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BASS EXPANDS TECHNICAL TEAM

Bass Strait Oil Company Limited (**ASX code: BAS**) is pleased to announce the expansion of its technical team following the appointment of Mr James Martindale and Ms Monica McInnes. The addition of Mr Martindale and Ms McInnes supports the specialised, experienced team at BAS with skills that will be beneficial to the Company's drilling of the Windermere-3 well and ongoing exploration activity.

Mr Martindale, a geoscientist, has a Bachelor of Science (First class Honours) from the University of Western Australia and over 5 years experience working in the onshore portion of the BAS focus area of southeast Australia. He brings an operational focus which will directly benefit the Company's upcoming drilling of Windermere-3. He also has a key role in the assessment and characterisation of the tight gas sands play and conventional to hybrid oil plays in the Gippsland Basin in addition to conventional gas plays in the Otway Basin which fits with the Company's vision of onshore conventional and unconventional hydrocarbon exploration.

Ms McInnes is a graduate engineer having completed her Bachelor of Petroleum Engineering degree from the Australian School of Petroleum at the University of Adelaide. Her Honours thesis, Steps in the Development of an Onshore Oilfield Development Plan, has particular relevance in the drilling of the Windermere-3 well in the event of success.

BAS is a specialist petroleum explorer focused exclusively on southeast Australia. This region offers access to prospects of material scale in world-class basins, a database of modern 3D seismic data, established infrastructure and the benefits of Australia's stable and low-cost jurisdiction.

Over a ten year period, the highly experienced BAS team has assembled a quality exploration portfolio across the Gippsland, Bass and Otway Basins. All of these basins are proven petroleum producers and the Company's permit interests provide shareholders with leverage to high-impact discovery potential.

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Dr Steve Mackie
Chief Executive Officer
10 October 2011