

## JX Nippon sold part of working interest of Culzean Gas Field in UK North Sea

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### PRESS RELEASE

JX Nippon Oil and Gas Exploration Corporation (President and CEO, Shunsaku Miyake) is pleased to announce that its wholly owned subsidiary, JX Nippon Exploration and Production (U.K.) Limited ("JXNEPUK") (President and CEO, Kemmei Nakata) sold a 16% working interest in Licence No. P.111, Block 22/25a, containing the Culzean Gas Field, to Britoil Limited (a subsidiary of BP plc). As a result of this transaction, the participating interest of JXNEPUK in the Culzean development is 18.01%.

Culzean is a high pressure, high temperature ("HPHT") gas condensate field discovered in 2008 by Maersk Oil North Sea UK Limited (the operator) and its co-venturers, including JXNEPUK. It is the largest gas field discovered in the UK North Sea in the last decade. The Field Development Plan was approved by the UK Government in August last year, and development work is progressing towards first production in 2019.

This sale aims to deliver the best allocation of JX's management resources and to optimize JX's asset portfolio across exploration, development and production assets.

Attachment

1. JX Nippon Exploration and Production (U.K.) Limited

- (1) President and CEO: Kemmei Nakata
- (2) Shareholders: JX Nippon Oil & Gas Exploration Corporation 100%
- (3) Paid-in capital: \$1,763.8 million
- (4) Established: 2 December 1996

2. Summary of block

- (1) Location: Central North Sea
- (2) Block: 22/25a
- (3) Participating interest (after the transaction) :
  - Maersk Oil North Sea UK Limited (49.99%, Operator)
  - JX Nippon Exploration and Production (U.K.) Limited (18.01%)
  - Britoil Ltd (32%)

