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Aurelian Oil & Gas PLC
("Aurelian" or "the Company")

Bulgaria Update - Operating progress made and low cost growth option established

Highlights

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- **Aurelian awarded new prospective exploration licence, Provadia, with JV company controlled by Gazprom that will carry Aurelian and JKX for no less than €4,003,860 of the minimum work programme**

Sorgenia exercises its farm-in option to drill in B1- Goliza in Bulgaria

Aurelian is pleased to announce that Sorgenia E&P ("Sorgenia") has exercised its option to drill on the B1-Golitza licence, onshore eastern Bulgaria. Having paid for 3D seismic, Sorgenia is now earning a 30% interest in the licence by paying a 40% share of the costs of the first two wells up to a cap of $4.5 million (gross). The 10% promote will be split 6.67% for the benefit of Aurelian's wholly owned Bulgarian subsidiary, Balkan Explorers (Bulgaria) Limited, and 3.33% for the benefit of JKX Oil & Gas (Bulgaria) Limited ("JKX").

The plan is to drill up to two wells in 2010 the first of which will test a 30 bcf prospect at 1,500 metres, updip of the depleted Stary Oryahovo gas field, discovered in the 1960s. Further advice on drilling times will be annnounced upon advice from the operator JKX.

The percentages in the block are JKX 40%, Aurelian 30% and Sorgenia 30%.

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The Company's wholly owned Bulgarian subsidiary, Balkan Explorers (Bulgaria) Limited, together with Overgas Inc. AD, a Joint Venture company controlled by Gazprom, and JKX (Bulgaria) Limited, has signed an agreement with the Minister for Environment and Waters in Bulgaria for the award of the Provadia licence, onshore in eastern Bulgaria.

The Provadia block covers an area of 1,787 sq kms, part of which was carved out of the B-Golitza and B1-Golitza licences in 2007. The play involves large structures containing Palaeozoic reservoirs classically trapped under a Permian salt seal. Provadia will be operated by Overgas. As part of the arrangements, Overgas will pay no less than €4,003,860 of the minimum work programme, effectively providing a free carry to Aurelian and its partner JKX through this phase of the project.

Interests in the Provadia licence will be Overgas 64%, Aurelian 18% and JKX 18%.

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Rowen Bainbridge, CEO of Aurelian, commented

"Aurelian is pleased that Sorgenia has exercised its farm-in option and looks forward to the commencement of drilling. The area has seen a number of wells previously drilled with substantial gas shows in the era before seismic became available. The acquisition of the 3D last year brings confidence to the selection of the proposed locations. Successful exploration will de-risk a number of other leads which will become candidates for further drilling and could lead to a valuable regional business in time. "

"The award of the Provadia block is a great outcome for the Company. This is a "zero cost option" on what could be very large structures in a block close to our existing areas of operation. We are delighted to be working with Overgas and look forward to the results of new seismic acquisition which will be taking place as part of the minimum work program during the next two years. "

*"**Together these achievements represent steady progress in Bulgaria. We are on track with our strategy of testing this area with minimal investment, to see whether it can become a material business and a core area in due course."***

The technical information and opinions contained in this announcement have been reviewed by Roy Hartley B.Sc (Hons) (Imperial College), FEI, FGS, C. Eng, Aurelian's Director of Operations who has 40 years of experience in the oil exploration and production industry. He has consented to the inclusion herein of such technical information and opinions

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Aurelian Oil & Gas PLC, is a European focused E&P Company whose core purpose is to create shareholder value through the capture, evaluation, exploration, appraisal and development of onshore hydrocarbon resources and the application of conventional technologies to underexplored proven hydrocarbon systems. It was founded in December 2002, by Michael Seymour to focus on the established oil provinces in the central European countries of the former CIS where there had been little investment in seismic and drilling technology during the previous 20 years.