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Success in the Exploratory Well “Minami Kuwayama TT-1”  
in Niigata Prefecture, Japan

INPEX Holdings Inc. is pleased to announce that its 100% subsidiary TEIKOKU OIL, CO., LTD. in a joint exploration with TOHO EARTHTECH, INC., has confirmed existence of crude oil and natural gas from the results of flow tests at the exploratory well “Minami Kuwayama TT-1.”

Drilling of the well was launched in January 2007 for the purpose of exploring the sandstone beds in the Shiiya formation located northwest of the Minami Kuwayama oil field. After drilling was ceased at the depth of 3,793 m on May 5, flow tests have been conducted up till now and commercially viable amount of crude oil and natural gas has been confirmed.

In the future, based on various technical data acquired, the extent of oil and gas will be confirmed, reserve estimation will be conducted, and feasibility works will be carried out concerning further exploration and development of the formation.

1. Exploration site: Aza-Shirogane, Oseki, Akiha-Ku, Niigata-Shi, Niigata Prefecture
2. Subject formation: Sandstone beds of Shiiya formation  
Conducted flow tests since July 24; see 3. for results
3. Test results: Tested depth: 3,588 m – 3,641 m & 3,691 m – 3,702 m  
Daily capacity: Crude oil: 80 kl/D  
Natural gas: 7,000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/D