



## PRESS RELEASE

### Philia Becomes Operator of Marine XIII field, Offshore Congo

**Geneva, October 17, 2013**– Philia S.A (“Philia”) announces that it has received approval from the authorities of Republic of Congo on the acquisition of the Marine XIII exploration block, subsequent to which Philia becomes the operator of the concession with a 85% interest alongside a 15% interest held by the Société Nationale des Pétroles du Congo (SNPC).

The license covers an area of 429 square kilometers and is located in a highly prospective area of hydrocarbon finds offshore Congo.

*“Our wish to take operatorship of Marine XIII is part of our strategy to grow our exploration and production activities in Africa. We are committed to conducting a 3D seismic survey and are looking forward to the future developments on this block with great enthusiasm”,* said Jean-Philippe Amvame, CEO of Philia.

Prospects in the southern part of the block are located 2 to 6 km west of the Eni operated Kitina Marine producing field, in a Water Depth of about 150m. Prospects in the central part of the block are 0.5 to 7 km west of the Eni operated Djambala North and Djambala South producing fields, in a Water Depth of about 110/150m. Leads (potential prospects depending on the interpretation of the future 3D seismic data) in the northern part of block are less than 10 km West of Total operated Libondo Marine producing field, in a Water Depth of about 150/250m.

All prospects and leads share the same petroleum system with the nearby producing fields.

#### **About Philia**

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