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## **Chrysaor completes acquisition of Shell package and becomes the leading UK North Sea independent E&P Company**

Chrysaor, the UK oil & gas independent, today announces the completion of the acquisition of a package of assets in the UK North Sea from Shell for a price of \$3.0 billion, subject to customary adjustments. Future payments may be made between the two companies, contingent upon exploration results and commodity prices. Harbour Energy, an energy investment vehicle managed by EIG Global Energy Partners, is Chrysaor's principal financial backer.

The package consists of interests in Beryl, Bressay, Buzzard, Elgin-Franklin, Erskine, Everest, the Greater Armada cluster, J Block, Lomond and Schiehallion. Chrysaor is now operator of the Armada, Lomond and Everest hubs.

The transaction sees Chrysaor become the leading independent E&P company in the UK. Production from the acquired assets is forecast to average just under 120,000 net barrels of oil equivalent per day for 2017, with current unit operating costs running at less than \$15 a barrel.

The company now has some 400 employees, with approximately 200 based in its operations centre at The Capitol Building in Aberdeen, 150 working offshore and 50 at its corporate headquarters in London.

**Phil Kirk, Chief Executive of Chrysaor, said:**

*"With the acquisition of this package of high quality, low cost production assets, Chrysaor becomes the leading independent in the UK North Sea. We are grateful to Shell for collaborating with our team to ensure a smooth and safe transition. I am excited at the prospect of our highly professional existing and new staff working together with our new licence and supply chain partners to develop and grow the company together."*

*"Safe and efficient operation of the assets is our primary objective as we pursue our development plans. We are already working hard to mature drilling opportunities in the Chrysaor-operated assets, secure further third party business for the hub assets, and actively support viable development initiatives proposed by our partner-operated assets."*

**Linda Z. Cook, Chairman of Chrysaor, said:**

*"With improving operating costs, competitive fiscal terms and a world class skills base, the North Sea is undergoing a period of rejuvenation. Through its acquisition of the Shell portfolio Chrysaor is now firmly placed to take advantage of this change. Harbour Energy is pleased to provide funding for this acquisition and to continue our active support of Chrysaor in pursuit of its goal to deliver material growth and value."*

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Information on Chrysaor and the transaction can be found at [www.chrysaor.com](http://www.chrysaor.com), [www.chrysaor-future.com](http://www.chrysaor-future.com). Harbour Energy's press release can be found at [www.harbourenergy.com](http://www.harbourenergy.com). Shell's press release can be found at [www.shell.com](http://www.shell.com).

#### Notes to editors:

#### Chrysaor

Chrysaor is a private company established in 2007 and focused on generating superior equity returns by developing and commercialising oil and gas incremental resources. The management team has a proven track record of success and seeks to acquire producing fields with associated undeveloped hydrocarbon resources. Chrysaor is now a self-sustaining full cycle E&P company, with a portfolio of assets balancing near term development with production growth, combined with significant gearing to appraisal and exploration success.

#### Harbour Energy

Harbour Energy, Ltd. ("Harbour Energy") is an energy investment vehicle formed to pursue investments in high-quality upstream energy assets globally. Harbour Energy is externally managed by EIG Global Energy Partners ("EIG") and led by a management team that includes Linda Z. Cook, a 29-year veteran of Royal Dutch Shell, as CEO and Terence Jupp, former Vice President of International Operations for Anadarko Petroleum, as COO. For more information, please visit [www.harbourenergy.com](http://www.harbourenergy.com). EIG specializes in private investments in energy and energy-related infrastructure on a global basis and had \$17.0 billion under management as of September 30, 2017. EIG has invested over \$24 billion in more than 320 portfolio investments in 36 countries on six continents. For more information, please visit [www.eigpartners.com](http://www.eigpartners.com).

#### Materials for media

The package of assets being acquired is outlined in the table below.

Key field areas / hubs	Chrysaor Equity Interest
Beryl Area	39.4%
Bressay	18.4%
Buzzard	21.73%
Elgin-Franklin	14.1%
Erskine	32%
Everest	100%
Greater Armada Area	76.4%
J Block	30.5%
Lomond	100%
Schiehallion	10%

## Map of the assets

