

Appendix 3B

New issue announcement, application for quotation of additional securities and agreement

Information or documents not available now must be given to ASX as soon as available. Information and documents given to ASX become ASX's property and may be made public.

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Name of entity

BASS STRAIT OIL COMPANY LTD

ABN

13 008 694 817

We (the entity) give ASX the following information.

Part 1 - All issues

You must complete the relevant sections (attach sheets if there is not enough space).

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| 1 | +Class of +securities issued or to be issued | Options 30/6/2007 |
| 2 | Number of +securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued | 6,479,000 Options 30/6/2007 |
| 3 | Principal terms of the +securities (eg, if options, exercise price and expiry date; if partly paid +securities, the amount outstanding and due dates for payment; if +convertible securities, the conversion price and dates for conversion) | Options exercisable at 30 cents and expiring 30/6/2007 |

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<p>4 Do the +securities rank equally in all respects from the date of allotment with an existing +class of quoted +securities?</p> <p>If the additional securities do not rank equally, please state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the date from which they do • the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment • the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment 	<p>No</p>	
<p>5 Issue price or consideration</p>	<p>Free option 30/6/2007</p>	
<p>6 Purpose of the issue (If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets)</p>		
<p>7 Dates of entering +securities into uncertificated holdings or despatch of certificates</p>	<p>22 December 2005</p>	
<p>8 Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable)</p>	<p>Number</p>	<p>+Class</p>
	<p>112,316,043 6,479,000</p>	<p>Ordinary Options 30/6/2007</p>

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	Number	+Class
9 Number and +class of all +securities not quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable)	16,926,425	Ordinary
	2,613,056	Options 30/6/2007
	2,500,000	Options 30/9/2008
	1,050,000	Options 30/6/2010
	1,050,000	Options 30/6/2010
	250,000	Options 30/6/2007
	250,000	Options 30/6/2007
	700,000	Options 30/9/2008
10 Dividend policy (in the case of a trust, distribution policy) on the increased capital (interests)	No dividends will be payable in the foreseeable future	

Part 2 - Bonus issue or pro rata issue

11 Is security holder approval required?	
12 Is the issue renounceable or non-renounceable?	
13 Ratio in which the +securities will be offered	
14 +Class of +securities to which the offer relates	
15 +Record date to determine entitlements	
16 Will holdings on different registers (or subregisters) be aggregated for calculating entitlements?	
17 Policy for deciding entitlements in relation to fractions	
18 Names of countries in which the entity has +security holders who will not be sent new issue documents <small>Note: Security holders must be told how their entitlements are to be dealt with. Cross reference: rule 7.7.</small>	
19 Closing date for receipt of acceptances or renunciations	

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| 20 | Names of any underwriters | |
| 21 | Amount of any underwriting fee or commission | |
| 22 | Names of any brokers to the issue | |
| 23 | Fee or commission payable to the broker to the issue | |
| 24 | Amount of any handling fee payable to brokers who lodge acceptances or renunciations on behalf of *security holders | |
| 25 | If the issue is contingent on *security holders' approval, the date of the meeting | |
| 26 | Date entitlement and acceptance form and prospectus or Product Disclosure Statement will be sent to persons entitled | |
| 27 | If the entity has issued options, and the terms entitle option holders to participate on exercise, the date on which notices will be sent to option holders | |
| 28 | Date rights trading will begin (if applicable) | |
| 29 | Date rights trading will end (if applicable) | |
| 30 | How do *security holders sell their entitlements <i>in full</i> through a broker? | |
| 31 | How do *security holders sell <i>part</i> of their entitlements through a broker and accept for the balance? | |

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- 32 How do *security holders dispose of their entitlements (except by sale through a broker)?
- 33 *Despatch date

Part 3 - Quotation of securities

You need only complete this section if you are applying for quotation of securities

- 34 Type of securities
(tick one)
- (a) Securities described in Part 1
- (b) All other securities
Example: restricted securities at the end of the escrowed period, partly paid securities that become fully paid, employee incentive share securities when restriction ends, securities issued on expiry or conversion of convertible securities

Entities that have ticked box 34(a)

Additional securities forming a new class of securities

Tick to indicate you are providing the information or documents

- 35 If the *securities are *equity securities, the names of the 20 largest holders of the additional *securities, and the number and percentage of additional *securities held by those holders
- 36 If the *securities are *equity securities, a distribution schedule of the additional *securities setting out the number of holders in the categories
1 - 1,000
1,001 - 5,000
5,001 - 10,000
10,001 - 100,000
100,001 and over
- 37 A copy of any trust deed for the additional *securities

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Entities that have ticked box 34(b)

38 Number of securities for which
 +quotation is sought

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39 Class of +securities for which
 quotation is sought

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40 Do the +securities rank equally in all
 respects from the date of allotment
 with an existing +class of quoted
 +securities?

If the additional securities do not
 rank equally, please state:

- the date from which they do
- the extent to which they
 participate for the next dividend,
 (in the case of a trust,
 distribution) or interest payment
- the extent to which they do not
 rank equally, other than in
 relation to the next dividend,
 distribution or interest payment

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41 Reason for request for quotation
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Example: In the case of restricted securities, end of
 restriction period

(if issued upon conversion of
 another security, clearly identify that
 other security)

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	Number	+Class
42	Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 38)	

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Quotation agreement

1 +Quotation of our additional +securities is in ASX's absolute discretion. ASX may quote the +securities on any conditions it decides.

2 We warrant the following to ASX.

- The issue of the +securities to be quoted complies with the law and is not for an illegal purpose.
- There is no reason why those +securities should not be granted +quotation.
- An offer of the +securities for sale within 12 months after their issue will not require disclosure under section 707(3) or section 1012C(6) of the Corporations Act.

Note: An entity may need to obtain appropriate warranties from subscribers for the securities in order to be able to give this warranty

- Section 724 or section 1016E of the Corporations Act does not apply to any applications received by us in relation to any +securities to be quoted and that no-one has any right to return any +securities to be quoted under sections 737, 738 or 1016F of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the +securities be quoted.
- If we are a trust, we warrant that no person has the right to return the +securities to be quoted under section 1019B of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the +securities be quoted.

3 We will indemnify ASX to the fullest extent permitted by law in respect of any claim, action or expense arising from or connected with any breach of the warranties in this agreement.

4 We give ASX the information and documents required by this form. If any information or document not available now, will give it to ASX before +quotation of the +securities begins. We acknowledge that ASX is relying on the information and documents. We warrant that they are (will be) true and complete.

Sign here: Date: ..3/1/06.....
(Director/Company secretary)

Print name: David B Hill.....

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**FIRST 20 INVESTORS REPORT
SATURDAY 31 DECEMBER 2005**

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Investor</u>	<u>Current Balance</u>	<u>% Issued Capital</u>
Security: BSOUOP - OPT EXERCISE 30/06/2007 30C			
1	ICM AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	625,000	9.65%
2	HSBC CUSTODY NOMINEES (AUSTRALIA) LIMITED	500,000	7.72%
3	CITICORP NOMINEES PTY LIMITED	370,000	5.71%
4	TERRA FIRMA TECHNOLOGY PTY LTD <THE REID FAMILY ACCOUNT>	350,000	5.40%
5	MR WILLIAM GORDON MARTIN + MRS BEVERLEY MICHELLE MARTIN <CHEMCO SUPER FUND A/C>	262,500	4.05%
6	WESTPAC CUSTODIAN NOMINEES LIMITED	250,000	3.86%
7	MR ROBERT WILLIAM MOSES	200,000	3.09%
8	SAMDY NOMINEES PTY LTD	200,000	3.09%
9	SAYONARRA PTY LTD	200,000	3.09%
10	TROCA ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	175,000	2.70%
11	MR THEAM CHYE LIM	162,750	2.51%
12	FINANCE ASSOCIATES PTY LTD <GREGORY FAMILY A/C>	162,500	2.51%
13	FORTIS CLEARING NOMINEES P/L <SETTLEMENT A/C>	131,250	2.03%
14	PIPE LINK OF AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	120,000	1.85%
15	TRIANON INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	100,000	1.54%
16	BAYONET INVESTMENTS PTY LTD <SUPER FUND NO 1 A/C>	87,500	1.35%
17	ELINORA INVESTMENTS PTY LTD	87,500	1.35%
18	MR KENNETH ALFRED FAWCETT	87,500	1.35%
19	G & G STEELWORKS PTY LTD	87,500	1.35%

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**FIRST 20 INVESTORS REPORT
SATURDAY 31 DECEMBER 2005**

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Investor</u>	<u>Current Balance</u>		<u>% Issued Capital</u>
20	MAP NOMINEES PTY LTD	87,500		1.35%
TOTAL FOR TOP 20:		4,246,500	Investors 20	65.54%
TOTAL IN THIS REPORT:		4,246,500	Investors 20	65.54%
TOTAL OTHER INVESTORS:		2,232,500	67	34.46%
GRAND TOTAL:		6,479,000	87	100.00%

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INVESTOR RANGES
SATURDAY 31 DECEMBER 2005

<u>Ranges</u>	<u>Investors</u>	<u>Securities</u>	<u>% Issued Capital</u>
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Security Code : BSOUOP OPT EXERCISE 30/06/2007 30C

Holding Type : Issuer Sponsored

1 - 1000	0	0	.00
1001 - 5000	0	0	.00
5001 - 10000	2	18,750	.29
10001 - 100000	14	717,125	11.07
100001 and Over	6	1,695,000	26.16
Total	22	2,430,875	37.52

Holding Type : C H E S S

1 - 1000	0	0	.00
1001 - 5000	0	0	.00
5001 - 10000	6	52,500	.81
10001 - 100000	51	1,981,625	30.59
100001 and Over	8	2,014,000	31.09
Total	65	4,048,125	62.48

Totals for Security Code BSOUOP

1 - 1000	0	0	.00
1001 - 5000	0	0	.00
5001 - 10000	8	71,250	1.10
10001 - 100000	65	2,698,750	41.65
100001 and Over	14	3,709,000	57.25
Total	87	6,479,000	100.00

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