

OPERATIONAL UPDATE

FRONTIER EXPLORATION LICENCE 2/14 SOUTHERN PORCUPINE BASIN

DRILLING OPERATIONS ON THE 53/6-A EXPLORATION WELL PROGRAMMME HAVE COMMENCED

Dublin and London – July 12, 2017 - Providence Resources P.I.c. (PVR LN, PRP ID), the Irish based Oil and Gas Exploration Company (the "Company"), today provides an operational update regarding Frontier Exploration Licence ("**FEL**") 2/14 located in the southern Porcupine Basin. FEL 2/14 is operated by Providence Resources plc (56%) on behalf of its partners Capricorn Ireland Limited (a wholly owned subsidiary of Cairn Energy PLC, 30%) and Sosina Exploration Limited (14%), collectively referred to as the "**JV Partners**". The licence contains the Paleocene "**Druid**", Lower Cretaceous "**Drombeg**" and pre-Cretaceous "**Diablo**" prospects.

The JV Partners have contracted the Stena "IceMAX" deep-water drillship to drill the 53/6-A well in FEL 2/14 to evaluate the vertically stacked Paleocene Druid and Lower Cretaceous Drombeg exploration prospects. Following consent from the Minister of Communications, Climate Action and Environment on July 11, 2017, Providence can confirm that drilling operations on the 53/6-A well programme have commenced.

A further operational update will be provided once the Paleocene Druid prospect has been penetrated or as appropriate. Drilling is then planned to continue to the underlying Lower Cretaceous Drombeg prospect.

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Providence Resources Plc is an Irish based Oil and Gas Exploration Company with a portfolio of appraisal and exploration assets located offshore Ireland. The Company's shares are quoted on AIM in London and the ESM in Dublin.

<u>ANNOUNCEMENT</u>

This announcement has been reviewed by Dr John O'Sullivan, Technical Director, Providence Resources P.I.c. John is a geology graduate of University College, Cork and holds a Masters in Applied Geophysics from the National University of Ireland, Galway. He also holds a Masters in Technology Management from the Smurfit Graduate School of Business at University College Dublin and a doctorate in Geology from Trinity College Dublin. John is a Chartered Geologist and a Fellow of the Geological Society of London. He is also a member of the Petroleum Exploration Society of Great Britain, the Society of Petroleum Engineers and the Geophysical Association of Ireland. John has more than 25 years of experience in the oil and gas exploration and production industry having previously worked with both Mobil and Marathon Oil. John is a qualified person as defined in the guidance note for Mining Oil & Gas Companies, March 2006 of the London Stock Exchange.

Definitions in this press release are consistent with SPE guidelines. SPE/WPC/AAPG/SPEE Petroleum Resource Management System 2007 has been used in preparing this announcement.



