

## **Deepwater Exploration: Columbus Basin Offshore Trinidad, 1998 – 2003: Drilling Campaign Revisited**

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### **ABSTRACT**

During the period 1996 to 2000, in an attempt to extend exploration into frontier areas, the State licensed six deepwater blocks located within the Columbus Basin, off the island's east coast. Eleven wells were drilled in these blocks, all of which failed to discover commercial volumes of hydrocarbons. Although all the elements necessary for a working petroleum system were predicted to be present, the wells failed to discover hydrocarbons in commercial volumes. This presentation considers the results of the wells and examines the implications on the continued deep water exploration within the greater Trinidad area.