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Maurel & Prom statements following ENI's press release

Following rumours in the Italian press, Maurel & Prom states:

- ENI denies to Maurel & Prom and the market that a takeover of Maurel & Prom is considered;
- Maurel & Prom and ENI confirm talks regarding a possible assets acquisition by ENI.

This press release may contain forward-looking statements with respect to the financial condition, results of operations, business, strategy and plans of Maurel & Prom. By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that will or may occur in the future. These forward-looking statements are based on assumptions which we believe are reasonable but that could ultimately prove inaccurate and are subject to a number of risk factors, including but not limited to price fluctuations in crude oil; exchange rate fluctuations; uncertainties inherent in estimating quantities of oil reserves; actual future production rates and associated costs; operational problems; political stability; changes in laws and governmental regulations; wars and acts of terrorism or sabotage.

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