

## *Erratum*

**A Probabilistic Method for Resource Appraisal in a Petroleum Play and Its Application.** By Jingzhen Xu, Xiaodong Liu, Shangming Chen, and Chunwen Gao. *Nonrenewable Resources*, v. 6, no. 4, p. 277–280 (1997).

The authors apologize for not crediting R.A. Crovelli as the originator of the method used in their paper.

The paper by Xu and others (1997) consisted of a description of the probabilistic resource appraisal method (Crovelli, 1985) and an application of this appraisal method to a petroleum play in the Turpan–Hami Basin of northwestern China.

The authors have been made aware that our paper may seem to suggest that we originated the resource appraisal method that we reported there and used in the Turpan–Hami Basin, which is not the case. The method was originated by Crovelli and Balay (1986) and has been reported by him in a later publication (Crovelli, 1992). In our paper, we stated the simple fact that a probabilistic resource appraisal method had been developed; we described that method before applying it. Although we did not state that we had originated the method, in retrospect, we realize that

we should have cited Crovelli's work fully. It was not our intention to take from Crovelli the credit that belongs to him for developing this method, and we offer our sincere apologies to him.

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