

English Translation of News Release

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Japan Petroleum Exploration Co., Ltd

Relinquishment of SC 46 Block in The Philippines

Japan Petroleum Exploration Co., Ltd. today announced that its consolidated subsidiary, Japex Philippines Ltd. decided to relinquish SC 46 block, located in Tañon Strait, the Philippines at the expiration date of Exploration Period, June 20, 2008, because of the lack of commercial oil and gas discovery as a result of exploration work including drilling of one exploration well.

Outline of Japex Philippines Ltd.

Address:	1-7-12, Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
President:	Mineo Kinoshita
Establishment:	May 26, 2006
Paid-in Capital:	2,900,000,000 yen
Shareholder:	Japan Petroleum Exploration Co., Ltd. 100%

Outline of the SC 46 block

Location	Tañon Strait (between the islands of Negros and Cebu)	
Area of this block	2,580 sq km	
Participating Interest	Japex Philippines Ltd.	65% (Operator)
	Kufpec Philippines (SC-46) Ltd	35%

Location Map

