Stock Exchange Listing

ASX:ROC

Company profile

ROC is one of Australia’s leading independent upstream oil and gas companies. Incorporated in Australia, ROC listed on the Australian Stock Exchange (ASX) in 1999. ROC currently has approximately 713 million shares on issue. The Sydney-based company has a strong operating emphasis, an international focus and a global workforce of approximately 160. ROC’s value drivers include: a proven team with strong technical, operational and financial abilities; a balanced and diversified asset portfolio; exploration and production assets. The Company is predominantly focused on Asia and Australia, with Australian and Chinese assets providing around 75% of production and 2P Reserves.

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Recent Developments

In 2009 and 2010, ROC has reduced expenditures, rebalanced the asset portfolio and recapitalised the balance sheet: a 10% interest in the BMG Project was sold; the farmout of ROC’s Angola acreage was completed; an equity capital raising of US$77 million was completed; offshore exploration acreage was added in New Zealand; and progress was made to advance the Beibu Gulf development project. In June 2010, the Company was in a net cash position of approximately US$50 million.

In China, the 2010 Zhao Dong development drilling programme continues on schedule and within budget and the Supplemental Development Agreement to the PSC for the Beibu Gulf development was completed. At Cliff Head, production performance has been enhanced in 2010 due to successful workovers. ROC’s 2009 safety and environmental performance was commendable, with a single Lost Time Injury (”LTI”) during 2.5 million man-hours worked and no significant environmental incidents.

While disappointed with the Basker Manta Gummy (BMG) field 2P Reserves downgrade in February 2010, ROC remains focused on its stated strategy: to exploit existing assets; and to leverage off the Company’s relationships and operating capabilities to pursue new growth opportunities in Asia and Australia.

Resources / Reserves Estimates*

Remaining 2P Reserves of 13.9 MMBOE as at 31 December 2009.

*The reserve and resource information contained in this report is based on information compiled by Neil Seage (Chief Reservoir and Planning Engineer). Mr Seage (BA, BEng (Hons), MBA and Dip App Fin), who is a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, has more than 30 years relevant experience within the industry and consents to the information in the form and context in which it appears.
Future Outlook

HSEC
• Maintain and improve safety and environmental performances
• Build upon existing relationships with host communities

Deliver the Operating Budget
• Production of between 8,000-9,000 BOEPD
• Development and exploration expenditure <US$80 million
• Contain and control operating costs

Exploit Existing Reserve Base
• Zhao Dong development drilling
• Pursue further Cliff Head workover opportunities

Pursue Growth Opportunities
• Beibu Gulf project FID and commencement of development
• Conclude BMG review
• Reserve replacement opportunities

Increase Exploration Activity
• Castanha appraisal well and 3D seismic in Angola
• Finalise drillable prospects in WA-351-P, Carnarvon Basin
• Farm out and drill Aleta-1 prospect offshore Equatorial Guinea
• Acquire seismic in offshore Mozambique Channel permits

Build on Existing Relationships
• Petrochina and CNOOC in China
• Existing joint venture partners (domestic and international)

Rebalance Asset Portfolio
• Reduce exposure to Africa through farm outs
• Increase presence in Asia-Australasia focus area