Malaysia’s Petronas will have additional access to Sudanese acreage according to Sudan’s petroleum minister, Ali Ahmad Osman. Khartoum plans to offer the company more business opportunities

“We have given information to Petronas on two free blocks namely, Block 10 and Block 12B, which are in the east and west of Sudan respectively,” Osman, told *Bernama.* The oil minister also said that additional blocks under the state-run SNPC’s control would be available to Petronas through farm-in deals.

Petronas is said to be eager to pursue upstream and downstream opportunities with Khartoum, despite the tension that is running rampant between the north and south. The Sudanese government has assured Petronas that its investments would be protected, saying that both the north and south would respect access to exploration and production-sharing agreements signed with investors.

"Things will continue in a way that will not affect investments in Sudan, and investors like Petronas would not be affected by the separation of the country, and we are now waiting for the reaction from the southern government,” he was quoted as saying by *Bernama*.