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# **Petroleum Exploration and Development Offshore Ireland**

## Acreage Report at 30 June 2022

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### Petroleum Leases

A **Petroleum Lease** vests in the Lessee the exclusive right to produce petroleum from the leased areas.

Lease	Commencement Date	Block No. ((p) = part block)	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Participants (* = Operator)	% Interest
<b><u>Offshore Petroleum Lease No. 1: Kinsale/Ballycotton</u></b>	7 May 1970	48/20, 48/25, 49/16 & 49/21	1,033.91	PSE Kinsale Energy Limited	100%
<b><u>Corrib Petroleum Lease</u></b>	15 November 2001	18/20 (p) & 18/25 (p)	29.6694	*Vermilion Exploration and Production Ireland Limited Nephin Energy Limited Equinor Energy Ireland Limited Vermilion Energy Ireland Limited	1.5% 43.5% 36.5% 18.5%
<b><u>Seven Heads Petroleum Lease</u></b>	13 November 2002	48/23 (p), 48/24 (p) & 48/29 (p)	87.02	*PSE Seven Heads Limited Island (Seven Heads) Limited	87.5% 12.5%

(p) part block      \* operator

## Lease Undertakings

A **Lease Undertaking** gives the Holder the right to a Petroleum Lease over that part of the area covered by the Undertaking.

<b>Undertaking</b>	<b>Licence Period</b>	<b>Block No. (p) = part block</b>	<b>Area (km<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Participants (* = Operator)</b>	<b>% Interest</b>
<b><u>Dunmore Lease Undertaking</u></b>	1 March 2016 – 28 February 2018 (extension application under consideration)	50/6(p) & 50/7(p)	15.1778	*Providence Resources PLC Atlantic Petroleum (Ireland) Limited Sosina Exploration Limited Marginal Field Development Co	65.25% 16.50% 8.25% 10%
<b><u>Helvick Lease Undertaking</u></b>	1 March 2016 – 28 February 2018 (extension application under consideration)	49/9(p)	4.6317	*Providence Resources PLC Atlantic Petroleum (Ireland) Limited Sosina Exploration Limited Lansdowne Oil and Gas Limited Marginal Field Development Co	56.25% 16.50% 8.25% 9% 10%
<b><u>Old Head of Kinsale Lease Undertaking</u></b>	1 March 2019 – 28 February 2022 (extension application under consideration)	49/17, 49/22 & 49/23	40.1434	*Island Expro Limited Company Valhalla Oil and Gas (Porcupine) Limited St. Stephen's Energy Limited	65% 20% 15%
<b><u>Schull Lease Undertaking</u></b>	1 March 2019 - 28 February 2022 (extension application under consideration)	57/1 & 57/2	23.9184	*Island Expro Limited Company Valhalla Oil and Gas (Porcupine) Limited St. Stephen's Energy Limited	62.5% 25% 12.5%

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## Petroleum Exploration Licences

A petroleum exploration licence vests in the holder the exclusive right of carrying out exploration for petroleum in a specific licensed offshore area. There are three types of licenses available, as follows:

A **Standard Exploration Licence** is issued for a period of 6 years in respect of an area with water depths of up to 200 metres.

A **Deepwater Exploration Licence** is issued for a period of 9 years in respect of an area with water depths exceeding 200 metres.

A **Frontier Exploration Licence** is issued in respect of an area with special difficulties related to physical environment, geology or technology – where such an area is specified and announced by the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications as a ‘Frontier Area’. This licence type is valid for a period of not less than 12 years and comprises a maximum of 4 phases.

Licence	Licence Period	Block No. (p) = part block	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Participants (* = Operator)	% Interest
<b>3/04</b> Frontier	15 November 2004 – 14 November 2025	44/18, 44/23, 44/24, 44/29, & 44/30	1,295.6387	*Sosina Exploration Limited Providence Resources Plc	42.647% 57.353%
<b>3/05</b> Frontier	1 July 2005 – 30 June 2022	18/10, 19/1 & 19/6	715.8703	*Island Rockall JV Limited Island Oil & Gas Limited	50% 50%
<b>4/06</b> Frontier	1 December 2006 – 30 November 2022	27/17 (p), 27/18, 27/22 (p) & 27/23	741.4741	*Island Oil and Gas Limited Lundin Exploration BV	50% 50%
<b>1/07</b> Standard	1 February 2007 – 30 June 2014 (extension under consideration)	41/25 (p), 42/21 (p), 41/30 (p), 42/26 (p), 50/5 (p) & 51/1 (p)	302.2209	Providence Resources Plc.	100%
<b>2/07</b> Standard	1 February 2007 – 31 January 2013 (Lease Undertaking application under consideration)	50/11 (p)	65.3437	*Providence Resources Plc Atlantic Petroleum (Ireland) Limited Sosina Exploration Limited	72.50% 18.33% 9.17%
<b>1/11</b> Standard	14 July 2011 – 13 July 2021 (Lease Undertaking application under consideration)	48/22(p), 48/23(p), 48/24(p), 48/27(p), 48/28(p), 48/29(p) & 48/30(p)	613.9969	*Exola DAC Lansdowne Celtic Sea Limited	80% 20%

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<b><u>5/13</u></b> Frontier	13 December 2013 – 12 December 2028	35/25(p), 35/30, 36/21(p), 36/26(p), 44/5(p) and 45/1(p)	712.3241	Woodside Energy (Ireland) Pty Limited	100%
<b><u>12/18</u></b> Frontier	1 August 2018 – 31 July 2033	53/29(p), 53/30(p), 54/21, 54/22, 54/26, 54/27 & 61/5(p)	1405.276	Eni Ireland BV	100%
<b><u>1/19</u></b> Frontier	1 February 2019 – 31 January 2034	44/14(p), 44/15(p), 44/19, 44/20, 44/25, 45/21 and 45/26	1498.4821	AzEire Limited	100%
<b><u>2/19</u></b> Frontier	1 February 2019 – 31 January 2034	44/2(p), 44/3(p), 44/7(p), 44/8(p), 44/11(p), 44/12, 44/13(p), 44/16(p) and 44/17	1323.5121	Sosina Exploration Ltd	100%
<b><u>3/19</u></b> Frontier	1 July 2019 – 30 June 2034	19/7, 19/8(p), 19/11(p), 19/12(p), 19/16(p) and 19/17	959.7287	DNO North Sea (U.K.) Limited	100%
<b><u>4/19</u></b> Frontier	1 August 2019 – 31 July 2034	18/14, 18/15, 18/19 and 18/20 (p)	945.0947	Europa Oil and Gas (Inishkea) Limited	100%

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FEL 1/17 was relinquished with effect from 30 June 2020

## Licensing Options

A **Licensing Option** gives the Holder the first right to an Exploration Licence over all or part of the area covered by the Option.

Option No	Option Period	Block Nos. (p) = part block	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Participants (* = Operator)	% Interest
<b>16/26</b> Offshore	1 July 2016 – 30 June 2018 (follow-on authorisation application under consideration)	18/24(p), 18/25(p), 18/29(p) and 18/30(p)	302.4861	*Predator Oil and Gas Ventures Limited Theseus Limited	50%  50%
<b>16/30</b> Offshore	1 December 2016 - 30 November 2019 (follow-on authorisation application under consideration)	49/13(p), 49/14(p), 49/15(p), 49/18(p), 49/19, 49/20 and 49/23(p)	799.4052	*Predator Oil and Gas Ventures Limited Theseus Limited	50%  50%

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## Petroleum Prospecting Licences

A **Petroleum Prospecting Licence** is non-exclusive and confers on the Licensee the right to search for petroleum in any area where an Exploration Licence, Reserved Area Licence or Petroleum Lease is not in force.

Licence No.	No. of Years	Licence From	Licensee
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PPL 1/19 expired on 22 April 2022

## Company Addresses

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