

PETROLEUM IN VIETNAM 2002

1. TALISMAN, CONSORTIUM PARTNERS AWARDED BLOCK 46/02 OFF VIET NAM May-15-2002

A consortium including units of Talisman Energy Inc., Calgary, Petronas Carigali Sdn. Bhd., and PetroVietnam has been awarded exploration Block 46/02 off Viet Nam, Talisman announced.

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2. VIETNAM SEEKS TO CONTAIN OIL SPILL FROM SHIP

HANOI - A ship believed to have sunk seven years ago off the southern coast of Vietnam has been leaking oil and may have to be salvaged to contain the spill, a Vietnam official said yesterday.

The oil slick was spotted two months ago and was first thought to have leaked from pipelines in the Rong (Dragon) oil field, but divers later traced it to a sunken ship.

"We primarily sprayed chemical substances for the oil to settle down, and we are studying other measures, including pulling up the ship, to solve the situation completely," an official from the Port Authority in Ba Ria-Vung Tau province said.

The official, who declined to be identified, said the ship was 100 metres long and 15 metres wide but that he did not know what it had been carrying.

He said the environmental damage so far was not serious. "It's from some metres wide and about several kilometers long, which is too tiny to call it a disaster." Media reports identified the ship as a Malaysian vessel, the Gigekek Tajo, carrying 166 containers, 26 tonnes of diesel oil and 115 tonnes of fuel oil. All 19 crew were rescued and have been repatriated, the reports say.

The port official said those details had not been confirmed. "They think it's the Malaysian ship as there was one that sank in the area on November 14, 1995 in a fierce storm, but we are yet to have any conclusion," he said.

Rong oil field is located 120 km (74.52 miles) southeast of Ba Ria-Vung Tau province. It is one of the country's key energy resources along with Bach Ho (White Tiger) oil field.

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