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South Sudan contracts \$2.14 billion in export crude oil

JUBA – October 5, 2011 - Since achieving independence on July 9, 2011, the Ministry of Petroleum & Mining, Republic of South Sudan - RSS, has contracted the sale of 22 million barrels for export crude oil. This volume covers the July through October 2011 period and is transiting by ships through Port Sudan Marine Terminal, Republic of Sudan to international buyers located in Asia and Europe. The Ministry estimates the total value of exports for this period at USD 2.14 billion based on current market prices.

Since independence, the Ministry of Petroleum & Mining - RSS has assumed responsibility for the marketing of petroleum extracted from the territory of South Sudan. A Marketing Team comprised of members from the Ministry of Petroleum and Mining, the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, the Central Bank of South Sudan and external advisors has been formed. The purpose of this Team is to develop oil marketing strategy, commit crude oil sales contracts with key international buyers, continuous training and capacity building with Ministry staff and maximize sales revenues in a transparent manner.

The Ministry of Petroleum and Mining has undertaken the development of a new petroleum law and regulations for the energy sector. These serve to encourage the operations of existing oil contractors, promote the participation of new international companies and ensure a fair resource investment return for the people of the Republic of South Sudan.

The Ministry of Petroleum and Mining – RSS would like to encourage investment and economic co-operation with the government and business community of the Republic of Sudan in particular, in recognition of the mutual interests to explore and develop petroleum resources and benefits.

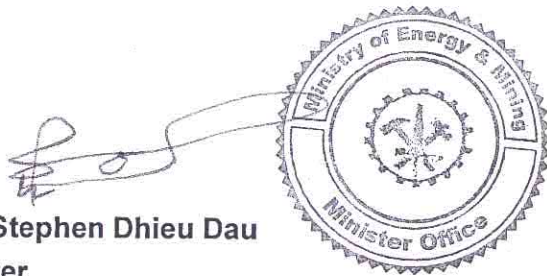
The terms and conditions of existing Exploration and Production Sharing agreements (EPSAs) will continue with the exception of any amendments required in accordance with the new law. The proportion of economic benefits due to each party will not change.

The Ministry of Petroleum and Mining future strategy includes finalization of the legal framework, consisting of policies, laws and regulations, which will provide an environment that is conducive to investment and petroleum production operations. The petroleum policy and the petroleum law have been drafted and are awaiting parliamentary review and approval.



The Ministry will act to ensure that petroleum management is conducted in a transparent and accountable manner and will take measures to safeguard petroleum revenue streams. The Ministry will have in place, the policy of transparency, accountability and zero tolerance to corruption and fully supports the implementation of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI). Full support will also be provided to the capacity building of Ministry staff in order to assume a proactive role in petroleum and Mining areas management and regulatory oversight.

The Ministry of Petroleum and Mining looks forward to fulfilling its obligations and responsibilities for petroleum and mineral resources management on behalf of the people of the new country of the Republic of South Sudan, the partners to oil sector and sisterly nations in the region.



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