



PROVINCIA DI CHIETI

- Il Presidente -

Chieti, November 9th, 2009

Dear Irish Independent,

this communication is meant as an illustration to your readers, and possibly to Petroceltic's investors, of the current state of affairs of drilling off the Abruzzo coast as proposed by Petroceltic.

We have read in your article: "In Italy, focus has been on the drilling of the Elsa field appraisal. The spud date now looks like the second half of 2010". We would like to inform you and you readers that the Italian Ministry for the Environment has yet to authorize drilling for Elsa2.

Furthermore, the Abruzzo Province of Chieti, which has jurisdiction over the land closest to Elsa2, has sent a list of objections to the Ministry demanding such authorization not to be granted over environmental and economical concerns.

We expect the Ministry to deny permission to Elsa2, in a similar process to drilling attempts in the Basilicata region. The proponent in that case is a British company called Apennine Energy whose drilling plans, it was recently announced, will be denied by the Ministry.

Apart from the Province of Chieti, other organizations that have petitioned the Ministry against Elsa2 are: the Diocese of the Catholic Church of Abruzzo, the Chamber of Commerce, the Union of Tourist Operators, the Small Business Bureau, the World Wildlife Fund, as well as several academics - from Barcelona, California and Massachusetts, local municipalities and activist groups.

Together, these organizations represent tens of thousands of citizens from the Province of Chieti and the Region of Abruzzo that strongly oppose the transformation of their land and coastal waters into an oil district.

We are dedicated to our cause and we will fight the oil companies throughout the Italian legal system. So far there have been about 20 documents submitted to the Ministry to stop Elsa2, and a meeting with officials is expected shortly.

Sincerely,

(Enrico Di Giuseppantonio)