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**REACH MAKES GAS DISCOVERY AT WHITBECK PROSPECT ON EAST
IRISH SEA BLOCK 110/3B**

Reach Exploration (UK) Limited (“Reach”) today announces a discovery at the Whitbeck Prospect on Block 110/3b. This Block was awarded in the 24th Licensing Round and Venture Production plc operated the exploration well to earn 70% equity in Licence P1547. The discovery well 110/3b-6A lies 6km north of the Bains Field and 10km north-east of South Morecambe.

The 110/3b-6A well was drilled to a depth of 5787 feet measured depth and, from an initial petrophysical analysis, logged 80 feet of net gas pay within a gross gas column of 120 feet. The Ormskirk sandstone reservoir was cored and is of good quality. Casing has been run across the reservoir and the well has been suspended for future use. No drill stem testing was conducted as the high productivity of this sequence is well documented.

Miles Newman, Exploration Director of Reach, commenting on the discovery said, “We are delighted with the Whitbeck discovery. After further technical work, we hope to return to this well and complete it as a producer for the Whitbeck development.”

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