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NEW NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Bass Strait Oil Company Limited (**ASX code: BAS**) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Andrew P (Andy) Whittle as a Non-Executive Director of the Company.

Andy has over 40 years of technical and managerial experience in the petroleum exploration and production industry worldwide, with a focus on SE Asia / Australia. He holds a B.Sc. degree with First Class Honours in Geology from the University of Adelaide, South Australia, graduating in 1968.

His experience includes over 21 years with several affiliates of Exxon Corporation in Australia, Singapore, Malaysia, Canada and the USA, finally in the position of Geological Manager of Esso Australia. Following his career with Exxon he was Exploration Manager with GFE Resources Ltd for five years.

Andy was intimately involved with Pexco in the exploration project that led to the identification and discovery of the Thylacine gas field in the Otway Basin and in acquiring deepwater exploration blocks in Indonesia.

Most recently, Andy co-founded and is a Director of PetroVal Australasia Pty Ltd, a petroleum consulting company that specializes in preparing independent technical reports and evaluating exploration and production assets for a range of clients both nationally and internationally.

Andy recently became a Director of Bumi Armada Berhad, a Malaysian based international offshore services provider to the oil and gas industry. That company operates a fleet of over 40 support vessels in over 10 countries and is listed on the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange.

He is a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, the Society of Professional Well Log Analysts and the Petroleum Exploration Society of Australia.

Andy brings a wealth of experience, technical expertise and industry knowledge to Bass and the Board believes he will make a valuable contribution to the development of the Company as it works towards realising its wider and focussed strategic direction in partnership with significant industry participants.

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John L C McInnes
Chairman