

Subsea 7 awarded contract offshore Australia

Luxembourg – January 17, **2012** – Subsea 7 S.A. (Oslo Børs: SUBC) announced today the award of a SURF contract valued at approximately \$60 million from Santos Limited on the Fletcher-Finucane Development offshore Western Australia.

The contract scope includes the project management, engineering and installation of: approximately 55km of flexible flowlines; over 60km of umbilicals and; associated structures to connect the wells to the existing Exeter Mutineer facilities. The scope also includes pre-commissioning activities and other associated services.

Project management and engineering will commence immediately with offshore operations scheduled to commence late 2012 using *Rockwater 2*.

Barry Mahon, Subsea 7's Senior Vice President for the Asia Pacific Region said: "We are pleased to have been awarded this contract which provides an excellent opportunity for Subsea 7 to build upon our long standing track record of working on significant subsea projects for Santos in Australia."

Subsea 7 S.A. is a seabed-to-surface engineering, construction and services contractor to the offshore energy industry worldwide. We provide integrated services, and we plan, design and deliver complex projects in harsh and challenging environments.

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