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**Oilbarrel conference**

Rialto announces that Rob Shepherd, CEO, is presenting today at the Oilbarrel conference ([www.oilbarrel.com](http://www.oilbarrel.com)) in London.

A copy of the presentation is available on the Company's website ([www.rialtoenergy.com](http://www.rialtoenergy.com)).

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**About Rialto Energy Ltd**

Rialto Energy Limited (ASX:RIA, AIM:RIA) is an oil and gas exploration and production company with current operations in the Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana and Australia. In Cote d'Ivoire, Rialto is currently the Operator (85% working interest) of the CI-202 block offshore, which contains the Gazelle Field. In Ghana, Rialto has a 12.5% interest (prior to any adjustments arising from the previously announced transaction with Vitol) in the Offshore Accra Contract Area, operated by Ophir Energy. Rialto also has an interest in the Apache operated WA-399-P Block in the Carnarvon Basin, Western Australia.

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# **OIL BARREL PRESENTATION**

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## Overview

- Near-term gas and liquids commercialisation opportunity in Cote d'Ivoire
- High impact exploration potential
- Refocused following significant Board and senior management changes

## Substantial Resource Base

### Cote d'Ivoire:

- Multiple existing discoveries on block provide immediate gas and liquids commercialisation opportunity
- Future exploration significantly de-risked by 2012 3D seismic work
- Recently upgraded world class prospect inventory
- Gross mean prospective resources of **897 mmbbls** plus **2.936 tcf** gas across 4 independent play types

## Partnership With Vitol

- 65% of 85% Cote d'Ivoire interest (in return for US\$ 50 million appraisal / development funding)<sup>1</sup>
- Close alignment of strategy and interests in core area

### Notes:

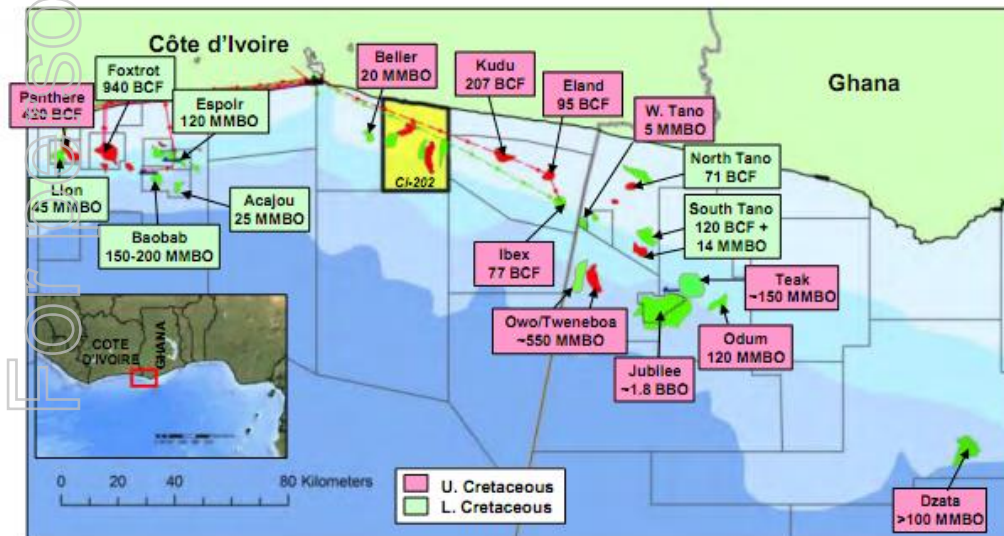
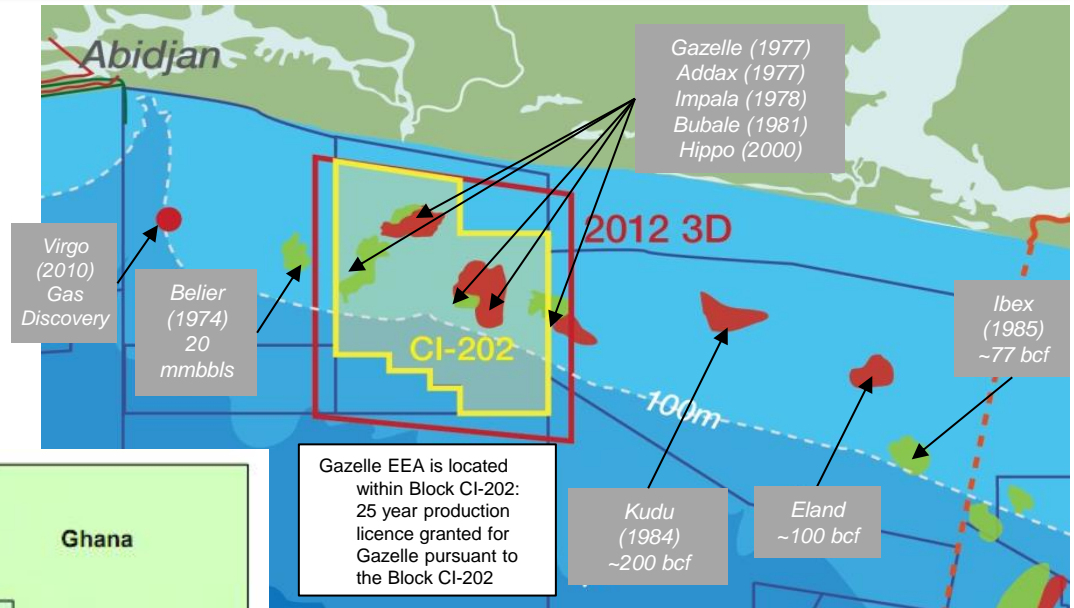
- 1) Subject to formal binding contract and completion thereof

Cote d'Ivoire resource numbers from 2013 RPS Competent Persons Report unless otherwise stated

# COTE D'IVOIRE BLOCK CI-202 OVERVIEW

Proven basin with five discovered, undeveloped oil and gas fields

- April 2013: Vitol Farm-In for 65% of Rialto Cote d'Ivoire
- Multiple high-impact exploration prospects identified on 2012 3D seismic data set
  - 4 independent play types, at least 15 potential prospects identified
  - Rialto considers 5 prospects as 'stand-out' potential drilling candidates and at least 2 prospects are 'drill-ready'
  - Unrisked, gross, mean prospective resources of 1,387mmboe



Party	Current Paying Interest	Current Working Interest
Rialto Cdl*	95%	85%**

\* Upon completion, Vitol will hold 65% of Rialto Cote d'Ivoire

\*\* Excluding Gazelle EEA, for which Rialto's working interest is 74%



# ACTIVE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 2013



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## ▪ Wholesale change of key personnel:

- Only one of current five man Board (1 exec, 4 NEDs) was a director at the start of September 2012;
- None of the 2012 executive team remains with the Company (CEO, CFO, General Counsel, COO). First three replaced, Technical Director being sought

## ▪ Partnership with Vitol agreed (late April):

- Funded RIA's share of Starfish well in Accra Block, Ghana
- In Cdl, will take 65% of Rialto Cdl in return for funding first \$50 mln of appraisal / development program;
- Active engagement in Cdl;

## ▪ Overhanging rig contract terminated:

- liability reduced from US\$17 mln to around US\$11 mln;

## ▪ Ca. A\$14 mln funds raised in July (over 90% approval from around 30% of register turnout):

- New core of quality institutions

# ACTIVE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 2013 (CONTINUED)



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- **“Protocol d’Accord” / Memorandum of Understanding signed with Cdl Government in September:**
  - New PSC to be awarded, replacing existing agreement
  - New EEA to be issued for Gazelle once Development Plan has been approved;
  
- **Ongoing cost reductions:**
  - Closed office in Australia;
  - Reduction in full time employees;
  - Tighter overall control

# KEY MANAGEMENT AND NON-EXEC DIRECTORS



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## **Rob Shepherd (CEO)**

- 19 years industry experience – Dominion Petroleum, ABN AMRO, Shell

## **Andrew Rose (Interim CFO):**

- Previously CFO of Burren Energy, Gulfsands Petroleum

## **NEDs:**

- **Andy Bartlett (Non-Exec Chairman)** – Senior advisor Helios, NED Eland Oil & Gas, previously Standard Chartered, Shell
- **Gregory Stoupnitsky** – previously RenCap, Morgan Stanley
- **Neil Hackett** – professionally qualified ASX200 senior exec
- **Andrew Sinclair** – previously Macquarie Bank



# OUTLINE FORWARD PLAN



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- **Cdl:**
  - Finalise new PSC for CI-202 and EEA for Gazelle;
  - Close Cdl transaction with Vitol;
  - FID on Gazelle followed by execution of project;
  - Pursue additional opportunities:
    - On Block CI-202 - contingent resources (eg Addax, Hippo North) plus prospective resources (eg Arius)
    - Outside CI-202
  
- **Ghana**
  - Decision on entering next phase of PSA required by March 2014 (six month extension received, Starfish-1 results being evaluated)
  
- **Reviewing other opportunities in West Africa:**
  - Marginal, shallow water appraisal and development opportunities in West Africa (eg Gabon, Cameroon);
  - Focus on low cost, early development schemes

# OUTLINE PLAN FOR DEVELOPMENT OF GAZELLE

## ■ Low cost, minimum facilities:

- 3 production wells planned (plus one contingent) targeting around 40 bcf P90 / 85 bcf P50;
- Conductor supported offshore facility;
- Multiphase pipeline to beach (ca. 8 km);
- Minimum processing

## ■ Schedule and Costs:

- 14 to 18 months from FID to first gas;
- Ca. \$120 mln total capex to First Gas (first \$50 mln from Vitol deal)

## ■ Preliminary economics:

- Gas price being negotiated, targeting 15% IRR for P90 case

## ■ First step in area development plan



## Power Generation

- Cote d'Ivoire is a net exporter of electricity
- Power is currently exported to Ghana, Burkina Faso, Benin, Togo and Mali, all on the same network
- Expansion plans to Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone are being considered, with commencement aimed for 2015
- Approximately 70% of power generation is derived from thermal power generation, 30% from hydro

## Mining Industry

- Cote d'Ivoire is rich in mineral resources with large potential resources of Gold, Nickel, Manganese, Diamonds and Iron Ore etc.
- A number of mining projects are in production or in the development phase
- The Cote d'Ivoire Government foresees a substantial increase in demand for gas from the mining sector, from around 100 bcf per year in 2014/15 to around 250 bcf per year in 2016

## Gas Fired Power Generation

- The current installed capacity of gas fired power plants in country is ~900MW, with gas intake of up to ~260 mmscf/d
- Current in country gas production is ~180 mmscf/d, supplied predominantly by the Foxtrot Field
- Current gas supply deficit for the Power Plant Maximum needs is of ~80 mmscf/d
- Future power plant expansions & new builds could see the gas supply deficit exceed 100 mmscf/d on average use and exceed 200 mmscf/d at maximum capacity.

## Regulatory

- CI-ENERGIES is the state company in charge of the sector. It currently buys the gas and sells it to the power plants at cost
- The Government is encouraging GSAs being signed directly between gas producers and Power Plants
- The World Bank (MIGA) provides insurances for payment (Foxtrot).

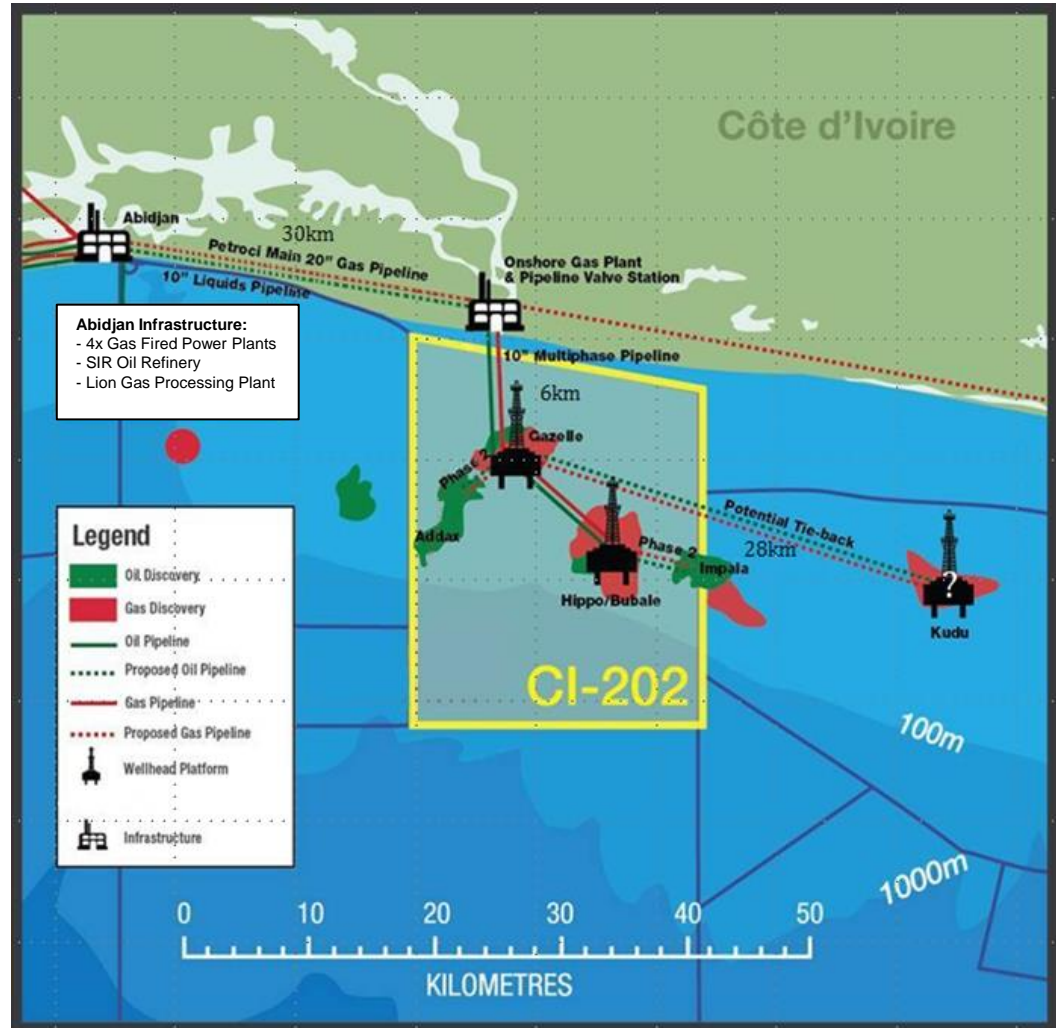
# REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT

## Mature Gas Market and Onshore Infrastructure

- Côte d'Ivoire has a mature power generation network and exports electricity from gas fired power stations
- Major new energy-intensive mining projects planned
- Current gas supply deficit and increasing demand predicted

## Regional Infrastructure Concept

- Government and Vitol initiative to develop existing discoveries:
  - Gazelle
  - Hippo/Bubale
  - Stranded discoveries in neighbouring blocks
- Rialto is in active discussions with neighbouring operators and government regarding gas commercialisation initiatives

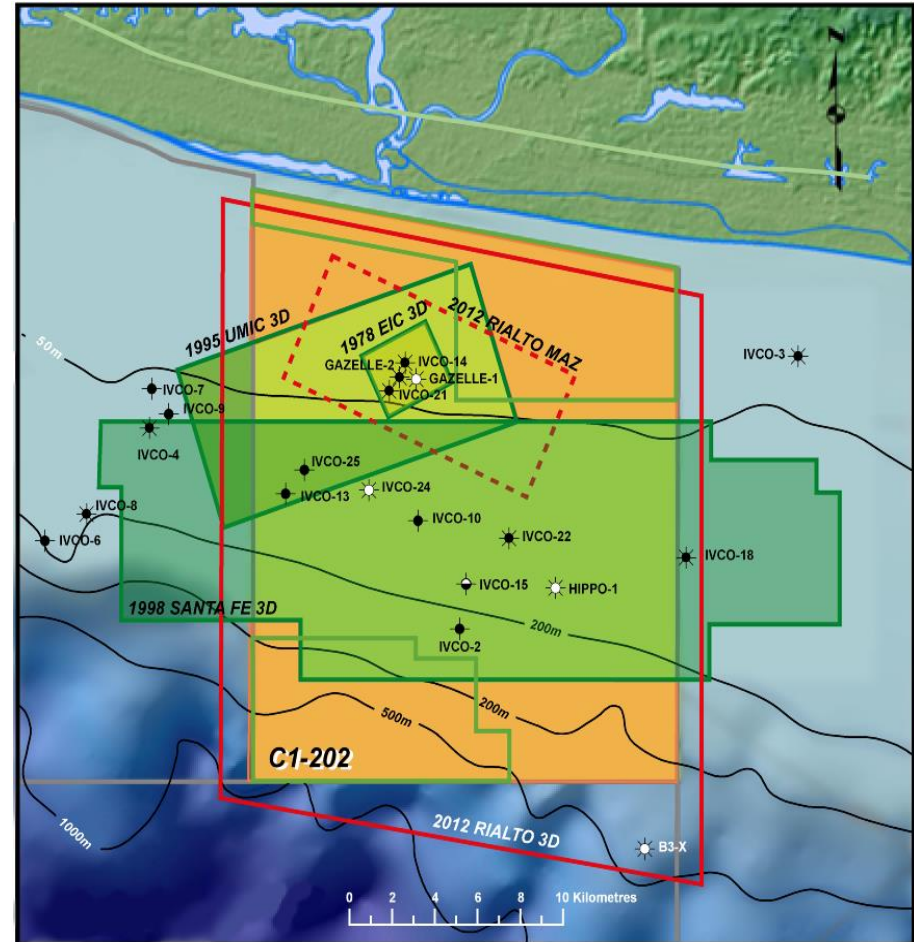


# FUTURE COTE D'IVOIRE EXPLORATION POTENTIAL

## A new understanding of CI-202 subsurface potential

- Single seamless dataset of 860km<sup>2</sup> covers entire block for the first time
- First PSTM processed data represents a step change in data quality for the block
- At least 15 potential drilling prospects
- The following 5 are considered stand-out prospects :

Prospect	Water Depth (m)	Gross Mean Prospective Resource	GPoS Range
Condor Area	30	999bcf 20 mmbbls	13-27%
Faucon	95	118mmbbls 79bcf	23%
Hippo North	69	242bcf 5mmbbls	38%
Chouette-E Area	70	168mmbbls 462bcf	16-23%
Arius	105	227mmbbls 114bcf	22%

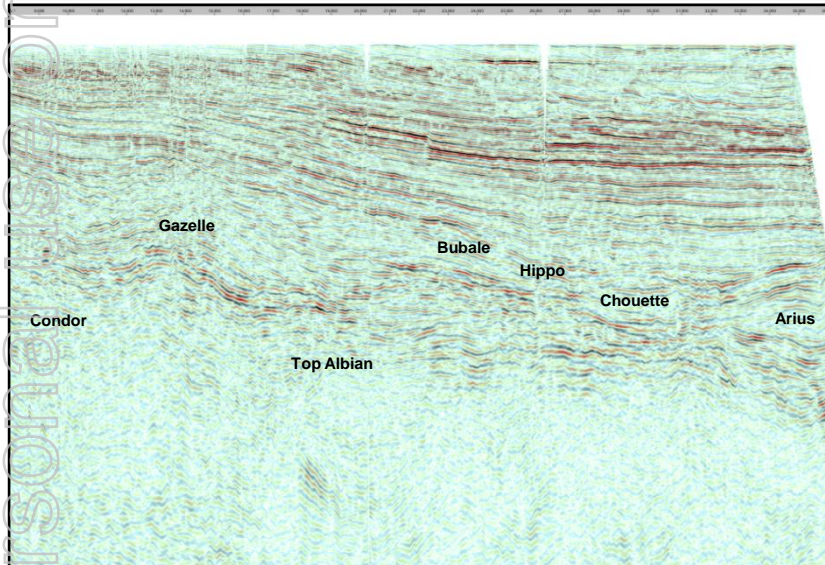


- Areas previously not covered by 3D seismic
- Relinquishment areas



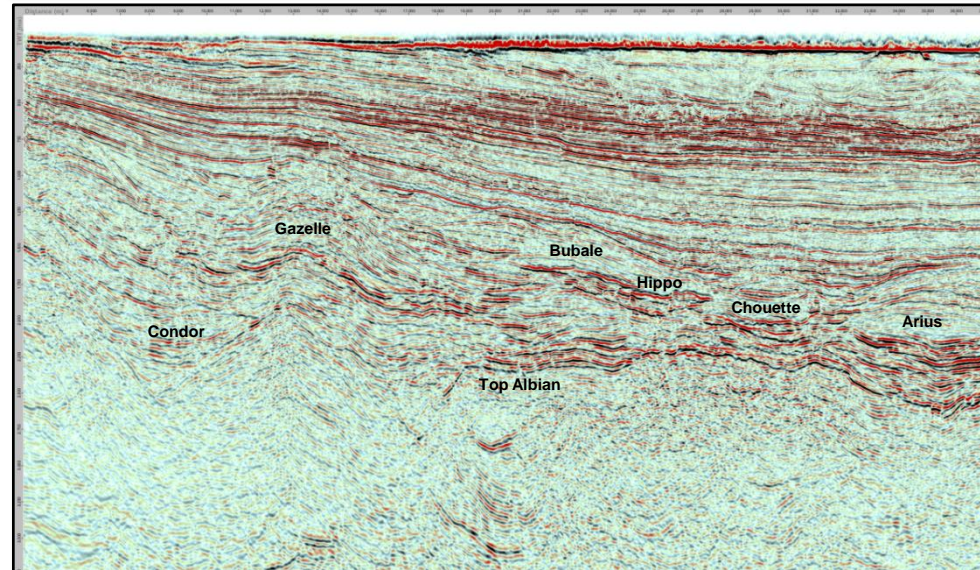
# 3D SEISMIC COMPARISON

2010 TRICON MERGED REPROCESSING (POOR)



- Tricon 2012 merged reprocessing was poor
- Pre and post-stack data is riddled with noise and 'artifacts'.

2012 FAST TRACK PSDM



- Comprehensive Anisotropic Joint reflection – refraction Q-PSDM of 2012 CI-202 Rialto's Polarcus 3D survey
- A very significant uplift in data quality is observed in a very challenging, noise prone shallow water marine environment (water depths to 20m)
- High quality imaging of existing fields and identification of new prospects

# SELECTED PROSPECTIVE AREAS

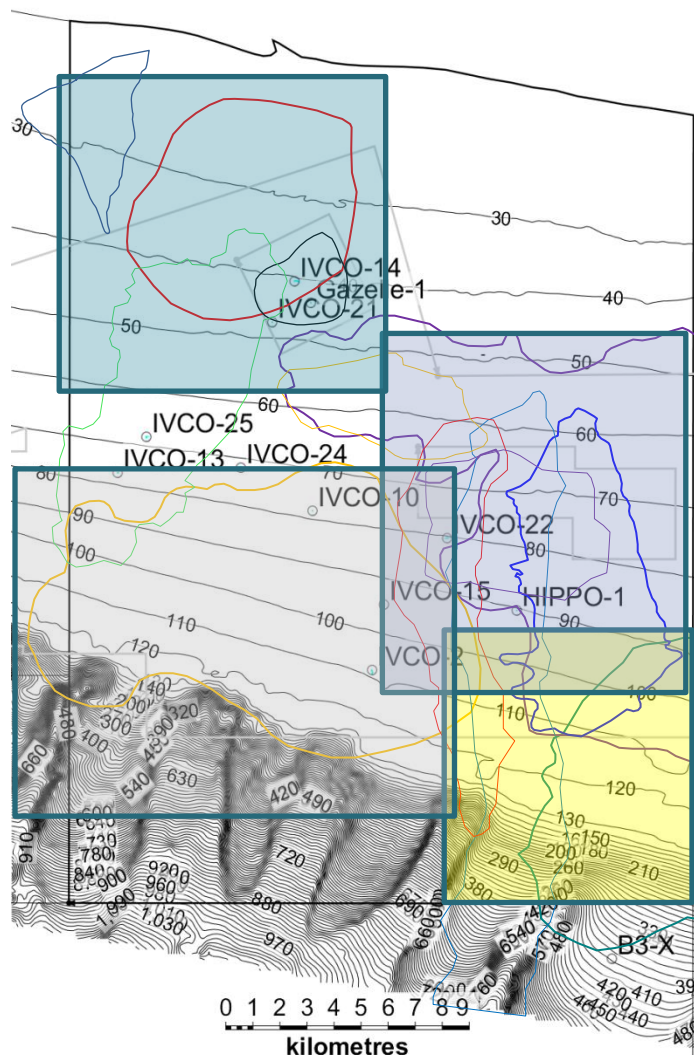
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## 1: GAZELLE-CONDOR

Appraisal of Lower Cenomanian gas-bearing reservoirs, initially **Gazelle**

## 2: FAUCON

Appraising 4 way dip closure with oil and gas present up-dip



## 3: INCISED CANYONS

Appraisal of oil and gas bearing canyon fills at:

- Hippo
- Bubale
- Chouette

Undrilled deep grabens

## 4: BASE OF SLOPE FAN

**Arius** is up-dip and down-dip of tested oil and gas

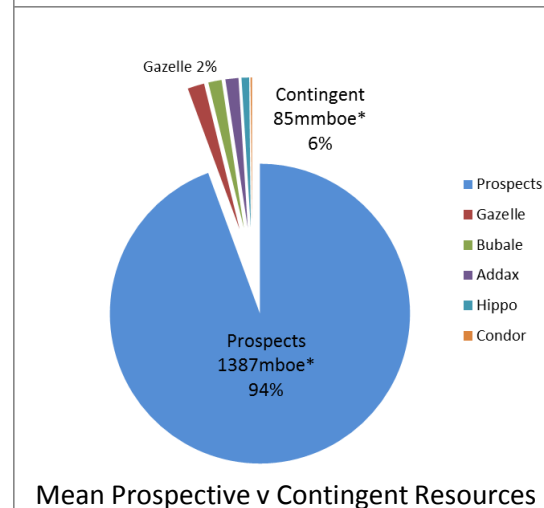
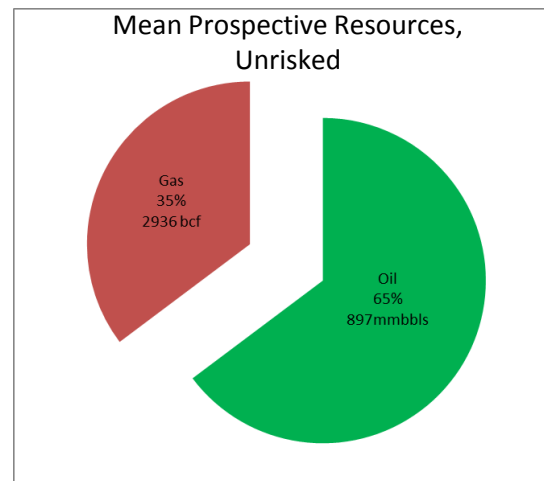
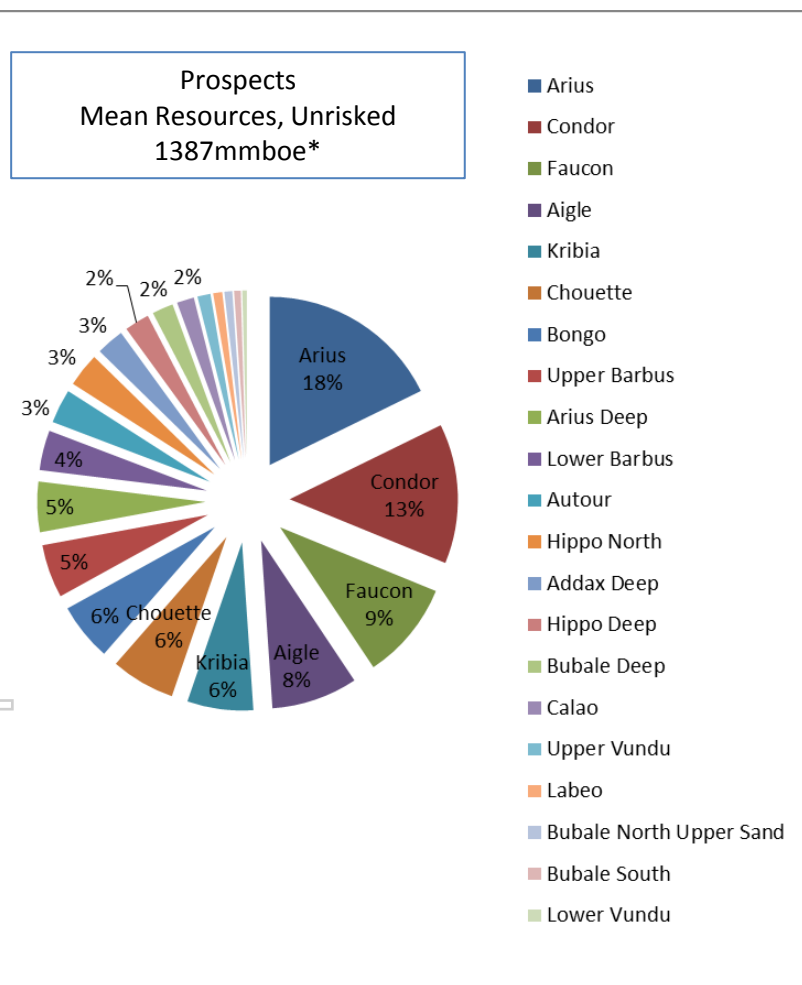


# VOLUMETRICS – GROSS MEAN UNRISKED RESOURCES



Prospective Resources 1,387 mmboe\* & Contingent Resources 85 mmboe\*

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(\*) Gas volume conversion: 6 Bcf per 1 mmboe

# ACCRA BLOCK OVERVIEW

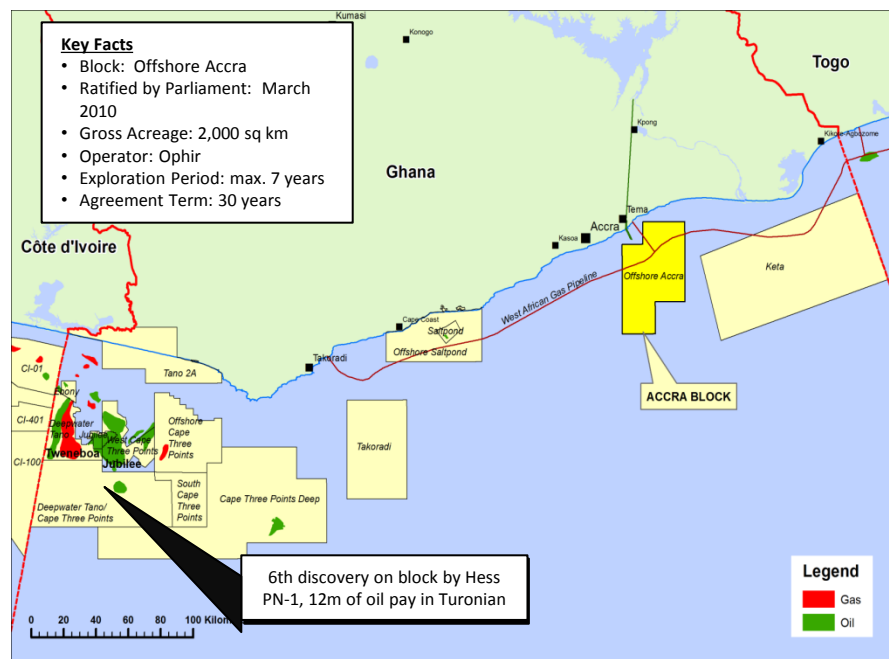
## GHANA



Starfish-1 well, drilled on budget, Proved Cretaceous Reservoir fairway

### ACCRA BLOCK

- Starfish-1 well first deepwater test for Region, confirmed Albian reservoir fairway
- Well drilled in 25 days (37 days planned), on budget despite extended logging programme
- Possible evidence of residual oil In Starfish-1 Albian sands being evaluated from cuttings and sampled fluids
- Good quality 3D seismic has defined 10 large prospects, now seismic can be calibrated by Starfish-1 results and mapping revised
- Initial Exploration Period of 2.5yrs extended by 6 months to end March 2014
  - All work commitments completed
  - Next exploration period of 2 years (2014-2016) carries a firm well commitment
- Oct 2013: Vitol acquires 48% economic interest in Rialto Ghana, for Rialto's share of Starfish-1 well costs



Party	Participating Interest	Effective Interest
Ophir (Operator)	20%	18%
RIALTO	6.5%	5.85%**
Vitol	36%	32.4%**
Tap Oil	17.5%	15.75%
Afex	20%	18%
GNPC	-	10%

\*\* Following acquisition by Vitol of 48% economic interest in Rialto Ghana as of October 2013, (final percentage subject to final well costs)

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# SUMMARY – A TRANSFORMATIONAL YEAR



- New management and board
- Vitol partnership announced
- Successful placing raised \$14m in July
- Good shareholder register
- Active programme with near-term focus on Gazelle project
- Actively considering new opportunities

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# APPENDICES



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# MARKET INFORMATION



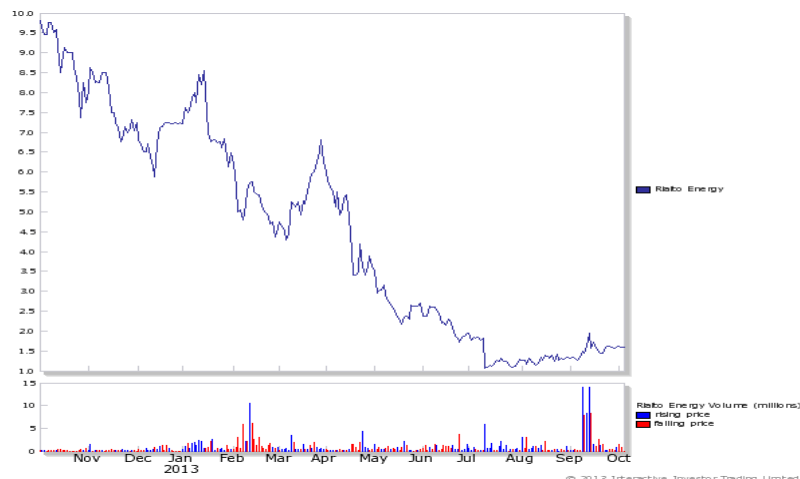
## Listing Information

<b>Shares in Issue</b>	1,155,765,100
<b>Options/Warrants outstanding</b>	66,975,157
<b>Fully Diluted</b>	1,222,740,257
<b>Share Price</b> (at close 03/10/13)	A\$0.03 (£0.01)
<b>Market Capitalisation</b>	US\$30m
<b>Debt</b>	-
<b>Approx. cash</b>	US\$13m
<b>Markets</b>	Australian Stock Exchange (RIA) AIM - London Stock Exchange (RIA)

## Significant Shareholders

As at 4 September

Artemis Global Energy Fund	8.65%
Genesis Asset Managers LLP	6.07%
International Finance Corporation (IFC)	5.51%
Standard Life Investments	4.76%
Vitol S.A	4.61%
Glenn Whiddon	3.86%



## Selected Analyst Coverage

GMP Europe Securities (4 Sep 2013)	£0.055
RFC Ambrian Partners (30 Sep 2013)	A\$0.06

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# FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR Y/E 30 JUNE 2013



- Net loss of A\$170.6 million arising from :
  - A\$150.8 million impairment of investment in Cdl as result of the Vitol deal
  - Expenditure of A\$11.6 million in terminating 2013 drilling campaign in Cdl
- G&A costs down by 31% to A\$7.9 million, primarily due to lower share based expenses and higher capitalisations
  - Offset higher payroll & Director compensation expenses
- Book value of A\$37.6 million now approximates market value
- Net cash outflow of A\$67.4 million (exploration A\$51.9 million, rig contract termination A\$10.3 million)
- Cash at 30 June of A\$5.8 million
- Current cash ca. A\$14 million following net placing proceeds of A\$12.7 million received in July/August

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# INCOME STATEMENT



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## Income Statement

<i>A\$ million</i>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	
Revenue	0.1	0.7	Interest income
Exploration costs	(11.6)		Mainly termination of rig contract
Impairment	(150.8)		Write down of Cdl carrying value
G&A	(7.9)	(11.5)	\$3.6mm decrease in share based expense
FX gain / (loss)	<u>(0.3)</u>	<u>0.7</u>	
Loss before tax	(170.5)	(10.1)	
Tax	<u>(0.1)</u>	<u>(0.1)</u>	
Net Loss	(170.6)	(10.2)	



# CASH FLOW



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## Cash Flow

<i>A\$ million</i>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	
Payments to suppliers & employees	(6.4)	(6.7)	
Payment for drilling rig cancellation	(10.3)		
Interest received, less tax paid	0.2	0.6	
Net cash from operations	(16.6)	(6.1)	
Purchase of PP&E	(0.1)	(0.4)	
Sale of interest in Rialto Ghana	0.5		
Holdback payments in CDI		(0.1)	
Exploration expenditure	(51.9)	(65.1)	
Cash used in investing activities	(51.5)	(65.6)	
Cash from financing	0.7	83.4	Equity issues, less issue costs
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(67.4)	11.7	

# BALANCE SHEET



## Balance Sheet

<i>A\$ million</i>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	
Cash	5.8	74.0	
Trade & Other Receivables	1.4	1.9	
Other Current Assets	1.2	8.3	
Current Assets	8.4	84.2	
E&E	39.2	139.4	Mainly Cote d'Ivoire
PP&E	0.7	0.9	
TOTAL ASSETS	48.3	224.4	
Trade & Other Payables	8.0	18.2	
Other Current Liabilities	1.0	0.1	
Current Liabilities	9.0	18.3	
Non-Current Liabilities	0.3	0.0	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	9.3	18.3	
NET ASSETS	39.0	206.1	
Non-Controlling Interest	(1.3)		Vitol interest in Ghana subsidiary
Attributable to Shareholders	37.7	206.1	

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