

Gripen Oil & Gas AB proposes to acquire African diamond project

The collapse in the oil and gas sector during the last two years resulted in the Board and main shareholders of Gripen Oil & Gas AB reviewing different strategic alternatives to secure the future of the Group.

As a result of this review the Board and main shareholders propose the acquisition of an diamond mining project in the Democratic Republic of Congo, controlled by the Swedish company, Africa Resources AB. This acquisition will broaden the scope of the Group's activity to include the exploration and extraction of minerals. The board is of the opinion that a widening the range of activities will complement the existing operations in an positive way by strengthening the Group in the challenging market for oil and gas exploration and production whilst maximizing the Group's skill base.

The Board and the majority of the shareholders in Gripen Oil & Gas AB, therefore, propose at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting to acquire 100% of the outstanding shares in Africa Resources AB by way of a directed share issue.

Africa Resources AB holds the controlling interest in a diamond mining operation, Tshikapa License 674, in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The license covers approximately 36 km² and is located in the south western part of DRC, just north of the Angolan border. Historically US\$5million has been invested in exploration, and processing equipment in the license by former owners. A mineral resource estimate by London-listed, Pangea Diamondfields Ltd, (prepared in accordance with the mining standard, NI 43-101), indicate 2.4 million carat of diamonds at an average price of US\$180/carat. Gripen Oil & Gas AB management is familiar with the project and has direct experience of diamond operations in DRC.

Gripen Oil & Gas, through Africa Resources intends to focus on exploration and alluvial diamond extraction directed at a major river flowing through the license area. Additional revenue will be generated through diamond trading on the international market. The Group's long term objective for Africa Resources is to expand diamond production based on improved exploration and extraction techniques leading to profitable and growing cash flow. The Group's management have established good relationships with the authorities and local producers which will allow the value growth of the Africa Resources operations in a number of countries.

Africa Resources AB has, prior to the acquisition, 12 shareholders and is, based on the current work plan and budgets, sufficiently financed through previously raised capital of SEK 4.5 million.



The acquisition of Africa Resources will be proposed to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting to secure the future of the Group and to facilitate a relisting of the share of the Group on a suitable market place. The acquisition of all outstanding shares in Africa Resources (in total 5,552,000) is proposed to be executed based on an issue in kind to be paid by newly issued shares in Gripen Oil & Gas AB (606,960,973). As a consequence of the acquisition Africa Resources AB will be a wholly owned subsidiary to Gripen Oil & Gas AB. The total number of outstanding shares in Gripen Oil & Gas prior to the acquisition amounts to 107,110,760 resulting in that the total number of outstanding shares in Gripen after the acquisition will amount to 714,071,733. The shareholders of Gripen will, subsequent to the issue in kind, hold 15% of the shares in the combined Gripen/Africa Resources Group.

The Group intends to keep the existing subsidiaries operating within exploration and production of oil and gas and will continue to search for growth opportunities. In addition to the current operations the Group will expand its area of interests to west and north Africa. Our strategic review over the past two years has identified a number of oil and gas disposals from distressed sellers. The Group has no debt and has the experience to operate and run these operations as they become available.

Africa Resources AB (publ)

The Board

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas Häggkvist
Chief Financial Officer, Gripen oil & Gas AB (publ)
Phone: +46 70 552 26 22

Stephen Crabtree
Chief Executive Officer, Gripen Oil & Gas AB (publ)
Phone: +46 72 526 69 88
Email: info@gripenab.com

