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Wednesday's NOON News

- 1. RWE sees first gas at Egypt's Disouq,** (<http://www.upstreamonline.com/live/article1336913.ece>)
Germany's RWE Dea has produced its first gas from the Disouq concession onshore Egypt's Nile Delta. The seven-field development is expected to produce around 1.4 million cubic metres of gas per day after production commissioning has ramped up output. RWE Dea chief operating officer Dirk Warzecha said that while the German explorer had been producing oil in the Gulf of Suez for almost 40 years, Disouq was the company's first operated gas asset in Egypt.
- 2. Petronas pulls out of Venezuela heavy oil project Carabobo-1,**
(<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/49c88c44-1a00-11e3-93e8-00144feab7de.html?siteedition=uk#axzz2eTrSN9dK>)
Petronas, the Malaysian state-owned oil company, is withdrawing from a multibillion-dollar oil project in Venezuela, in a fresh sign of the challenges facing investors in the Latin American country's state-dominated oil sector. The world's sixth-largest oil and gas group by reserves said in an emailed statement that its subsidiary, PC Venezuela Ltd, was pulling out of the flagship Carabobo-1 project, in which it has an 11 per cent stake. It said it informed the Venezuelan authorities of its decision on August 27. Carabobo-1 is one of a number of joint ventures between Venezuela's state company PDVSA and a group of foreign partners to develop the Orinoco Belt, one of the world's largest accumulations of heavy oil. But the projects have been slow to get off the ground, with production falling far short of targets. They have also failed to arrest the decline in Venezuela's oil production, which has now fallen every year since 2007, according to the BP Statistical Review. It stood at 2.7m barrels a day last year – down 18 per cent since 2006.
- 3. European, Asian LNG buyers teaming up to push cheaper prices,**
(<http://uk.reuters.com/article/2013/09/10/asia-lng-pricing-idUKL3N0H61VB20130910>)
Gas buyers in Europe, Japan and other parts of Asia are teaming up to reduce the price of liquefied natural gas (LNG), which officials say is threatening a recovery in the European Union and growth in the Japanese economy, the world's third largest. At a conference in Tokyo on Tuesday, LNG buyers used some of their most forceful language yet to push suppliers to delink gas prices from oil and free up contracts that prevent consumers from re-selling cargoes because of destination restrictions. But sellers aren't budging, with big oil majors like Chevron Corp and Exxon Mobil Corp insisting that multi-year supply contracts in their current form are necessary to ensure they can take on the risk of developing projects that take years to build and cost billions of dollars.

4. **Reliance-BP venture opens new Indian gas play**, (<http://www.petroleum-economist.com/Article/3252690/News-and-Analysis-Archive/Reliance-BP-venture-opens-new-Indian-gas-play.html>)

BP's multi-billion dollar tie-up with Reliance Industries is starting to pay off as the pair's latest find opens a deeper liquids-rich gas play off India's eastern shores in the Cauvery basin. The CYIID5-S1 well, drilled 62 kms off the coast in waters more than 1,700 metres deep, is the second discovery in deep-water Block CY-DWN-2001/2 (CYD5). The probe hit a gross gas condensate column of 143 metres, BP said in a statement. Reliance operates the block with a 70% interest and BP holds the remaining 30% stake. The BP-Reliance joint venture has not released any volumetric estimates for the discovery, but analysts have said it could hold between 1-3 tcf. Taken together with the first discovery, the latest find suggests multi-trillion cubic feet (cf) prospectivity in the block, says Neil Beveridge, an Asia-focused analyst at Bernstein Research.

5. **BP Awards over £1 Bln Worth of Contracts for UK Fields**, (<http://www.offshoreenergytoday.com/bp-awards-over-1-bln-worth-of-contracts-for-uk-fields/>)

BP announced today that it, and its partners, have now awarded over £1 billion in contracts to UK-based companies to provide services and equipment for the major re-development of the Schiehallion and Loyal oil fields to the west of Shetland. The project to redevelop the fields, which are operated by BP on behalf of its partners, involves two main elements: a brand new floating production, storage and offloading vessel and a major upgrade of the subsea infrastructure that will lie on the seabed.

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