
GAZPROM NEFT COMMISSIONS SECOND WELL AT SARQALA FIELD IN IRAQ

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Gazprom Neft subsidiary Gazprom Neft Middle East B.V. has commissioned a second well □ the Sarqala-2 □ at its Sarqala field (within the Garmian block), located in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI). The new well is currently producing 11,000 bpd, with potential to increase this to 15,000. Total daily production at the field has now increased more than two-fold, exceeding 21,000 bpd.

Sergei Petrov, general director, Gazprom Neft Middle East B.V. commented: The Sarqala-2 well is operating under high reservoir pressure and temperature. But by using exceptional technical solutions in well construction we have been able to make significant reductions in operating costs, as well as bringing the project in on time.

Denis Sugaipov, director of major projects upstream at Gazprom Neft, added: Thanks to the commissioning of this new well we have been able to confirm our geological prognoses and obtain updated information on strata composition at Sarqala field. The geology of the KRI is, generally, under-researched, so this new well is of major importance in terms of gaining knowledge and experience of the field.

First oil from the Garmian block was obtained in 2011, with commercial crude shipments from the field commencing as early as 2015. As of April 15, 2018, total cumulative production at the field stood at 7 MMbbl of oil. The first phase of expanding gathering and treatment capacity to 25,000 bpd is now complete, with work continuing on expanding infrastructure to accommodate 35,000 bpd. Drilling of the Sarqala-3 well is planned for third-quarter 2018, completing Phase I of field development.

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