



## MURPHY OIL CORPORATION ANNOUNCES FIRST QUARTER WELL RESULTS

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EL DORADO, Arkansas, March 23, 2015 - Murphy Oil Corporation (NYSE:MUR) announced today the results from its recent exploration drilling program.

In the Gulf of Mexico, the Urca well in Mississippi Canyon Block 697 failed to encounter hydrocarbons and has been plugged and abandoned. We will take a U.S. dry hole expense of approximately \$47 million in the first quarter of 2015 for Urca. Additionally, we have finished two of the three wells in our Perth Basin drilling program offshore Western Australia. The two wells, Koel and Cisticola, both located in Block WA-481-P, were unsuccessful and have been plugged and abandoned. We will take a dry hole expense of approximately \$23 million in the first quarter of 2015 for these two wells. We are currently drilling the third well at the Munia prospect in the Perth Basin. This well will be finished in April. Depending on the outcome, the cost attributed to this well in the first quarter of 2015 is expected to be approximately \$9 million.

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