

Irvine Energy plc ('Irvine' or 'the Company')
Appointment of Chairman

Irvine Energy plc, the AIM listed oil and gas exploration and production company, has appointed Robert Bensch to its Board of Directors as Executive Chairman. Further to Mr Bensch's appointment, Doug Manner has resumed his role as a Non-executive Director of the Company and Michael Frayne has resigned from the Board with immediate effect.

Mr Bensch has extensive experience within the oil and gas industry. Most recently he has served as Chairman and CEO of Taurex Resources plc and Carpatsky Petroleum Inc, the predecessor to Taurex. He was also Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Bellwether Exploration and worked at Torch Energy Advisors and Box Energy, in finance and business development.

Irvine Director Ross Warner said, "Rob has many years experience in the oil and gas sector, we look forward to working alongside him and benefitting from his valuable insight as we move forward from what has been a difficult period for the Company. We are fortunate to be able to strengthen the Board with an individual of Rob's calibre at what will be a crucial period for Irvine. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Michael for his contribution to the development of the Company and wish him well in his future endeavours."

Robert Joseph Bensch, aged 42, is a director or has been a director of the following companies during the previous five years:

Current Directorships:

Taurex Resources plc

Directorships held within the previous five years:

Carpatsky Petroleum Corporation

Carpatsky Petroleum Inc.

Bellwether Exploration Co.

Torch Energy Advisors Inc.

Box Energy

There are no other matters which are required to be announced with regard to this appointment under paragraph (g) of Schedule 2 of the AIM Rules.

The Company's shares will remain suspended until further notice.

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