objective of the well was to drill and test a highly deviated wellbore through the naturally fractured Abiod Formation reservoir to confirm oil productivity. This was addressed initially through ST-1, which accessed 432 metre of Abiod Formation through a near-horizontal well bore.

ST-1 intersected significant natural fractures and recovered oil and gas to surface as well as recording other hydrocarbon indications including elevated gas levels and oil shows whilst drilling. These results have confirmed the pre-drill fracture model and the resource potential of the Hammamet West structure as well as reducing the risk of other similar prospects in the Bargou and neighbouring Hammamet (Cooper Energy 35%) permits offshore Tunisia.

Participating interests:

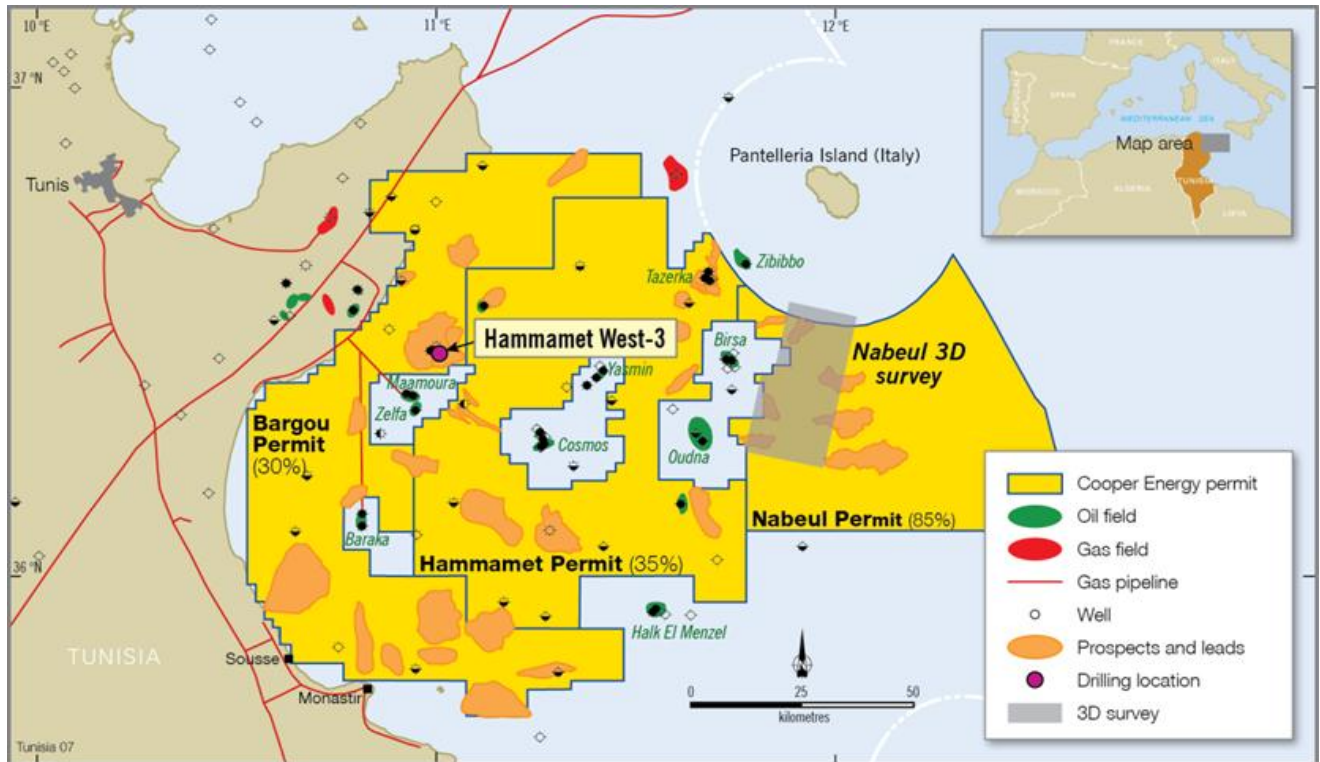
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Location of Hammamet West-3



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