

Aerial survey to locate more oil & gas in Brunei



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Group photo with the CEO of PetroleumBRUNEI (4th from right)

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TAP Energy (Borneo) Pte Ltd is in the middle of carrying out surveys to locate more oil and gas in Brunei Darussalam.

The company, which was appointed as the new operator of 'Block M' since September last year, will be conducting its aerial geophysical work for the "Aero Gravity and Magnetic Survey Project" at Block M soon.

The survey involves the measurement of gravity and magnetic field from a fixed-wing aircraft.

According to the Chief Geophysicist of Tap Energy (Borneo), Suni Sulaiman, this project signifies the consortium's continues efforts to support the government's endeavour to open up exploration activities into yet unexplored areas.

He said that Block M, which covers an area of 3,011 square kilometres, is located in the western part of Brunei. It covers the whole of Belait District (excluding Brunei Shell Petroleum's onshore concession area) and also the southern part of Tutong District.

"The aerial geophysical acquisition activities will cover the whole of Block M," Suni said, adding that the survey will be completed within three to four weeks.

He reassured the public that the survey is safe, as it does not emit any radiation.

"The data acquired from such surveys are processed, mapped, interpreted and integrated with the existing wells and 2D seismic data to help refine the interpretation of the

prospective part of the basin and more importantly, help to focus future exploration efforts in the block," the geophysicist said.

Sander Geophysics, a well-established Canadian company has been appointed to perform the acquisition for Tap Energy (Borneo). Sander Geophysics has an excellent track record of safe, efficient and cost-effective operations and owns 14 fixed-wing aircraft and has been in business for more than 50 years.

A blessing ceremony for the first flight of the "Aero Gravity and Magnetic Survey Project" was held at Glamco Hangar of Brunei International Airport yesterday.

The CEO of PetroleumBRUNEI, Hj Mohd Ja'afar Hj Awg Bakar, was among those who performed prayers yesterday. Also present were: Business Asset General Manager of PetroleumBRUNEI, Awg Hj Iskandar Hj Yahya; Director of Jana Corporation, Dato Hj Ahmad Mat Noor; Head of Energy Division at the Ministry of Energy, Prime Minister's Office, Awg Hj Alidi bin Hj Mahmud; and, Project Leader from Sander Geophysics, Ms Leila Ertolahti.



Chief Geophysicist of Tap Energy (Borneo), Suni Sulaiman