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**Saffron Energy Plc**  
("Saffron" or the "Company")

**Final approval for first gas at Bezzecca**

Saffron Energy plc (AIM: SRON), the natural gas producer with interests in northern Italy, is pleased to announce that it has received the final approval from the Italian Ministry of Economic Development (UNMIG) for gas production at the Bezzecca gas field on 11 April 2017. Commissioning and gas production will commence in the coming days.

Bezzecca is located east of Milan within the established prolific, gas-producing Po Valley region in northern Italy and operated by Saffron's subsidiary Northsun Italia SPA (NSI). Gas from Bezzecca 1 is processed at the Vitalba processing plant and directly connected by the national grid.

**Chief Executive Officer of Saffron Energy, Michael Masterman commented:** "We are extremely excited to be announcing first gas at Bezzecca as it represents a significant commercial and financial milestone for Saffron coming within 7 weeks of the successful IPO. It will significantly increase the overall Saffron gas production and strengthen our position and portfolio."

**About Saffron Energy PLC**

Saffron Energy is a natural gas producer with interests in Northern Italy. Its portfolio includes one gas production (Sillaro), one near-term gas production field (Bezzecca (90%)) and an application for a near-term gas production field (Sant'Alberto), all near Milan and Bologna. Saffron Energy commenced trading on the London AIM Market under the ticker of SRON on 24 February 2017.

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