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Assignment of the participating interest in the Donggala Production Sharing Contract,
Indonesia

INPEX CORPORATION announces that its subsidiary, INPEX North Makassar, Ltd. will assign all of its participating interest (32.725%) in the Donggala Production Sharing Contract to Santos (Donggala) Pty Ltd, Australia, together with TOTAL Donggala (Operator), due to its consideration on further exploration potentiality in the contract area, subject to the approval of the Indonesian regulatory authority BPMIGAS. The contract area is located at Makassar Strait, offshore East Kalimantan

Interests in the contract are :

	Old Equity (%)	New Equity (%)
TOTAL Donggala	32.725	0
INPEX North Makassar, Ltd.	32.725	0
Unocal Donggala Ltd	19.55	19.55
PT Pertamina (Persero)	15	15
Santos (Donggala) Pty Ltd	0	65.45

Related information:

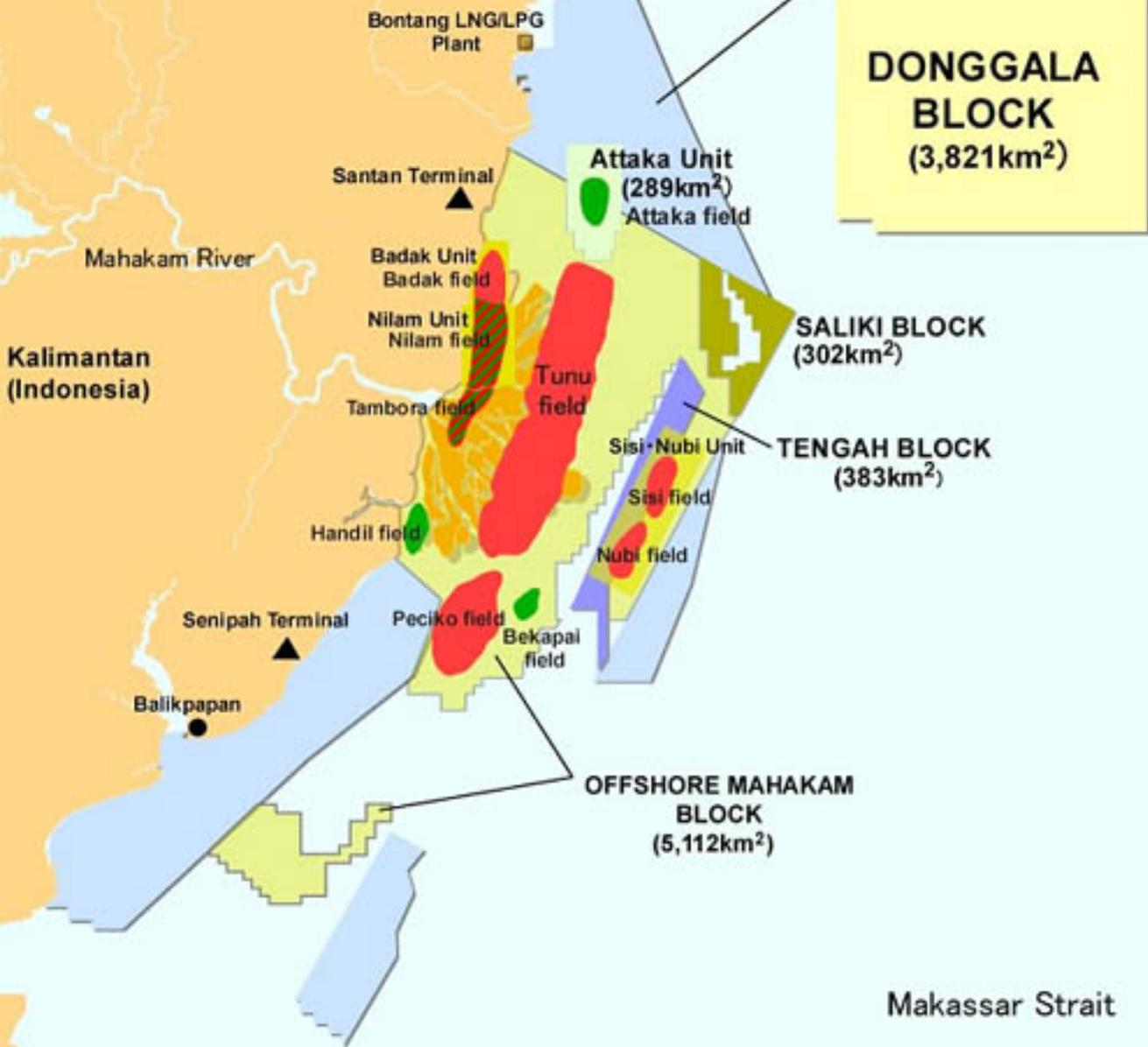
Donggala contract area covers 3,821km² in water depths ranging from 1,650m to 2,450m.

INPEX CORPORATION (INPEX) acquired 50% of the interest of the block in November 2001 with TOTAL (Operator) and it assigned all of the interest to INPEX North Makassar, Ltd. in January 2002. The shareholders of INPEX North Makassar, Ltd. are INPEX (54.18%) and Japan National Oil Corporation (45.82%).

INPEX does not change its strategy on the activity in Indonesia as one of core areas despite this assignment.

Effect on the business results of INPEX:

No gain or loss on the assignment of mining rights and related obligations will be recognized.



-  Oil field
-  Gas field
-  Oil & Gas field

