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## **The Path to Agbami.....Stalking an African Giant**

The Agbami oil discovery in November of 1998 was one of the last giant oil discoveries of the last century. Located in deep Nigerian water and straddling OML blocks 216 and 217, the discovery was the result of a deliberate hunt for impact size reserves by Texaco and its partners. While all the modern technologic tools were utilized to great effectiveness in this hunt, the real Agbami story included all of the classic elements of successful exploration; these included rejection of the status quo, application of a focused, highly skilled team, and risk taking in a technologic and drilling sense as well as in working with an indigenous partner. But the real key to this story is diligence and persistence.....the same keys to be heard repeated in the discovery stories of other great fields in the last century and sure to be repeated in the new.