

Drilling Update

CALGARY, ALBERTA (Marketwire – August 10, 2012) – Niko Resources Ltd. (“Niko”) (TSX: NKO). Niko is pleased to provide an offshore drilling update.

Indonesia:

Ratnadewi-1

- Cased hole testing has been completed. The well was drilled to 1,323 meters but was short of the planned total depth of 1,800 meters because of deteriorating hole conditions exasperated by rig engine problems.
- Three potential reservoir sections were encountered at 862-877 meters, 990-1015 meters and 1,230-1,250 meters however the 9 5/8” casing was not able to be run past a depth of 1,084 meters. As a result the 1,230-1,250 meters sand interval could not be evaluated even though this interval recorded the highest gas readings in the well and appears to have the best reservoir potential as determined from LWD log indications.
- The upper sand interval of 862-877m was wet. The 990-1015m sand tested gas with no water production at non commercial rates as a zone by itself.
- The offset ONSF-1 well located approximately 300m from Ratnadewi-1 tested approximately 10 mmcf/d from an interval between 1,668-1,694 meters.
- Niko intends to drill a follow up well using a different rig and a synthetic based mud system to properly evaluate this zone including the previously identified deeper targets.

Lebah-1

- The well spud on July 23 and is currently drilling ahead.

Ocean Monarch Rig

- The scheduled hull inspection is underway in Singapore and the rig is still expected to sail to Niko’s Jayarani-1 well in early September

Trinidad:

Shadow-1

- The well has been drilled and logs have been run to a depth of 2,225 meters. Currently 9 5/8 inch casing is being run and cemented, drilling of the final section of the well is to resume in the next few days in the Tertiary with potential for additional sands as well as objectives in the Cretaceous. The projected depth of the well is 3,000 meters.

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