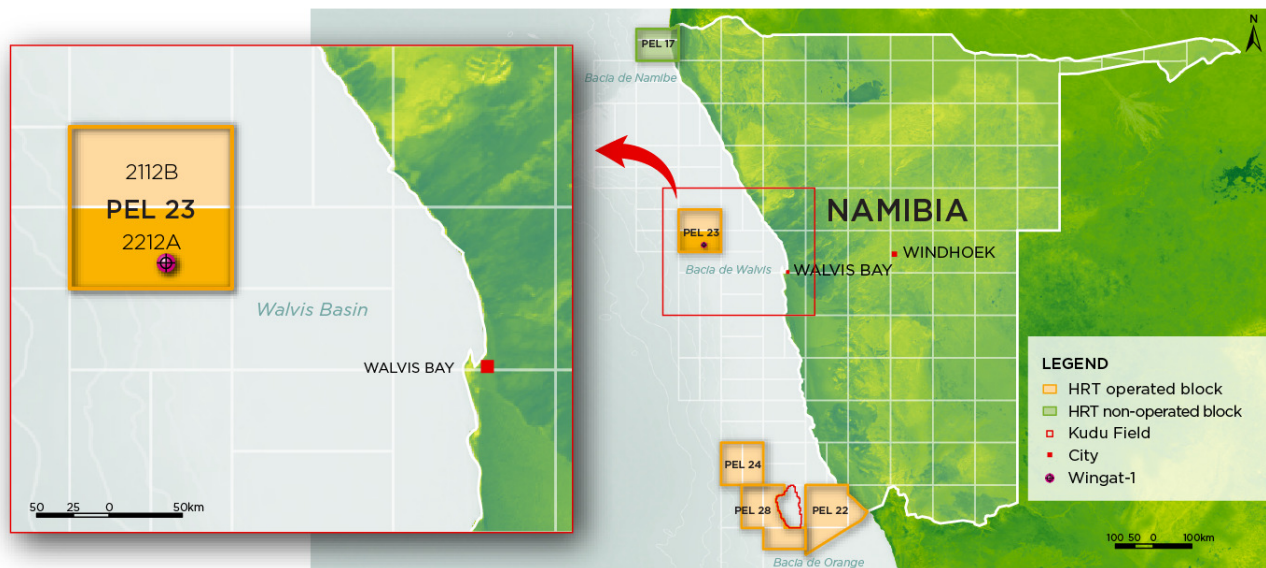


## MATERIAL FACT

### SPUD-IN OF THE FIRST OFFSHORE WELL ON THE NAMIBIA'S WINGAT PROSPECT

Rio de Janeiro, March 25, 2013 – HRT Participações em Petróleo S.A. (the "Company" or "HRT") (BM&FBOVESPA: HRT P3, TSX-V: HRP) through its wholly-owned subsidiary HRT Walvis Petroleum (Proprietary) Ltd. ("HRT Walvis"), announces, on the present date, the spud-in of the Wingat-1 (2212A/07) ("Wingat-1"), the first offshore well in its back-to-back exploratory drilling campaign. This well is targeting the Wingat Prospect, located in Petroleum Exploration License 23 ("PEL-23"), in the Walvis Basin, offshore the Republic of Namibia.



The Wingat-1 well is located at approximately 200 km to the northwest of Walvis Bay. Its water depth is 1,034 m and it will test an elongated combination trap with a potential P10 area of 381 km<sup>2</sup> of which there is a 4-way-structural closure of 42 km<sup>2</sup>. The main objective of this well is to test the resource potential of the Albian aged carbonate platform that has a well-defined seismic amplitude anomaly in the PSDM-3D data set.

These reservoirs are expected to be encountered at approximately 3,950 m of depth below sea-level. Wingat-1 will be drilled to a projected total depth of 4,100 m by the semi-submersible Transocean Marianas (NYSE:RIG). The total time estimated to complete the operations is approximately 60 days.

HRT is the operator of 10 blocks offshore Namibia, which are contained in 4 Petroleum Licenses. GALP Energia (NYSE Euronext Lisbon: GALP), with 14% participating interest, is HRT's partner to drill the first 3 wells of the current exploration campaign.

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