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Total Acquires Interest in Offshore Block in Australia

Paris, February 2, 2007 - Total announces that it has signed an agreement with U.S.-based Apache to farm into the offshore AC/P37 permit in Australia's Browse Basin. Located around 200 kilometres off the northwestern coast in a water depth of approximately 200 metres, this permit covers an area of 4,415 square kilometres.

Total is acquiring an 80% interest in and will operate the lower levels of this permit, beginning at a depth of roughly 4,000 metres. Apache is retaining a 20% interest and holds a 100% interest in the upper levels.

The farm-in strengthens Total's presence in Australia's North West Shelf, where it has interests in nine permits, and in the Browse Basin in particular, where the Group has had a 24% interest in the WA-285P permit containing the Ichthys discovery since 2006. The Ichthys liquefied natural gas project is scheduled to come on stream early in the next decade.

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