



New boss: ReconAfrica's 6-2 stratigraphic well site in Namibia's Kavango basin. Photo: RECONNAISSANCE ENERGY AFRICA

Namibia explorer appoints ex-Mobil man as chief executive

New man from Houston-based player focused on Gulf of Mexico will join ReconAfrica on 7 August

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Onshore Namibia-focused explorer ReconAfrica has raided a privately owned US Gulf of Mexico player to hire a new chief executive following the retirement of Scot Evans.

Listed in Canada and Germany, ReconAfrica has been trying to find commercial volumes of oil and gas in the Kavango frontier basin in northeast Namibia for years, despite the protests of anti-fossil fuel campaigners.



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It has established what appears to be a working petroleum system using its own drilling rig, but has yet to drill a definitive exploration well that flows hydrocarbons to surface and needs

funding to fully explore the challenging play.

Brian Reinsborough will become president and chief executive of ReconAfrica on 7 August, after a 35-year career spent with Mobil Oil, Nexen, Warburg Pincus and Venari Resources.

His LinkedIn page currently states that he is chief executive of Gulf of Mexico-focused player Novara Energy which he also co-founded.

With over 25 years of experience working in the US Gulf of Mexico where said ReconAfrica, he “has discovered” over 2 billion of barrels of oil equivalent and “has been involved with” the Appomattox, Anchor and Shenandoah discoveries.

Reinsborough, said his new employer, also has "significant experience in attracting financing and talent for exploration-based businesses having raised over US\$2 billion of private equity financing in his previous company."

He currently serves on the advisory board of University of Texas' Jackson School of Geosciences.

In addition, Adam Rubin — another Novara, Nexen and Venari executive — has been appointed general counsel at ReconAfrica.



New role: Brian Reinsborough is due to be ReconAfrica's new chief executive. Photo: NOVARA RESOURCES

ReconAfrica executive chairman Craig Steinke said Reinsborough “will immediately take the leading role in directing the company's future strategic course,” adding that he will also oversee the integration of a considerable amount of recently acquired subsurface data in order to execute “a carefully designed, efficient, multi-well drilling programme ...in the coming months.”

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