

## Chevron, Partners To Explore New 3,000 km<sup>2</sup> Gorgon Block

Chevron Australia Pty Ltd has been awarded the exploration rights to acreage in the highly prospective Greater Gorgon Area in permit W06-12 about 100 km west of Barrow Island.

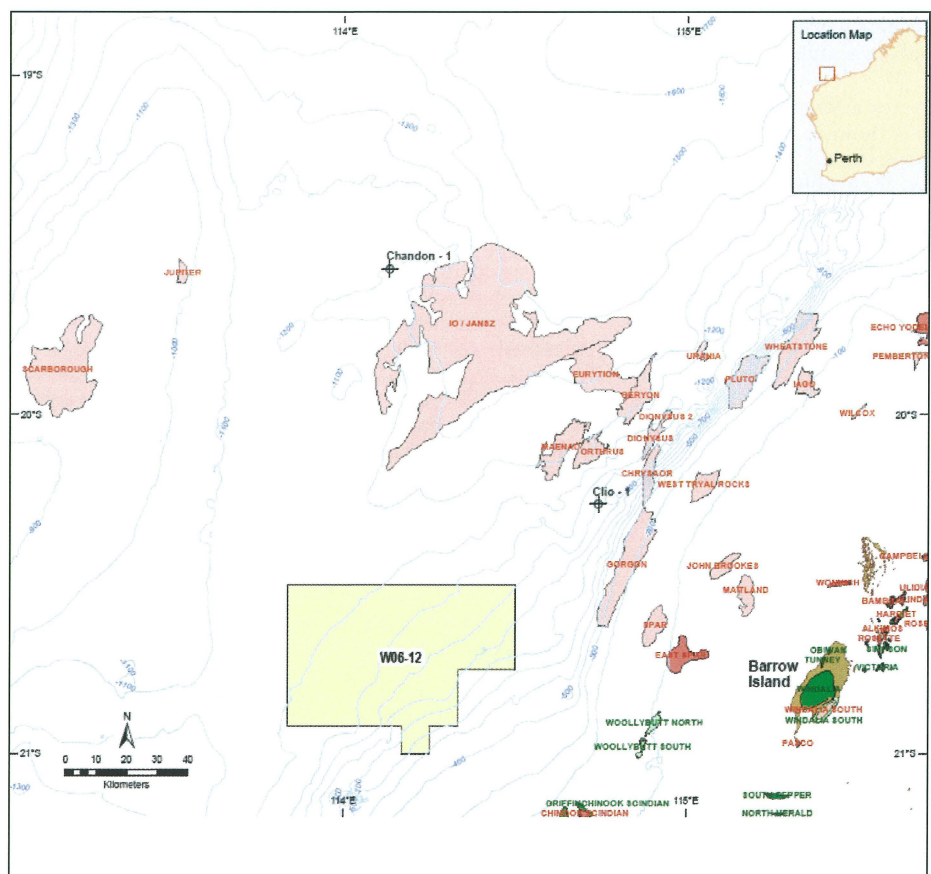
Chevron Australia will be the operator of the block for a three year work programme and will hold a 50% interest; the Australian subsidiaries of ExxonMobil and Shell will each hold a 25% interest.

Chevron International Exploration and Production President, John Watson, said the award demonstrated progress on Chevron's strategy to achieve superior exploratory success from a focused, high-impact exploration programme.

"Australia continues to feature prominently in our plans to build an internationally competitive natural gas business to supply energy to both the country and other regions around the world", Watson said.

The W06-12 permit area in the Carnarvon Basin is about 100 km northwest of the Western Australian coastline. The three year work programme includes geotechnical studies, approximately 180 km of 2D seismic reprocessing, 1,700 km<sup>2</sup> of 3D seismic survey acquisition and the drilling of an exploration well.

Chevron Australia Managing Director, Jay Johnson, said seismic work will begin this year and there is potential for a further three year work programme. ■



The W06-12 permit area in the Carnarvon Basin covers an area of about 3,000 km<sup>2</sup> and lies about 100 km northwest of the coastline.