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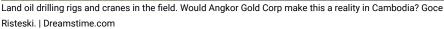
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### Angkor receives oil and gas exploration licence

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Angkor Gold Corp, a Canada-based mineral exploration company, has been granted an oil and gas exploration licence.

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Angkor Gold can now explore oil and gas deposits in Block VIII, an onshore location in the country's southwest, according to a company statement.

Since earlier this year, the Canadian firm has been seeking to diversify its operations in the Kingdom into oil and gas.

"This is a major milestone for Angkor," said Angkor Gold Corp CEO Stephen Burega.



"Angkor is the first Canadian exploration company to be granted this level of approval to pursue oil and gas opportunities in Cambodia. After its review, the Royal Government of Cambodia has determined that Angkor's subsidiary EnerCam is technically qualified to explore and develop this oil and gas concession.

"Angkor looks forward to negotiating the Production Sharing Agreement and commencing our seismic and data review as soon as possible," Stephen Burega said in the company statement.

Cheap Sour, director-general for the General Department of Petroleum, told Khmer Times yesterday that the company will now start the next stage of negotiations with the government before beginning exploration activities.

"We reviewed the application and decided that the company met the requirements to develop oil and gas deposits in the Kingdom," Mr Sour said.

Petroleum Block VIII is located in the Kampong-Som Basin, a recently recognised and unexplored onshore sedimentary basin in southeastern Cambodia.

Cambodia is expected to begin extracting oil in early 2020. The first drop of oil will be extracted by KrisEnergy, a Singapore-based oil and gas firm, who will be exploiting the Apsara oil field. The Apsara oil field is located in Block A of the Khmer Basin in the Gulf of Thailand.



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