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hold 46.3 billion barrels. But today, this property overlooked by

Chevron Corporation (NYSE: CVX), Royal Dutch Shell plc (NYSE: RDS-A), TOTAL SE (NYSE: TOT), Ecopetrol S.A. (NYSE: EC), Suncor Energy Inc. (NYSE: SU). And at a mammoth 8.5 million acres, this basin spans an area even greater than many of the richest discoveries in the Lone Star state. But now, one junior oil company most folks have never

the majors lies untouched halfway around the world... Mentioned in today's commentary includes:

heard of has acquired the rights to the entire thing. That company is Reconnaissance Energy Africa (RECO, RECAF). This is truly the final frontier of

oil exploration, among the last Permian-sized basins that's never been drilled. And it's opportunities just like these that have produced incredible gains in recent years for other explorers that made a discovery. Africa Oil scored 379% gains after discovering oil in Kenya.

Valeura Energy Corp's shares skyrocketed for 1,000% gains after a discovery in Turkey.

Now in Namibia, ReconAfrica is already up 391% in less than a year on speculation that a

that drilling has begun, we could see another junior explorer hitting real success. Validation from the Biggest Names in the Oil Industry

discovery may be here too. And if they see the kinds of results some experts are anticipating now

The Kavango Basin is an enormous untapped area spanning millions of acres across Namibia and Botswana. And at 8.75 million acres, that's nearly the size of the massive Midland Basin in the

Permian, which is owned by countless different producers today. After acquiring rights to Namibia's Aeromag data, Reconnaissance Energy Africa (RECO, RECAF) quickly had this analyzed by some of the world's foremost experts in oil exploration. This

conventional. ReconAfrica is focused on finding conventional plays with the untouched fields of the massive Kavango basin. That means no expensive hydraulic fracturing... Lower costs for water during drilling... And much, much lower cost per barrel. Plus, while digging deeper into the data, world-class

geological interpreter Bill Cathey said it showed some of the best data he'd ever seen... That's incredibly promising coming from the geological interpreter to the supergiants. Sproule, a tier-1 resource assessment company, put out an estimate in July that we could be looking at up to 18 billion barrels. This kind of discovery could mean a massive payday for an undervalued company like Recon Africa.

data showed that the sedimentary basin could run as deep as 30,000 feet. That would make it as deep as the Permian Basin in West Texas, which has been estimated to contain 46.3 billion barrels of oil. And the most exciting part is that the majority of this potential production is expected to be

With the potential they're seeing in the Kavango Basin, Reconnaissance Energy Africa (RECO, RECAF) is doing their due diligence and has brought in another impressive name to the mix. They've called on Daniel Jarvie, president of Worldwide Geochemistry LLC, to analyze the data as

well, giving them a clearer look at just how rich this virgin play could be. And he's estimated that if all goes well in the Kavango Basin, ReconAfrica could be sitting on a basin that could generate up to 120 billion barrels of oil...While numbers like this may seem hard to believe, Jarvie actually said this could be a conservative estimate. Recently, Haywood Securities raised their short term price target for ReconAfrica from \$2.50 per share to \$4...But with world-class geophysicists and geochemists making such ringing endorsements and the low production costs in the region...it could go even higher.

That's a major driver behind ReconAfrica's net asset value (NAV) per share. And given the confidence in what they're seeing in the Kavango Basin

so far...ReconAfrica is rushing to move on this high impact opportunity as fast as they can. Within Just Weeks of Breaking Exciting News

Not only does **Reconnaissance Energy Africa** (<u>RECO</u>, <u>RECAF</u>) have exclusive petroleum licenses of the entire Kavango Basin, but one expert after another has stepped up to put their stamp on this opportunity.

Nick Steinberger, for example, has also joined ReconAfrica's team as their Senior Vice President, Drilling and Operations. After spending over 30

years helping to lead an oil and gas company that was sold for an incredible \$3.1 billion, he could have gone wherever he liked in the industry. Plus, ReconAfrica just got more validation from one of the world's most respected resource consulting companies, Wood Mackenzie. They identified

one of the best comparisons to the Kavango as the Midland Basin, within the Permian in Texas. With the overall development value of the Midland Basin being an estimated \$540 billion, this could spell big news for ReconAfrica if all goes according to plan. If they do make the massive discovery many are expecting, it could mean a huge payday because of Namibia's oil-friendly government. And after

days. And from there, they could receive drilling results within weeks. That means that unlike many other oil exploration plays, this isn't a long "wait-and-see" situation. Reconnaissance Energy Africa (RECO, RECAF) could have results showing whether they're sitting on the world's next great oil discovery within a matter of weeks.

completing their first well spud, they'll move on quickly on to their next two wells. They're expected to complete drilling at the first well within 45

Here are a few other companies branching out to capture new opportunities in untapped environments:

Chevron (CVX) comes in just above Shell as the world's second-largest oil and gas company by market cap. Chevron is also betting big on Africa, particularly Nigeria and Angola. The supermajor ranks among the top oil producers in the two African nations. Other areas on the continent where

the company holds interests include Benin, Ghana, the Republic of Congo and Togo. Chevron also holds a 36.7 percent interest in the West African Gas Pipeline Company Limited, which supplies Nigerian natural gas to customers in the region. Though Chevron still has not bounced back from the massive hit it took back in March 2020, where it dropped to a 5-year low of just \$59, the oil giant has made some progress thanks to recovering oil prices. Sitting at \$90 at the time of writing, Chevron is slowly recuperating some of its losses

and is positioned well to benefit in the mid to long-term. Royal Dutch Shell (RDS.A) is world's third-largest oil and gas company by market cap. Like Chevron, Shell has also made some big bets in Africa. In fact, it is one of the leaders in the region. The Dutch oil giant began drilling in the region over 70 years ago, and now has energy assets in over

20 countries across the continent. South Africa is key for Shell because the government has been significantly more stable than some of the other big bets on the continent. Moreover, the country has been very open to Shell in its projects. Like the rest of the oil industry, Shell took a massive beating in March 2020. It fell from a January high of \$59 to a multi-year low of just \$25. Since

then, however, Shell has seen its share price grow by 60%, starting 2021 particularly strong. Total (TOT) barely squeezes into the top 4 oil and gas companies in the world, as well. And it's no stranger to the African oil game, either. Total

betting big on the region's potential. The company has been in the region for over 90 years, and it is showing no sign of reducing its footprint anytime soon. That said, Total also keeps a 'big picture' outlook across all of its projects. The company is distinctly aware of the needs that are not being met by a significant portion of the world's growing population, it is also hyper-aware of the growing threat of climate change.

Like just about any and every other company with any exposure to oil, Total took a major hit when oil prices fell into the negatives. Despite this, however, Total, thanks to its diversification push, has been able to accomplish what some other companies have not. It has seen its share price jump by 80% since March of last year, and it's showing no sign of slowing.

Ecopetrol (EC) is another company to keep an eye on as oil prices slowly return to pre-pandemic levels. The Colombian producer has a bright future in one of the world's up and coming hydrocarbon regions. In a recent announcement, Ecopetrol approved an investment plan to help improve the company's growth potential. In fact, it's even betting on its own domestic fields, allocating as much as 80% of its planned \$4 billion investments in Colombia, with the remaining 20% to be split between operations in Brazil and the United States.

Ecopetrol may still be 50% down from its 5-year high, but the 2020 oil price crash presented an opportunity for investors to see some hefty gains in the years to come. Those who played this downturn correctly will likely reap the benefits of their choices in the mid to long term. Ecopetrol is making all the right moves, and it's at exactly the right time, with Asian demand pushing more and more buyers to the often-overlooked South American oil boom.

Suncor Energy (SU) is one of Canada's biggest oil companies. And it's set itself up perfectly for the rebound in the oil sands. Suncor has pioneered a number of high-tech solutions for finding, pumping, storing, and delivering its resources. Not only is it big in the oil sector, however, it is a leader in renewable energy. Recently, the company invested \$300 million in a wind farm located in Alberta.

When the rebound in crude prices finally materializes, giants like Suncor are sure to do well out of it. While many of the oil majors have given up on

oil sands production - those who focus on technological advancements in the area have a great long-term outlook. And that upside is further

amplified by the fact that it is currently looking particularly under-valued compared to its peers. By. Jeff Black

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