Results of Sakhalin Appraisal Well

September 28, 2000

Sakhalin Oil and Gas Development Co., Ltd., Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, (hereinafter referred

as SODECO), in which Teikoku Oil has 1.4% share, confirmed that the multinational

Sakhalin I consortium has appraised a significant oil accumulation on Sakhalin I,

Russia.

The appraisal well, named Chayvo-6, encountered an oil-bearing Miocene reservoir that

flowed at a test rate of 6,000 BOPD. A multinational team composed of Japanese,

ExxonMobil and Russian geoscientists delineated a large 340 feet (104 meters) oil

column on the west flank of the Chayvo discovery. The Chayvo-6 well was drilled in 50

feet (15 meters) of water to a total depth of 10,089 feet (3,075 meters) on the west flank

of the Chayvo field (discovered in 1979). Chayvo is located approximately 370 miles (600

kilometers) north of Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk.

Sakhalin I represents a world class oil and gas development opportunity. Development

planning activities and discussions on key government assurances shall be necessary to

allow the project to go forward continue to progress.

SODECO has 30% working interest of the multinational Sakhalin I consortium. Exxon

Neftegas Limited, a subsidiary of ExxonMobil, also holds 30 percent working interest as

the operator for the consortium, and other co-venturers include Russian companies

Sakhalinmorneftegas-Shelf (23 percent) and Rosneft-Sakhalin (17 percent).

Project Summary

(1)Project Name

Sakhalin I Project

(2)Contract

Production Sharin Agreement(PSA)

Agreed on 30th of June, 1995

Effective on 10th of June, 1996

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(3) Consortium

SODECO 30%

Exxon Neftegas Ltd. 30%(Operator)

Sakhalinmorneftegas-Shelf 23% Rosneft-Sakhalin 17%

(4) License Aria 3 fields located offshore Sakhalin

(7-35 kilometers away from the northeast coast):

Chayvo Field 180 square kilometers Odoptu Field 300 square kilometers Arkutun/Dagi 660 square kilometers

(5) Number of Drilling Wells

1 well on 19963 wells on 19972 wells on 19981 well on 2000

(6) Development plan The discussion with respect to the development of the

field shall be made after completion of the study and

appraisal for the ongoing resource identification.

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