

## Northern Producer Turning Point

Earlier this month, Northern Offshore's floating production facility Northern Producer began exporting production from the West Don and Don Southwest fields utilizing an export pipeline to the Lundin Thistle platform. This is an important turning point in Northern Producer operations. Between April 2009 and mid-February 2010, oil export was delivered via shuttle tankers, which was susceptible to interruption due to severe weather and tanker change-outs.

In addition to the pipeline export milestone being reached, the second of the Don Southwest wells began producing shortly after the pipeline became available. Early indications are that well performance has been positive. A second stage drilling program at Don Southwest is scheduled to begin the second quarter of 2010.



“The successful hook up to Thistle and export via the Brent Pipeline system marks the start of the new permanent export route – minimizing the risk of weather downtime and eliminating the negative impact of tanker outages. This means more consistent production – a *win* for all stakeholders.”

Mark Greenhow – Asset Manager, Northern Producer

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