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ASX RELEASE

JOHN McINNES APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR

The Board of Bass Strait Oil Company Limited (ASX: BAS) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr John L C McInnes OAM to the Board of the Company.

Mr McInnes is currently a director of Southern Cross Station Pty Ltd, Hillview Quarries Pty Ltd, Castlegate VGS Pty Ltd, Roy Morgan Research Pty Ltd and Haoma Mining NL Group. He has previously been Deputy Chairman of Pacific Hydro Ltd and Chairman of Futuris Ltd.

Mr McInnes holds a Commerce degree and is a Chartered Accountant. He was the founding partner of the Chartered Accounting firm of McInnes Graham & Gibbs, which in 2006 merged with Mutual Trust, of which he is now a Director. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and in 2007 he was awarded an OAM in recognition of his services to the community.

The Board acknowledges Mr McInnes' outstanding experience in both business and community affairs and welcomes him to the Board.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bernard Wheelahan".

Bernard Wheelahan
Chairman
7 October 2008