ADES wins new Egyptian offshore drilling contract for ADMARINE 88 and renewal for ADMARIN V from Eni joint venture; grows backlog for ADMARINE VIII

Contract for a new offshore drilling campaign and the renewal of an existing contract with the Italian oil major both come despite current downward pressure on global oil prices

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London & Dubai — ADES International Holding Ltd. (LON: ADES), the London-listed company providing offshore and onshore oil and gas drilling and production services in the Middle East and Africa through its subsidiaries, has been awarded a contract by ENI IEOC, the Egyptian subsidiary of Italian oil major Eni, for a new drilling campaign offshore Egypt.

The contract was awarded by Belayim Petroleum Co. (Petrobel), a joint venture between ENI IEOC and Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation (EGPC), for a three-month drilling campaign to be led by ADES' offshore jack-up drill rig, ADMARINE 88. The contract has the scope to be extended on a well-by-well basis thereafter.

Petrobel has also renewed an existing contract for ADES' ADMARINE V offshore jack-up drill rig for a six-month period on a call out basis, following its recent expiry, with an option to extend the contract for a further six months. Both contracts were chartered for work on Petrobel-Eni concessions in Egypt's Gulf of Suez.

ADES has also entered a farm-in agreement for its ADMARINE VIII offshore jack-up drill rig with Fanar Petroleum Company, under the umbrella of its existing contract with the South Abu Zenima Petroleum Company (Petrozenima). The farm-in agreement's planned scope of work will see the rig perform a FRAC job on the concession's North July well to improve its productivity. Work is expected to commence before the end of July 2017.

Commenting on the contract awards, Dr. Mohamed Farouk, Chief Executive Officer of ADES International Holding, said:

"Our ability to secure new awards and extend existing ones even during a period of oil price decline is a testament to the strength of our business model and the quality of our drilling and workover services at highly competitive rates.

"We are excited to renew our partnership with one of North Africa's leading joint ventures with whom we have a 10-year track record of success. Eni and other major international oil companies operating in our present-day geographies of Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Egypt appreciate the exceptional value for money we offer by deploying fit-for-purpose refurbished legacy rigs and world-class crews to assets in shallow, non-harsh environments," Farouk added.

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The Group is the largest offshore drilling operator in Egypt by number of rigs. www.adesgroup.com

About ENI IEOC/ Belayim Petroleum Co. (Petrobel)

Italian Egyptian Oil Company ("IEOC") is a subsidiary of Italian oil major Eni, acquired in 1954 and wholly-owned by 1961, with activities including oil and gas exploration and production through its branches in Egypt: IEOC Exploration BV, IEOC Production BV, and IEOC SpA, and operating through its joint operating companies Petrobel and Agiba. IEOC holds over 57 licences covering Egypt's three main hydrocarbon basins, namely the Gulf of Suez/Red Sea, the Nile Delta/Mediterranean offshore and the Western Desert.

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