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## **GROUP STRENGTHENS ITS FINANCIAL STRUCTURE**

•	Line of	credit	signed	, up to	US\$650	million
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•	<b>Existing liability</b>	(RCF)	of US	\$270	million	repaid

Etablissements Maurel & Prom announces a new US\$650 million revolving credit facility signed with a consortium of banks, split between an **initial tranche of US\$400 million** and a **US\$250 million accordion feature** which may be drawn twice under certain conditions.

The terms of the new facility are as follows:

Borrower: Etablissements Maurel & Prom

Initial amount: US\$400 million Accordion feature: US\$250 million

Maturity: 31 December 2020, i.e. 6 years

First repayment: 31 December 2016

Interest rate: LIBOR + 340 bps until 31 December 2018 and 365 bps thereafter

This borrowing arrangement – which allows the Group to close MP Gabon's US\$350 million line of credit currently in repayment (residual debt of US\$270 million as of today) – releases additional cash reserves of US\$130 million. In addition, this new line gives Maurel & Prom access to an additional borrowing capacity of US\$250 million available for investment opportunities that may arise as the market develops.

At current prices, assets in production in Gabon are generating positive cash flow, offering Maurel & Prom the possibility of independently setting its own growth and development strategy. This is based around two policies:

- internal growth: the Group continues to devote part of its cash to exploration expenditure, particularly in Gabon where it has begun drilling a second exploration well, EZMAB-1. Production tests will begin in January 2015 on the discovery at the EZNI-1 well, once the drilling of this second well has been completed. In parallel, production should increase throughout fiscal year 2015, following the work undertaken in 2014.
- **external growth**: oil juniors are particularly sensitive to the economic environment resulting from the sudden drop in oil prices. Maurel & Prom's positive cash flow and substantial cash of some US\$250 million after debt restructuring, give it the necessary leeway to study growth opportunities that may arise in such a context.

Thanks to its solid financial structure, the Group will begin 2015 on a good note with a significant growth dynamic, the results of which should be visible in the coming months.

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