

## SAKHALIN-1 PROJECT DRILLS WORLD'S LONGEST EXTENDED-REACH WELL

Sets Record At 12,345 Meters

**Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, Russia, January 29, 2011** -- The Sakhalin-1 Consortium operated by Exxon Neftegas Limited (ENL), a subsidiary of Exxon Mobil Corporation, has successfully drilled the world's longest extended-reach well at the Odoptu field offshore Far East Russia. ENL is Sakhalin-1 Project operator on behalf of the international consortium that includes affiliates of the Russian state company Rosneft – RN-Astra and Sakhalinmorneftegas-Shelf; the Japanese corporation SODECO; and the Indian state oil company ONGC Videsh Ltd.

The Odoptu OP-11 well reached a total measured depth of 12,345 meters (7.67 miles) to set a world record for extended-reach drilling (ERD). The Odoptu OP-11 also set a world record with a horizontal reach of 11,475 meters (7.13 miles). ENL completed the record-setting well in only 60 days using ExxonMobil's Fast Drill Process and Integrated Hole Quality technology to maximize performance in every foot of hole drilled at OP-11.

“The Sakhalin-1 Project continues to contribute to Russia’s leadership in the global oil and gas industry,” said James Taylor, ENL President. “Today 6 of the world’s 10 record-setting ERD wells including the OP-11 have been drilled by the Sakhalin-1 Project using ExxonMobil drilling technologies. The specially designed Yastreb rig has been used throughout, setting multiple industry records for measured depth, rate of penetration and directional drilling. We reached this significant milestone while achieving excellent safety, health and environmental performance.”

Odoptu, one of three Sakhalin-1 Project fields, is situated 8 to 11 kilometers (5 to 7 miles) offshore northeast Sakhalin Island. The ERD process enables onshore drilling beneath the seafloor to the offshore oil and gas reservoirs to successfully operate in a safe and environmentally responsible manner in one of the most challenging sub-arctic environments in the world.

Since startup, the Sakhalin-1 project has produced about 39 million tons (300 million barrels) of oil for export to world markets. It also has been a key supplier of about 6.8 billion cubic meters (235 billion cubic feet) of associated natural gas to customers in Khabarovsk Krai, in far eastern Russia, to heat homes and meet growing energy needs. The project will continue to help meet future natural gas demand in this region.

Over the life of the project, Sakhalin-1 is expected to contribute over US\$70 billion to Russia's economy in taxes, royalty payments and the state's share of oil production. The project currently has awarded more than US\$7.7 billion in contracts to Russian companies. Since project startup, more than US\$4 billion in royalties, the state's share of oil and gas and taxes, has been provided to the Russian Federation including approximately US\$1.4 billion provided to the Sakhalin Oblast.

**Note to Editors**

Sakhalin-1 includes the Chayvo, Odoptu, and Arkutun Dagi oil and gas fields located off the northeast coast of Sakhalin Island in the Russian Far East. Potential recoverable resources are 2.3 billion barrels (307 million tons) of oil and 17.1 trillion cubic feet (485 billion cubic meters) of natural gas.

More information on the Sakhalin-1 Project can be found on <http://www.sakhalin1.ru>.