

## Bass Corporate update - COVID-19

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Australian based, Indonesian oil producer, Bass Oil Limited (ASX:BAS) has put measures in place to mitigate the effect of COVID-19 and the depressed oil price. Firstly, Bass is actively monitoring and complying with all government directions to ensure the health and safety of all staff is protected throughout these difficult and uncertain times.

To mitigate against the current oil price environment, the Company is safeguarding its financial position to ensure it is well positioned for the future:

- Corporate overheads and personnel costs will be significantly reduced, which includes a 50% cut to directors' fees and salaries
- All discretionary expenditures have been deferred
- Production at Tangai-Sukananti remains largely unaffected
- Operating costs are US\$20/barrel at current production rates
- Balance sheet contains no debt or material commitments

### Corporate Costs

All directors, including the Managing Director, will reduce their fees and salaries by 50%, effective 1 April. Other reductions in Australian based staff and salaries have come into effect at the same time. These changes will be reviewed on a quarterly basis or as required. All other overheads have been reviewed and reduced to the fullest practical extent.

### Capital Expenditure and Commitments

Bass is in the fortunate position of having no material permit obligations and has deferred all discretionary expenditure including non-essential expenditure on the Tangai-Sukananti KSO.

### Tangai-Sukananti KSO

Production from the fields continue largely unaffected by current developments. Bass has contingency plans in place to mitigate against the impact on production from an unexpected spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Fortunately, Bass is in the stable position, given it is operating in a low-cost oilfield. The Company has optimised its field, reducing direct operating costs to US\$20/barrel at current production rates.

### Business Development

Bass has suspended and where possible deferred evaluation and negotiations on a number of a number of onshore Indonesian opportunities pending an improvement in the fiscal outlook for the energy industry. The Company has not entered into any material contracts or commitments that impact it during this period.

There is significant uncertainty about the timing of any improvement in the economic climate. The Company will vigilantly monitor the changes in outlook and will update the market on these developments as appropriate.

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