

Black Spruce Exploration adds over a million acres in Western Newfoundland

St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador – April 25, 2013 – Black Spruce Exploration Corp. (BSE) has signed an agreement with Ptarmigan Energy Inc. (Ptarmigan), a privately held junior oil and gas exploration company based in Torbay, Newfoundland & Labrador, to acquire 1,225,551 acres offshore Western Newfoundland.

This agreement enhances BSE's position in Western Newfoundland and offers it the opportunity to develop conventional oil reserves for Exploration Licences (EL) 1120, 1127 and 1128. Earlier this year on January 11th, BSE signed a farm-in agreement with Shoal Point Energy Ltd to become the operator for EL 1070, 1120 and 1097R, in the Green Point Shale formation.

Highlights of the agreement include the following:

BSE becomes the operator in the agreement.

BSE obtains 100% working interest in the deep rights of Ptarmigan's EL 1120, 1127 & 1128, totaling approximately 1,225,551 acres.

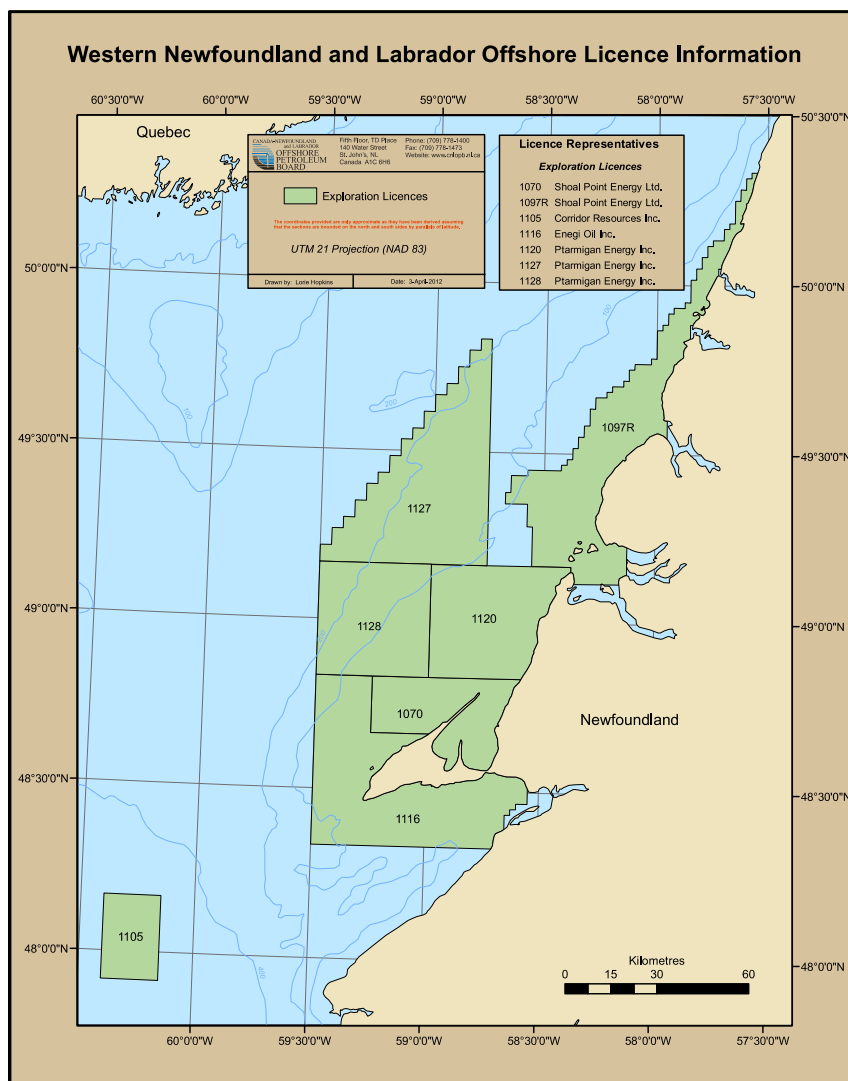
BSE will drill an onshore to offshore well in Littleport/Lark Harbour area within the next 12 months, subject to regulatory approval, which will extend the license rights for EL 1120 to January 15, 2019.

BSE commits to shoot an offshore 3D seismic survey in either 2013 or 2014.

BSE will drill an offshore prospect well known as "Lark Harbour" not later than June 15, 2016.

Ptarmigan receives a 5.5% GORR (Gross Over-Riding Royalty), payable after capital expenditure is repaid on a well-by-well basis, along with 5,000,000 common shares of BSE, at \$1.00 USD for the working interest outlined above.

Source: C-NLOPB



The agreement is subject to a Ptarmigan shareholder vote scheduled for May 21, 2013. Ptarmigan's officers and directors have entered into a Support Agreement whereby they have agreed to vote their shares, representing 55% in favour of the transaction with BSE. Additionally, the Ptarmigan Board of Directors is recommending the transaction to its shareholders.

The existing farmin agreements with Shoal Point Energy Ltd., Ptarmigan and BSE in the Green Point Shale formation remain unchanged.

BSE President & CEO W. T. David Murray believes this agreement enhances the company's commitment to Western Newfoundland and all the people of the province. He states:

"We're very excited to have finalized this agreement with Ptarmigan. First it was an agreement signed earlier this year with Shoal Point Energy Ltd., now Ptarmigan and we hope to find additional opportunities in Newfoundland & Labrador as an E&P (Exploration and Production) company. Additionally, we believe that this will facilitate the return home of many talented people who work globally in the oil & gas industry to Newfoundland & Labrador."

Leo Power, executive chairman and director of Ptarmigan, also believes this agreement will benefit Western Newfoundland:

"Ptarmigan Energy's vision is to be a leading and responsible industry player in facilitating the discovery and commercial production of oil and gas resources in offshore Western Newfoundland. This agreement with Black Spruce Exploration helps us do just that."

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Black Spruce Exploration, with offices in Calgary, Alberta, St. John's and Corner Brook, Newfoundland, is an exploration and production company with property rights, licenses and interests in the province of Newfoundland & Labrador.

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