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## ASX Release

### Byron completes A\$26.5 Million Equity Raising

- **A\$26.5 million raised through a share placement**
- **Support from new institutional and sophisticated investors, existing larger shareholders, and Directors**
- **Capital raise will primarily fund the SM 71 development through commencement of production and cash flow from 2 wells expected in early 1Q/2018**
- **Share Purchase Plan to follow**

Byron Energy Limited (“Byron” or the “Company”) (**ASX:BYE**) is pleased to announce that commitments have been received to raise A\$26.5 million through a placement (“Placement”) of 379 million new shares (“Placement Shares”). The Placement was supported by a number of the Company’s larger shareholders, including interests associated with directors, as well as several new professional and sophisticated investors.

#### **Placement Details**

The Placement consists of 378,970,262 fully paid new ordinary shares to be issued at A\$0.07 per share to raise A\$26.5 million (before issue costs).

The Placement, including subscriptions from Directors, is subject to shareholder approval at an Extraordinary General Meeting (“EGM”) of Byron’s shareholders, to be held on or about 18 September 2017.

The new shares issued under the Placement will rank equally with existing Byron shares.

The Placement was not underwritten. Bell Potter Securities Limited acted as lead manager and book runner to the Placement, with Baron Partners acting as adviser and co-manager.

Metgasco Limited has exercised its right, under the Convertible Note Deed dated 21 July 2016, to participate in the Placement and will subscribe for approximately 37.9 million shares for \$A2.6 million.

## **Indicative Timetable\***

Announcement of Placement and SPP	Monday, 14 August 2017
Shareholder meeting for approval of Placement Shares	On or about 18 September 2017
Settlement of Placement Shares (subject to shareholder approval) and closing date for SPP	On or about 22 September 2017
Allotment of Placement Shares (subject to shareholder approval) and SPP shares	On or about 26 September 2017

\*The above timetable is indicative only and the Company reserves the right to alter the timetable without notice.

## **Directors' Participation**

The Placement includes an investment of \$A3.6 million by Doug Battersby (Chairman and Co-Founder), Maynard Smith (CEO and Co-Founder), Charles Sands (NED), Paul Young (NED) and Bill Sack (ED) and/or their associates. As each of the directors are related parties of the Company, the Company will seek shareholder approval prior to the issue of Placement shares to each of them.

## **Use of Funds**

The funds raised through the issue of Placement Shares will be used to complete the development of SM 71 oil and gas discovery (manned tripod platform, production facilities, pipelines, completion of SM 71 #1 discovery well and drilling and completion of SM 71 #2 development well), and to fund repayment of convertible note principal and interest, corporate costs, bonding requirements, working capital and share issue costs.

## **CEO Comment**

**Commenting on the capital raising, Byron's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Maynard Smith said:-**

*"We are very pleased to have received such strong support from new and existing shareholders. This additional capital will allow us to complete the development of our SM 71 oil and gas project, including the drilling of SM 71 #2 well, with production and cash flow expected to commence in January 2018."*

*"This issue will put us in a strong financial position to execute our program and its success validates the Company's focused and technology driven strategy designed to build a successful exploration and production company operating on the Gulf of Mexico shelf."*

## **Share Purchase Plan**

The Company also proposes to undertake a Share Purchase Plan (“SPP”) for up to \$2 million. The SPP will allow shareholders who, at the record date of 7pm (Sydney time) on Friday, 11 August 2017, have a registered address in Australia or New Zealand, the opportunity to subscribe for a maximum of \$A15,000 worth of ordinary shares in the Company at a subscription price of A\$0.07 per share (being the issue price of the Placement). The SPP documentation will be sent to shareholders as soon as possible.

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