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<u>Success of Flow Test in Appraisal Well of Seagull Discovery,</u> <u>U. K. North Sea</u>

Japan Petroleum Exploration Co., Ltd. (hereafter "JAPEX") announces that the flow test of an appraisal well at P1621/P1622 (hereafter "Seagull discovery") located in U.K. North Sea, has succeeded. JAPEX has acquired 15% participating interest from Apache North Sea Limited, subsidiary of Apache Corporation in March 2014.

An appraisal well at the Seagull discovery in P1621/P1622, North Sea in UK was drilled 78 km south of the Forties complex and confirmed 672 feet of net oil pay over a 1092 foot column in Triassic-age sands. The well was flow tested with a facility-constrained rate of 8,700 Bpd and 16 MMcfd with a very low pressure drawdown. Further appraisal work will continue following the recent acquisition of a multi-azimuth 3-D survey.

The effect of this matter to the Financial Forecast of April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 is negligible.

[Outline of Seagull prospect]

: P1621/P1622 (Seagull Discovery)
: Triassic-age sands
: Gross thickness 1,092 feet
Net pay thickness 672 feet
: 8,700 barrels of oil and 16 million cubic feet of
natural gas

Talisman Sinopec Energy UK Limited(*)	
Apache North Sea Limited	35%
JAPEX UK E&P LIMITED	15%
(100% subsidiary of JAPEX)	

(*): Operator

[Location Map]

