Atlantic Petroleum continues to deliver

With revenues approaching 600 million DKK (80 million EUR), Atlantic Petroleum had its best year ever in 2012, increasing profits, production rate, development assets, and exploration acreage—and delivering on its stated growth strategy.

It was an upbeat message that came from Ben Arabo, the CEO of Atlantic Petroleum, as he presented the company’s Annual and Consolidated Report and Accounts 2012. A record breaking year that went beyond expectations in everything from production to financial performance with revenues growing from 435 million to just under 600 million DKK (80 million EUR), 2012 saw higher production performance, increased development assets, increased reserves and resources, geographical expansion, and more exploration acreage added to secure future income streams.

Likewise, reserves were reevaluated to higher levels, effectively prolonging the lifetime of production asset Chestnut.

“It’s very good news all over,” Mr. Arabo said.

“We had an excellent year. We had the highest ever revenue, highest ever operating profit, and net cash from operating activities was the highest ever. We expanded our geographical focus, we went into Norway and the Netherlands, and particularly Norway has a move aimed at positioning Atlantic Petroleum in some of the world’s most prolific hydrocarbon basins. Atlantic Petroleum’s main focus is on offshore North West Europe where the company can generate growth from its existing asset base and be prepared to acquire new assets.

At year end 2012 Atlantic Petroleum held a total of 40 oil and gas licenses in the UK, Faroe Islands, Ireland, Norway, and the Netherlands, producing oil & gas from three fields in the UK part of the North Sea. Three fields are under development or near development. Atlantic Petroleum participates in joint ventures with around 30 high quality partners.

2012 net total production: 928,000 barrels of oil equivalents (boe). Total revenues amounted to 596.7 million DKK (80 million EUR). 2012 operational highlights:

• Awarded four licenses in UKCS 27th Licence Round.
• Acquired 25% interest in licenses P1606 and P1607 containing the Orlando and Kells discoveries, both set for development with first oil expected in 2014 and 2015, respectively. The acquisition more than doubled Atlantic Petroleum’s reserves, contingent resource, and prospective resource.
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• Awarded interest in four licenses in Dutch sector of Southern Gas Basin.
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• Four exploration/appraisal wells drilled: Orlando, Brugdan II, Spaniards, and Polcoat.

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Atlantic Petroleum CEO Ben Arabo; The Aoka Mizu FPSO (floating production, storage and offloading unit) at the Ettrick field (top).