

ASX & Media Release

Eni commits to drill Blackwood well

Key Points:

- Eni commits to drilling a well in the Blackwood area of exploration permit NT/P68
- MEO to be fully carried through drilling and testing of a well to be completed within 18 months

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MEO Australia Limited (ASX: **MEO**; OTCQX: **MEOAY**) advises that Eni Australia Ltd (Eni), operator of exploration permit NT/P68, has provided notice under the NT/P68 Farm-in Agreement (FIA) dated 17th May 2011 that it will proceed with the drilling of a well in the Blackwood area of the permit.

The well will evaluate the 2008 Blackwood gas discovery.

MEO has a 50% participating interest in the well which will be 100% funded by Eni including production testing. Eni has eighteen months from the date of election to drill the well.

MEO's CEO and MD Jürgen Hendrich commented on the announcement:

"The election by Eni to commit to evaluating the Blackwood gas discovery is a key milestone in the context of the Farm-in Agreement and the potential for the Blackwood resource to underpin a commercial development."



Jürgen Hendrich
Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer

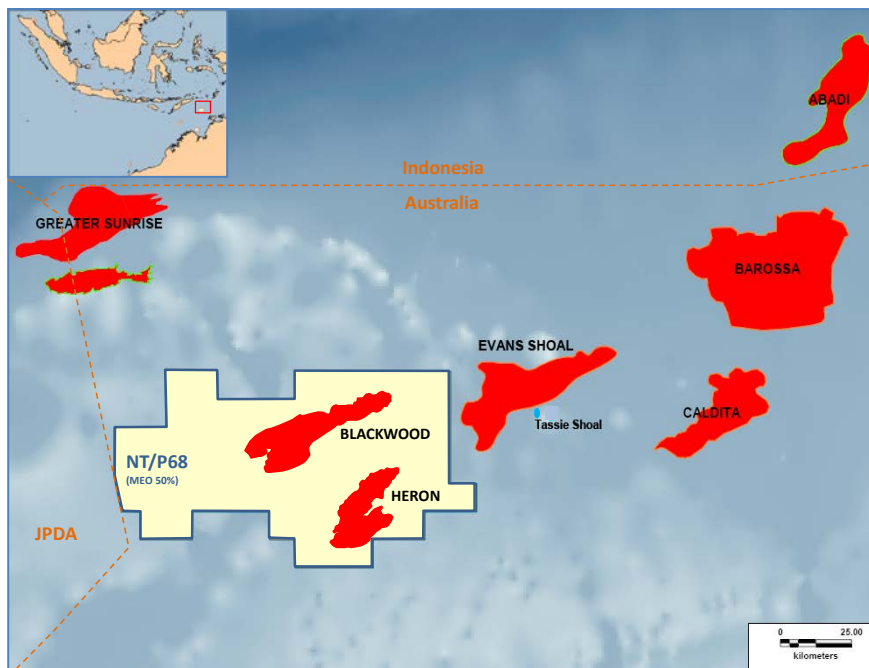


Figure1 . Location Map