

U.S. Allows Gulf Oil to Start Angola Business

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The Gulf Oil Corp. said yesterday it has received State Department approval to resume business with the new government of Angola.

A Gulf spokesman said Secretary of State Henry Kissinger gave the company the go-ahead about two weeks ago to pay the Soviet-backed Luanda regime about \$100 million in oil tax revenues that Gulf placed in escrow last December after a State Department request.

Gulf holds the concession to

operate the oil fields in Cabinda, a province separated from Angola by Zaire. The \$500 million brought in annually by the oil fields are the Angolan government's largest source of money.

The new regime has been recognized by the Organization of African Unity and several Western European countries.

The Gulf spokesman said the company is holding negotiations with Angolan officials, but has not resumed its operation in the Cabinda fields nor yet paid the held tax revenues.

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