



19 October 2010

Company Announcements Office
Australian Stock Exchange Limited
10th Floor, 20 Bond Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Sirs

OIL BASINS ACQUIRES A FURTHER 75% INTEREST IN RETENTION LEASE R3, OFFSHORE CARNARVON BASIN, CONTAINING THE CYRANO OIL DISCOVERY

The following announcement is made by Oil Basins Limited (**OBL** or the **Company**, ASX codes **OBL**, **OBLOA** and **OBLOB**) so as to keep the market fully informed.

On 18 October 2010 the Company and Tap Oil Limited (ASX code **TAP**) executed a sale and purchase agreement whereby OBL acquires the 75% remaining interest in Retention Lease R3 that OBL doesn't presently own. The area of R3 is one graticular block and contains the small undeveloped Cyrano offshore discovery in 16m of water, refer to Figure 1.

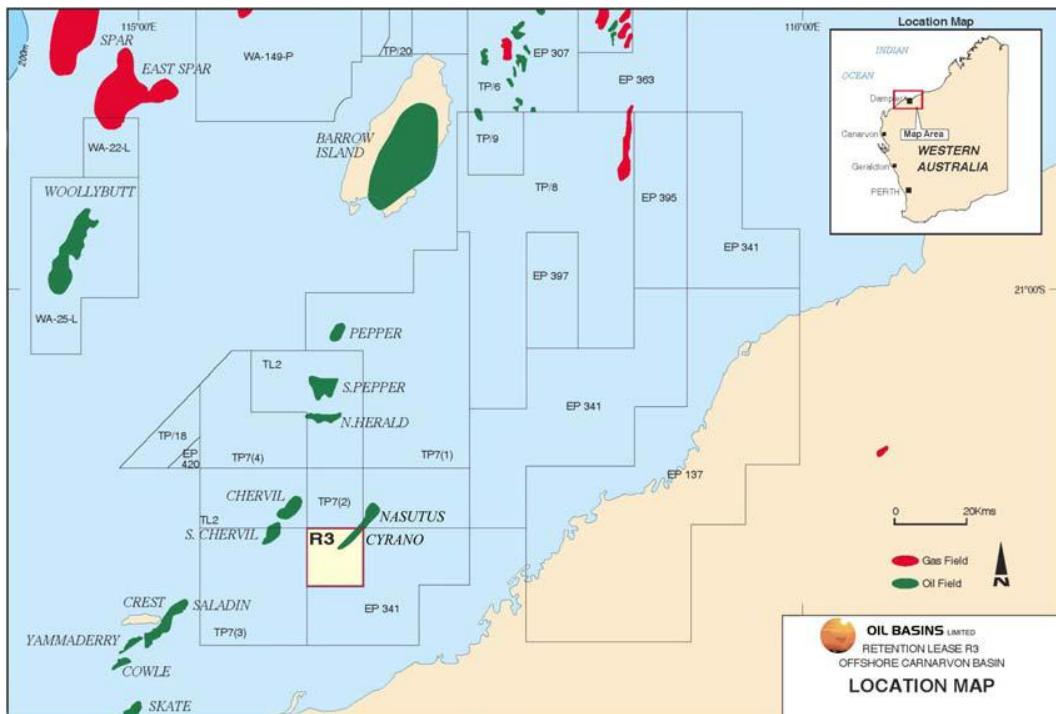


Figure 1
Oil Basins Carnarvon Basin Retention Lease R3 Interest

The attributes of R3 and terms of the transaction with TAP are summarised as follows:

- The R3 asset containing the Cyrano discovery has 3D seismic, two discovery wells and two exploration wells to date. Cyrano is estimated to contain circa 4.36 MMbbls Oil in Place and some 1.45 MMbbls estimated 2P (equivalent) and an estimated 0.92 MMbbls recoverable 1P

reserves and is presently considered uneconomic as a stand-alone development by the R3 Joint Venture. An indicative production profile scenario is illustrated in Figure 2.

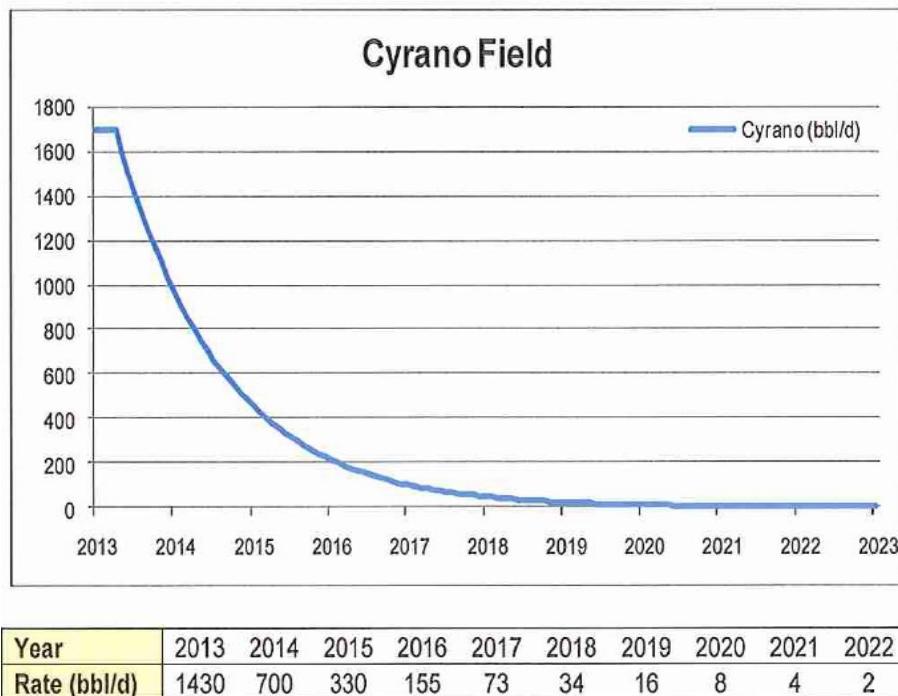


Figure 2
Cyrano Production Profile – source R3 Operator Data

- However, the proximity of Airlie Island provides some possibility that, if Airlie Island is brought back into service, there is a chance of future development of Cyrano – possibly tied back to that facility.
- The transaction consideration to TAP comprises a cash payment of AUD300,000 and the issue of 2.0 million new unrestricted OBL ordinary shares.
- Effectively OBL will be paying TAP notionally 58 cents/bbl of recoverable IP oil or approximately 37 cents/bbl per 2P.
- Presently only the 10% WA Royalty applies on development and prior Joint Venture costs to date amount to circa \$11 million.
- Currently the approved WA Department of Mines and Petroleum (**DMP**) work program desktop geological and geophysical obligations amount to a low \$20,000 per annum, while the R3 Retention Lease will be due for further renewal in mid-2011.
- Both OBL and TAP will now work to finalise the assignment of this interest with all relevant stakeholder approvals.

The Company is very pleased with this acquisition as it is in-line with its 'Peak Oil Strategy' to acquire undeveloped well-defined accumulations of hydrocarbon resources.

Yours faithfully

Kim McGrath
Chairman