

Exploring the Sabah Trough — Block K Exploration 1999–2002

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The Sabah Trough is located off the Northwest coast of Borneo and covers an area of approximately eighteen million acres. In 1998, the Sabah Trough was one of the last unexplored deepwater provinces in the world. In January 1999, Murphy and Carigali signed the Block K Production-Sharing Contract. The paper addresses the basin assessment, exploration strategy and actual exploration program, which resulted in the discovery of the Kikeh Field in July 2002.