

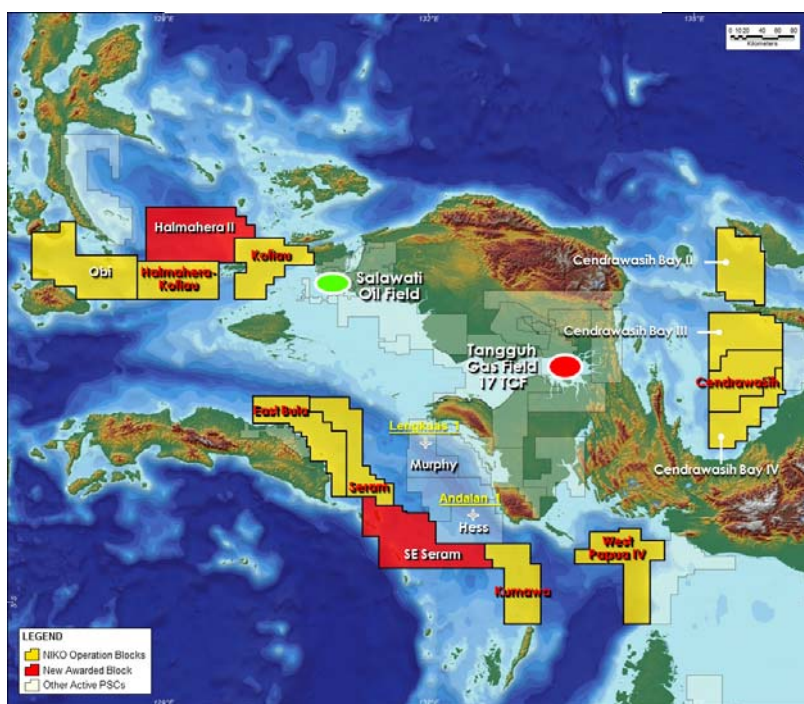
## Niko Now Has Twenty Indonesia Exploration Blocks

CALGARY, ALBERTA – (Marketwire – December 20, 2011) Niko Resources Ltd. (TSX: NKO). Niko Resources Ltd. is pleased to announce that it has been awarded two new Production Sharing Contracts (“PSCs”) in Indonesia. The Company now has interests in 20 Indonesian PSCs including 13 in its West Papua portfolio.

As shown below, the 8,217 Km<sup>2</sup> SE Seram block is adjacent to Niko’s Seram, East Bula and Kumawa blocks and also borders a third party block where the Andalan-1 well is currently drilling. Niko will have a 100% working interest and operate.

The 6000 Km<sup>2</sup> Halmahera II block is adjacent to Niko’s Obi, Halmahera-Kofiau and Kofiau blocks. Niko will have a 20% working interest.

### West Papua Portfolio



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