



## Press Release

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### **MINURCAT Builds Wells to Provide Water to Iriba for the Next 50 Years**

**Iriba, 3 March 2010** - The Norwegian Well Drilling Unit of the United Nations Mission in the Central African and Chad (MINURCAT) has just built two wells to supply water to the town of Iriba. This achievement comes after months of intense and hard labor to locate water in this arid land about 200 km northeast of Abeche.

According to the Norwegian Drilling Unit, these wells are unique because of their yield and their depth, which are unmatched in the region. Indeed, the two wells located just five km from Iriba are 116 m deep each, and will be able to provide a total volume of 250 cubic meter of water daily to an estimated population of 135,000 people for the next 50 years.

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General in the Central African Republic and Chad, Mr. Victor Angelo, attended the inauguration ceremony of these wells in the presence of local Chadian authorities, including the Governor of the Wadi Fira.

The Drilling Unit will soon leave Iriba to pursue similar work in other regions of eastern Chad.

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