

ASX & Media Release

Gulf of Thailand – Sainampueng-1 Progress Report No.1

Key Points:

- Anchan-1 plugged back to 13 ³/₈" casing shoe at 408mMDRT*
- Sainampueng-1 commenced from 13 ³/₈" casing shoe at 8:30am on 23rd November
- Drilled 12 ¹/₄" hole from 408mMDRT to casing point at 1,441mMDRT
- Ran and cemented 9 ⁵/₈" casing to 1,441 mMDRT
- Drilled 8 ¹/₂" hole from 1,441mMDRT to 2,237mMDRT

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA (30th November, 2012)

MEO Australia Limited (ASX: **MEO**; OTCQX: **MEOAY**) advises that Pearl Oil Offshore Limited (an affiliate of Mubadala Petroleum) commenced drilling Sainampueng-1 in the Gulf of Thailand G2/48 Concession at 8:30am (local time) on 23rd November. At 13:00hrs local time on 29th November, the well had reached 2,237mMDRT and was drilling ahead.

Sainampueng-1 commenced drilling from the existing 13 ³/₈" casing shoe used for Anchan-1. The 12 ¹/₄" hole was drilled to 1,441mMDRT where 9 ⁵/₈" casing was run and cemented.

Sainampueng-1 is testing a 10 – 25 MMstb (mean to P10 prospective resources) 3-way dip closure against the basin margin fault and will fulfil the Permit Year 6 obligation.

In the event Sainampueng-1 is successful, the basin is currently assessed to contain 23 prospects and leads in multiple play types with a cumulative un-risked mean potential exceeding 100 MMstb.

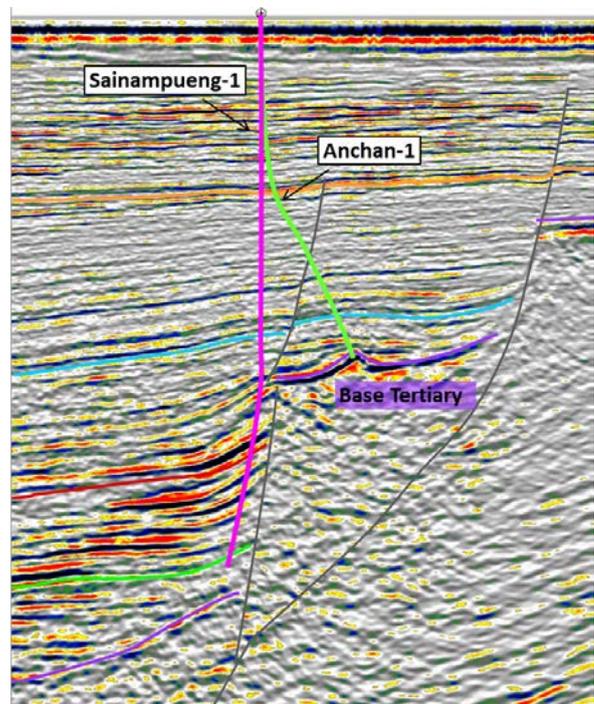
MEO's CEO and MD Jürgen Hendrich commented on the announcement:

"Sainampueng-1 is approaching the first zone of an extensive interval of interest."



Jürgen Hendrich
Managing Director & Chief Executive Office

* mMDRT = metres measured depth below rotary table



Schematic cross section showing targets