



## Vietnam: Total and PetroVietnam sign a Production Sharing Contract

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**Paris, March 20, 2009** - Total announces that its affiliate, Total Exploration and Production Vietnam ("Total"), has signed a Production Sharing Contract with Vietnam Oil and Gas Group (PetroVietnam) for the exploration blocks DBSCL-02 and DBSCL-03. The blocks, which are located in the Mekong Delta area onshore, will be operated by Total with a 75% interest, PetroVietnam Exploration Production ("PVEP") holding a 25% interest.

Having created a partnership in 2007 with PVEP and the Korean company SK on offshore block 15-1/05, Total continues to develop its presence in Vietnam.

Total's experience in managing the environmental impact of its activities will be crucial in the Mekong Delta. The exploration activities will be carried out without disruption of the community's activities and following the environmental and social framework that is being set by the Authorities.

### About the exploration works

Block DBSCL-02 covers an area of nearly 14,850 square kilometres and block DBSCL-03 covers an area of almost 13,800 square kilometres. Under the terms of the agreement, the first exploration phase will cover the acquisition of 2D seismic on each block.

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Total also holds exploration permits in Australia, Indonesia, Vietnam and Malaysia. It has a 24% stake in Australia's Ichthys LNG project, in partnership with Inpex, and signed a contract with China National Petroleum Corporation to appraise natural gas resources in the South Sulige block in China, for which a development plan was submitted in November 2008.

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