
ASX Announcement

21 August 2014

Drilling Report

Well Name: Taza 2, Kurdistan Region of Iraq

Oil Search reports that at 06:00 hours KRI time on 20 August 2014, preparations were underway to temporarily suspend the Taza 2 appraisal well.

As indicated in Oil Search's 2014 First Half Results (released 19 August), the recent increase in regional tensions has interrupted the Company's ability to deploy skilled technicians, equipment and materials to the Taza 2 well site. As such, in consultation with Kurdistan's Ministry for Natural Resources, a decision has been made to temporarily suspend the well until the long-term integrity of the Company's supply chain is safely re-established.

The security situation in the Taza area remains stable and our other operations, including rigging up at the Taza 3 appraisal well site and the 3D seismic acquisition programme, continue uninterrupted. Oil Search is monitoring the security situation closely and precautionary measures are in place to enable all operations to be suspended safely and personnel demobilised, if required.

Taza 2 is located 10 kilometres north-west of Taza 1 and is designed to appraise the hydrocarbon-bearing intervals discovered by Taza 1 (Jeribe/Dhiban and Euphrates/Kirkuk Formations), as well as explore deeper Tertiary and Cretaceous targets including the Shiranish Formation.

The participants in Taza 2 are:

Participant	% Interest
Oil Search (Iraq) Limited ¹	60%
Total E&P Kurdistan Region of Iraq (Taza) B.V.	20%
Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG)	20%
Total	100%

¹ Oil Search's funding interest is 75%, with the KRG's 20% interest carried by Oil Search and Total E&P Kurdistan Region of Iraq (Taza) B.V.

PETER BOTTEN, CBE

Managing Director

For further information please contact:

Ms Ann Diamant

Group Manager, Investor Relations

Tel: +61 2 8207 8440

Mob: +61 407 483 128