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ANADARKO ANNOUNCES ANOTHER MAJOR APPRAISAL SUCCESS OFFSHORE MOZAMBIQUE

HOUSTON, Jan. 17, 2012 – Anadarko Petroleum Corporation (NYSE: APC) today announced its seventh well in the discovery area offshore Mozambique successfully appraised previous discoveries at Lagosta and Camarão. The Lagosta-2 appraisal well, located about 4.4 miles (7 kilometers) north of the Lagosta discovery and 5.3 miles (8.5 kilometers) south of the Camarão well, encountered 777 total net feet (237 meters) of natural gas pay in multiple zones.

“This is the largest pay count of any well in the complex to date, and it seems fitting that our seventh successful well in the discovery area would encounter 777 net feet of pay,” said Bob Daniels, Anadarko Sr. Vice President, Worldwide Exploration. “These excellent results continue to support our recoverable resource estimates of 15 to 30-plus Tcf (trillion cubic feet) of natural gas in the discovery area on our block, as well as provide additional information that will be incorporated into our models to help determine the optimal subsea development plans for the complex. In addition, a second deepwater drillship, the *Deepwater Millennium*, has arrived in Mozambique to begin an accelerated testing program that will include installing observation gauges and conducting several drillstem tests, as we remain on track to reach a final investment decision for this project in 2013.”

The Lagosta-2 appraisal well was drilled to a total depth of approximately 14,223 feet (4,335 meters) in water depths of approximately 4,813 feet (1,467 meters) in the Offshore Area 1 of the Rovuma Basin. The partnership plans to preserve the Lagosta-2 well for future utilization during its planned drillstem testing program in the Windjammer, Barquentine and Lagosta complex. Once operations are complete, the *Belford Dolphin* deepwater drillship will be mobilized to drill the Lagosta-3 appraisal well.

Anadarko is the operator of the 2.6-million-acre Offshore Area 1 with a 36.5-percent working interest. Co-owners in the area are Mitsui E&P Mozambique Area 1, Limited (20 percent), BPRL Ventures Mozambique B.V. (10 percent), Videocon Mozambique Rovuma 1 Limited (10 percent) and Cove Energy Mozambique Rovuma Offshore, Ltd. (8.5 percent). Empresa Nacional de Hidrocarbonetos, E.P.’s 15-percent interest is carried through the exploration phase.

An updated map of Anadarko's position in Offshore Area 1 of the Rovuma Basin, including the Lagosta-2 appraisal well is available under the "Media Center/Anadarko News" tab at www.anadarko.com.

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation's mission is to deliver a competitive and sustainable rate of return to shareholders by exploring for, acquiring and developing oil and natural gas resources vital to the world's health and welfare. As of year-end 2010, the company had approximately 2.42 billion barrels-equivalent of proved reserves, making it one of the world's largest independent exploration and production companies. For more information about Anadarko, please visit www.anadarko.com.

This news release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Anadarko believes that its expectations are based on reasonable assumptions. No assurance, however, can be given that such expectations will prove to have been correct. A number of factors could cause actual results to differ materially from the projections, anticipated results or other expectations expressed in this news release, including Anadarko's ability to successfully plan, secure necessary governmental approvals, finance, build and operate the necessary infrastructure and LNG plant; produce and market the recoverable resources identified; and drill, develop and operate the drilling prospects identified in this news release. See "Risk Factors" in the company's 2010 Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and other public filings and press releases. Anadarko undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements.

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