



## Total Revives Its Exploration Activities in Gabon

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**Paris, November 25, 2010** - Total announces that the Gabonese government has approved the acquisition by its subsidiary Total Gabon of interests in three onshore exploration licenses in the sedimentary basin of Gabon:

- A 50% interest in the Mutamba-Iroru license, alongside Vaalco. The 1,094-square-kilometre license is located in southern Gabon, near the Atora field production facilities operated by Total Gabon,
- A 30% interest in the DE7 license alongside Perenco. Located in the Omboué region in central Gabon, the license covers an area of 2,175 square kilometres,
- Last, a 20% interest in the Nziembou license alongside Perenco and Tullow. The license extends over an area of 1,026 square kilometres and is located near the Rabi field.

*"The latest acquisitions reflect Total's commitment to reviving its onshore exploration operations in Gabon, particularly in under-explored transition zones," commented Marc Blaizot, Senior Vice President Geosciences at Total Exploration & Production. "These exploration campaigns will supplement the deep offshore exploration which begun this year when the Group acquired 6,000 square kilometres of 3D seismic on the Diaba license. This seismic campaign is one of the largest conducted in Africa to date. Total has unmatched expertise in Gabon, built on extensive operating experience."*

### Total Exploration & Production in Gabon

Total has been present in Gabon for 80 years. Its equity production averaged 71,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day (boe/d) in 2009. Total Gabon, one of the Group's longest established subsidiaries in sub-Saharan Africa, is a listed public company in which Total owns 58%.

Total maintains its position as a key player in Gabon's oil industry through redeveloping the Anguille field, investing substantially in a number of onshore and offshore fields, and resuming large-scale exploration operations.

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