

**Nautical Petroleum plc**

("Nautical" or the "Company")

**Awards in 24th Seaward Licensing Round**

Nautical Petroleum plc (AIM : NPE), the specialised developer of heavy oil assets in the UK and Europe is pleased to announce that it has been offered interests in seven blocks and part blocks contained within four licences in the 24th Seaward Licensing Round.

The offer of these blocks represents an excellent outcome for Nautical with all applications proving successful.

Details of the awarded blocks are outlined below:

Block(s) in offered Licences	Operator	Partner(s)	Nautical Interest	Obligations		Licence Type
				Firm	Contingent; Drill or Drop (D/D)	
28/9 & 28/10b (Split)	Oilexco	EnCore	15.0%	1 Firm Well; Obtain 3D		Traditional
113/29c & 113/30	Nautical	EnCore	50.0%	Obtain & Reprocess 2D	D/D	Traditional
14/30a	EnCore	Endeavour, Lundin Heather	20.0%	Reprocess 3D	1 Contingent Well	Traditional
2/3 (Part) & 2/4b	Granby	Gas Plus E&P, Gas Plus O&G	33.3%	Obtain & Reprocess 2D Obtain 3D	D/D	Promote

- Nautical has a 15% interest in the licence containing blocks 28/9 and 28/10b (split). The operator of these blocks, Oilexco North Sea Ltd, has offered to drill a firm well within 12 months of award. Nautical will have 20% of its costs for this well paid for by Oilexco.
- Nautical will become operator of the licence containing blocks 113/29c and 113/30. This licence has a drill or drop option on a sizeable offshore prospect that could be drilled from an onshore location.
- On block 14/30a, of which Nautical has a 20% equity interest, the operator, Encore Petroleum Ltd, has agreed to drill a well contingent on further evaluation of the 14/30a-2 heavy oil discovery.
- Blocks 2/3 (part) and 2/4b have been offered under promote licence terms that contain commitments to obtain and reprocess further seismic data.

The licenses offered complement Nautical's strategy of additional exposure to selective United Kingdom Continental Shelf ("UKCS") blocks which fit the Company's development criteria and could add materially to its future resource base.

Nautical is committed to its near term drilling program on the UKCS, with a three well programme planned during 2007. The Company anticipates first oil from its St. Laurent Permit in Southern France by late 2007.

Commenting on the 24th Licensing Round and the licence awards, Nautical's Chief Executive, Steve Jenkins said:

"We undertook an extensive screening process in preparation for the 24<sup>th</sup> round to select high quality targets which fit our criteria. We are very pleased to have been successful in all applications.

New drilling commitments include additional activity in 2007/8, and we look forward to this busy programme ahead.”

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Notes to the Editors:

About Nautical Petroleum plc

Nautical Petroleum plc listed on AIM in April 2005 after a reverse takeover of Bullion Resources plc. The Company focuses on the acquisition and development of heavy oil deposits in the UK and Europe.

The Company has reserves and contingent resources of 71 million barrels of oil across its portfolio.