

President meets Total chief in Paris



Total's energy programme was discussed during a meeting in Paris between President Nicos Anastasiades and the general director of the company Patrick Pouyane, during which he reiterated Total's interest in increasing its presence in Cyprus.

Government Spokesman Prodromos Prodromou said during the meeting on Saturday evening "the company's commitment to Cyprus was repeated".

At the same time, the company "reconfirmed its increased interest in the EEZ of our country".

Prodromou was in the meeting, as was Energy Minister Yiorgos Lakkotrypis.

In a tweet, Lakkotrypis said the company had expressed “intense interest in expanding its interests in Cyprus’ EEZ”.

Total and Italian company ENI are partners in blocks 11 and 6. An exploratory drilling carried out in early 2017 in Calypso target revealed a “promising discovery” but no data have been disclosed yet concerning the size of the reservoir size.