

MAVERICK EXPLORATORY SUCCESS - CAP ROCK PRODUCTION AND OVERHANG DISCOVERIES AT BLUE RIDGE DOME

CAP ROCK PRODUCTION

Maverick Drilling & Exploration Limited (ASX: MAD) is pleased to announce its wholly owned subsidiary, Maverick Production Company, has made what has the potential to be a new field discovery at the Blue Ridge Salt Dome in Fort Bend County, Texas. William Chesser, Vice President of Exploration, stated "while oil shows have been found previously in the Cap Rock at Blue Ridge, the new discovery is the first sustained oil production from the Cap Rock formation at the Blue Ridge Salt Dome". The discovery is in Maverick's Santa Rosa well # 43. The well was perforated from 1454-1462 with 6 shots/foot. The well flowed initially at an average rate exceeding 60 BOPD of 42° API gravity crude. Continued production testing is underway.

While drilling the Santa Rosa #43, the well blew out at 1,460 feet in what was later diagnosed as 60 feet below the top of the cap rock, a hard limestone and anhydrite formation generally foreboding the appearance of salt underneath it. The well was brought under control quickly and drilling was continued through the cap rock until encountering the salt at 1,500 feet. The well was drilled approximately 250 feet into the salt and stopped.

An offset well recently drilled, the Santa Rosa #511, has now established commercial production in the cap rock formation as well.

Maverick has begun the process of obtaining "new field discovery" status for this new development, as it has the potential to impact the size of Maverick's reserves. Further drilling and evaluation will be required to determine commerciality and sustainability of any new reservoir. The Blue Ridge Salt Dome was first drilled in 1903. The first commercial well at the Blue Ridge Salt Dome was drilled by Gulf Production Company in April 1919.

SALT OVERHANG DISCOVERED

In a second test adjoining the Santa Rosa #43, the Santa Rosa #511 was drilled beyond the depth of the cap rock and drilled through approximately 1,400 feet of salt. Beneath the salt, Maverick discovered another 200 feet of shale and sands, some of the sands had oil shows in the cuttings. While the zones when tested did not produce any oil, the company is extremely pleased with this new development

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because of the potential for broader ranging traps beneath the salt. Historical discoveries of salt overhangs on Gulf Coast salt domes have sometimes yielded significant oil reserves. There is no guarantee this may account for additional reserves, and will require additional drilling and testing and other technical diagnostics.

SEISMIC EVALUATION PLANNED

The cap rock production and overhang were discovered as part of Maverick's in-field developmental drilling program. These wells took longer to drill than conventional developmental drilling tests.

In order to fully explore the ramifications of these two new developments, Maverick is currently taking seismic bids with the intent of beginning a 3D seismic program within the next 45-60 days, subject to availability of equipment and crews. Once this process has been completed, the evaluation of the results and adjusted drilling planning will be communicated to shareholders.

IMPACT OF THE DISCOVERIES

Maverick's drilling program has focused on these two new discoveries for the past several months as either of these two new developments has the potential to produce an expanded view of the potential of Blue Ridge, and the company feels the impact to reserves and value to Maverick could be material. These discoveries can only enhance the recently revised Blue Ridge reserves.

A summary of these recent events was conveyed by Don Henrich, Executive Chairman, in saying "We are very pleased and encouraged by these two new developments. While technical analysis is always a big help in finding oil, the ultimate tool will always be the drill bit. Maverick's internally owned drilling rigs are crewed by personnel who are looking for any new findings in every well we drill. When combined with our vastly experienced geology division we tend to be 'lucky' more often than not. We are very proud of our personnel involved in these efforts as should all of our shareholders".

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Maverick is a diversified oil company with existing oil production and reserves focusing on low cost development of low risk drilling prospects. Maverick's flagship assets are leases and oil reserves it holds over parts of the Blue Ridge Dome, an established producing oil field located south of Houston, Texas in the United States and its wholly owned subsidiary Maverick Drilling Company, a 37 year old contract drilling company based in Texas.