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Serica Energy announces award of two new North Sea exploration blocks

TORONTO, Sept. 7 /CNW/ - Serica Energy plc (TSX Venture: SQZ) today announced that it has been awarded two new North Sea exploration blocks in the UK 23rd Offshore Licensing Round. The licence awards were announced yesterday by Energy Minister Malcolm Wicks.

Serica CEO Paul Ellis said, "the award of these new licences increases our portfolio of drillable exploration prospects in the UK North Sea, where we intend to commence a drilling program next year."

Serica was awarded Block 23/16f and the southern half of Block 14/15. The Company's partner in Block 23/16f is Endeavour Energy Limited and in Block 14/15 Serica has Paladin Expro Limited as its partner. In both blocks, Serica has an interest of 50% and is the operator.

About Serica Energy plc

Serica Energy plc is an international oil & gas exploration and production company with primary activities in Indonesia, the UK North Sea and Spain. It currently has offices in Singapore, Jakarta and the United Kingdom.

Please visit the Company website, www.serica-energy.com

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