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## ASX Announcement

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### **APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

Empire Energy Group Limited (“Empire” or “the Company”) is pleased to announce that it has appointed Mr. David Evans as Chief Operating Officer.

Mr. Evans’ appointment significantly strengthens Empire’s technical and operational capabilities at a time of material expected growth for the Company as it executes its Northern Territory exploration and development programs.

Mr. Evans has 30 years’ global upstream oil & gas exploration, development and production experience in increasingly senior technical and managerial roles, with significant exposure to Australian and North American unconventional hydrocarbon plays.

For the past 3 years, Mr Evans held the role of Chief Operating Officer at ASX listed, US focused, Elk Petroleum Limited.

Prior to joining Elk, Mr. Evans held the positions of Chief Technical Officer and Acting Chief Operating Officer with ASX listed company Drillsearch Energy Limited for six years, a period of substantial growth for that company.

Mr. Evans holds a BSc(Hons) degree in Geology from the University of London, a Postgraduate Diploma in Petroleum Exploration Geology from Oxford Brookes University and a Master of Applied Science from University of Canberra. David was also the recipient of the East Coles Corporate Performance Awards 2014 Best Operational Management, Energy Sector.

Alex Underwood, CEO of Empire Energy, said: “I am delighted that we have been able to attract David to the Empire Energy senior leadership team as we enter an exciting period of growth in the Northern Territory. David has a proven track record of delivering fit for purpose technical and operational oversight in Australian and international oil and gas companies and as such is a key appointment to Empire’s management team at a pivotal point in Empire’s growth trajectory.”

## **ABOUT EMPIRE ENERGY GROUP LIMITED**

Empire Energy holds over 14.5 million acres of highly prospective exploration tenements in the McArthur & Beetaloo Basins, Northern Territory. Work undertaken by the Company since 2010 demonstrates that the Eastern depositional Trough of the McArthur Basin, of which the Company holds around 80% has enormous conventional and unconventional hydrocarbon potential. The Beetaloo sub-Basin, in which Empire holds a substantial position, has world class hydrocarbon volumes in place and is on the verge of a major ramp up in industry activity to appraise substantial discoveries already made by major Australian oil and gas operators.

Empire Energy is an experienced conventional oil and natural gas producer with operations in the Appalachia region (New York and Pennsylvania). Empire has been successfully developing and producing oil and gas since 2006.