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\$US50M PUNTLAND FARM IN TO PROCEED

Australian oil & gas exploration and development company Range Resources Limited (**ASX: RRS**) is proceeding with a US\$50m Farm-In and plans for an AIM listing following the formal signing of the Puntland Production Sharing Agreement ("**PSA**") between The Government of Puntland, Range Resources Limited and Canmex Holdings (Bermuda) II Limited (a subsidiary of TSXV listed Canmex Minerals Corporation).

As previously disclosed to the market, the PSA relates to the two main exploration areas in Puntland, namely the Nogal and Dharoor Valleys (see exploration map). Under the terms of the PSA, Canmex (as part of its proposed US\$50m 80% farm in agreement with Range) will commit to a comprehensive exploration work program under two 3-year periods in respect of each exploration area.

The work program includes:

- a) Geological fieldwork;
- b) Acquisition of surface high resolution geochemical surveys;
- c) Reprocessing of prior 2D seismic (up to an aggregate of 1,000 line km);
- d) Review and integration of all geophysical and geological data; and
- e) Drilling of four exploratory wells (over the first (minimum two) and second exploration periods for both areas).

The PSA signing was attended by His Excellency, Puntland President Hersi, Director General of the Puntland Energy and Mineral Resource Agency, Hassan Mohamoud, Range Executives and Canmex President and CEO Richard Schmitt.



His Excellency President Hersi commented:

"Range and Puntland have been working together in the past few years and I am very happy with the relationship. Canmex has worked with Range and I am very happy with the deal. I honestly believe our country is rich in natural resources and it requires people to do the work. The big oil companies were previously all exploring in my country 20 years ago I was the Governor of the area and believe an oil discovery was near..... I have heard good things about Canmex and the people involved and I look forward to the commencement of work as soon as possible. Puntland has always been secure and it looks like the other parts of the country are now settling down. I am sure that you (Range and Canmex) will succeed."

Rick Schmitt, President of Canmex, commented, *"We very much look forward to working in the State of Puntland for years to come and greatly appreciate the warm, professional hospitality extended to us. The signing of the PSA represents the passing of a major milestone towards beginning our work program on these truly world-class exploration assets and we look forward to great success."*

With the PSA signed, Canmex electing to proceed with the proposed US\$50m farm in joint venture with Range (both agreements are subject to any necessary Canadian regulatory approvals and final documentation) and the recent acquisition by Range of key exploration data compiled in the 1980s and early 90s, the Board of Range Resources believes that the company has firmly established its ability to deliver on the exploration and development of key hydrocarbon assets in Puntland for the benefit of both shareholders and the people of Puntland.

Range Resources Managing Director Mike Povey believes this is a significant milestone for Range Resources:


"Since Range's first involvement the company has been aware that in order to explore successfully for hydrocarbons in Puntland it required a Joint Venture partner with a strong technical team, solid financial backing and preferably experience in the region. In Canmex and the personnel involved with the company I believe we have found an ideal partner to aggressively progress the exploration effort."

The signing of the Production Sharing agreement marks the beginning of a partnership between the Puntland Government ,Range and Canmex. I am pleased that the joint venture negotiations have progressed rapidly and resulted in an agreement that all parties are happy with and that the exploration commitment made by Canmex will hopefully result in the discovery of large commercial quantities of oil that can be developed for the benefit of the Somali people. I and the rest of the Board look forward to working with Canmex and extending our relationship with them and the Puntland Government in what should be a very exciting time over the next few years."

It is also important to note that all of the recent events in Somalia in respect of conflicts involving the Islamic Courts Union have taken place in the Southern part of the country. The conflicts have largely not involved the key clans of Puntland and have been isolated outside the oil exploration regions of Puntland some 1000km to the north.

In keeping with its corporate objectives to enhance its shareholder base and actively pursue growth in other financial markets Range has also appointed a specialist natural resources and emerging markets UK broking house to proceed with a planned listing on the London Stock Exchange Alternate Investment Market (AIM). Associated with the proposed AIM listing is a minimum US\$20m institutional placement.

Yours Faithfully



Peter Landau

Executive Director

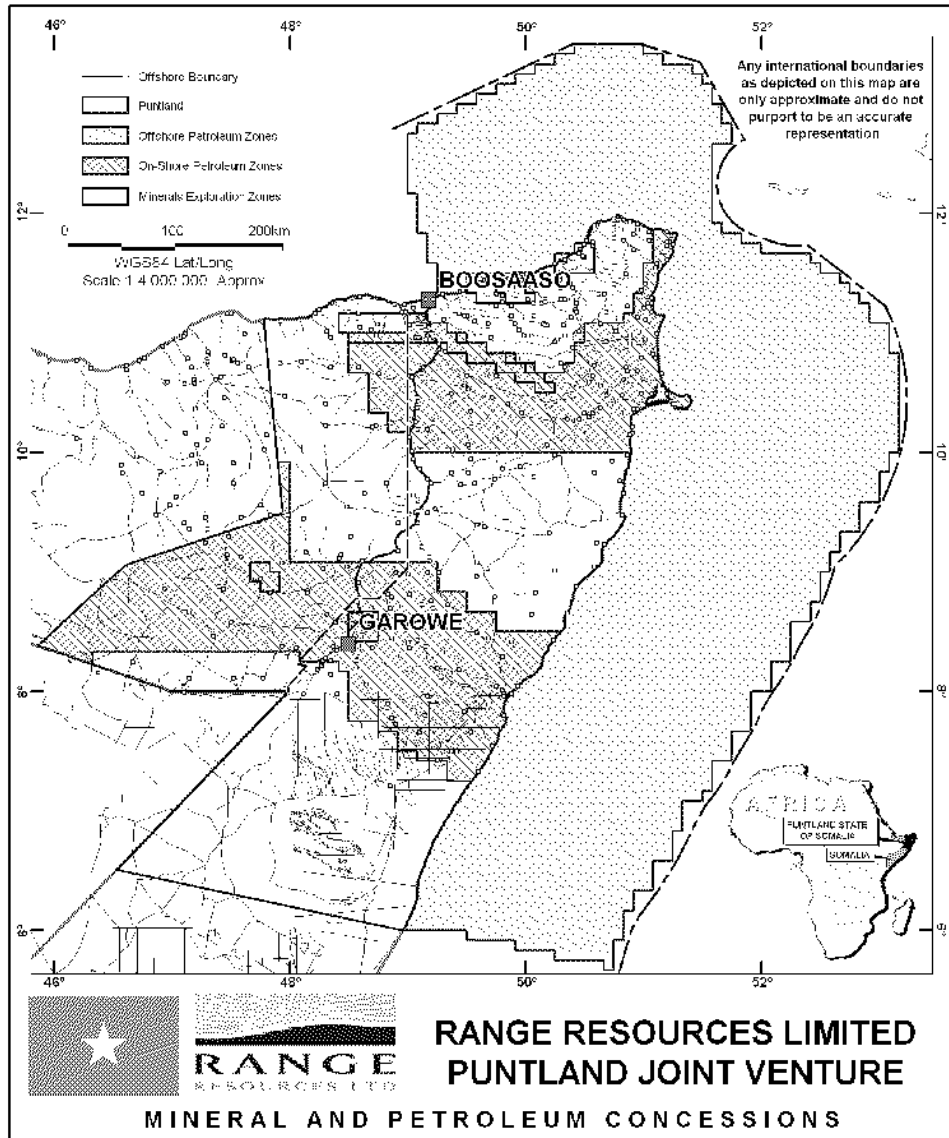
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Figure 1 – Puntland Exploration Map



About Range Resources

The Company’s principal activity is directed towards finding and delineating natural resources in the oil, gas and mineral sectors in Puntland, Somalia. Puntland is believed to have all the geological requirements to become a commercial oil-producing region. Somalia, and in particular Puntland, remains one of the last under-explored countries that has a high potential for considerable reserves of hydrocarbons which can be developed for the benefit of both the people of Puntland and Range Shareholders. The Company believes that through the generation of work and government royalties from hydrocarbon and mineral exploration and development numerous social and economic benefits will result.

