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ELIXIR SECURES INTERESTS IN SIX 23rd ROUND LICENCES

Elixir Petroleum Ltd (AIM: ELP and ASX: EXR) is delighted to announce that it has interests in six licences (covering seven blocks) being offered in the UKCS 23rd Seaward Licensing Round.

From applications made on its own behalf, Elixir has been offered two licences in the Northern North Sea.

In the Central and Southern North Sea, the Company's alliance partner, Granby Oil & Gas plc, has been offered four licences in which Elixir will have an interest. Under its alliance agreement with Granby, half of Granby's interest will be assigned to Elixir upon formal licence awards.

The following licences/blocks have been offered to Elixir and its alliance partner:

Block(s) in Offered Licences	Operator	Partners	Elixir Interest	Type of Licence
211/18b (Part)	Elixir		100%	Traditional
211/8b	Elixir	Sosina Exploration	80%	Promote
13/25	Faroe Petroleum	Granby	25%	Promote
14/8 (Part) & 14/9 (Part)	Granby	Elixir	50%	Traditional
43/7	Granby	Elixir, TGS-NOPEC	33%	Promote
44/27b	Granby	Elixir, TGS-NOPEC	33%	Promote

The Company is particularly pleased to be offered two licences from its own applications, building on its position established in Block 211/22b. The Jaguar prospect in Block 211/22b has been farmed-out to DNO with an exploration well expected to be drilled in the first half of 2006.

In addition within its alliance with Granby, Elixir has consolidated its position in the Central North Sea and secured its first licence interests in the gas basin of the Southern North Sea.

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