

Bass to Raise \$2.5m via Placement and Fully Underwritten Rights Issue to finalise acquisition of Cooper Basin portfolio

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Key Highlights:

- **Bass is pleased to announce that it has received binding commitments for a Share Placement to raise \$1.0 million from institutional, sophisticated and professional investors**
- **Bass also announces a fully underwritten 1 for 5 non-renounceable entitlement offer at \$0.002 per share to raise up to approximately \$1.5 million**
- **Leading Melbourne Boutique Corporate Advisor, Peak Asset Management led the raise**
- **Bass Board and Management have committed to support the Offer**
- **Net proceeds will fund the Company's Cooper Basin Portfolio acquisition, well optimisation activities and drilling of the Tangai 5 well in Indonesia**

Bass Oil Limited (ASX:BAS) ("**Bass**" or the "**Company**") is pleased to announce that it has successfully received binding commitments to raise approximately \$1.0 million from sophisticated and professional investors through the issue of 500,000,000 new ordinary shares at \$0.002 per share ("**Offer Price**") (the "**Placement**"). Each two (2) shares subscribed for under the placement will include the grant of one (1) free attaching option exercisable at \$0.004 on or before 30 September 2024 ("**Options**").

The Board of Bass is also pleased to announce the launch of a one (1) for five (5) fully underwritten pro-rata, non-renounceable rights issue to eligible shareholders to raise up to approximately \$1.5 million (the "**Rights Issue**"). The shares issued pursuant to the Rights Issue will be issued at the same price as issued under the Placement (\$0.002 per share) and Rights Issue participants will also receive one (1) free attaching option for every two (2) shares subscribed for on the same terms as the Placement Options. The Company will seek quotation of the Options.

The Rights Issue is fully underwritten in the amount of \$1,537,560 by Peak Asset Management ("**Peak**" or the "**Underwriter**").

The Offer Price reflects a ~9% discount to the 30-day volume weighted average trading price of the Company's shares for the period ending 23 August 2021.

As part of the terms of the Rights Issue Underwriting Agreement, the Company has agreed to grant a total of 125,000,000 options with an exercise price of \$0.004 each and an expiry date of 30 September 2024 to the Underwriter following completion of the Rights Issue.

Use of Funds

The funds raised from the Placement and the Rights Issue will be used by the Company as follows.

Use of Funds	Amount (A\$)
Acquisition of Cooper Basin assets from Cooper Energy	650,000
Optimisation and production enhancing activities & exploration studies on Cooper Basin assets	400,000
Capital expenditure relating to the Company's Tangai-Sukananti Drilling program	500,000
General working capital and business development activities	740,000
Expenses related to the Placement & Rights Issue	210,000

Placement

The Placement will involve the issue of 500,000,000 new ordinary shares at an issue price of \$0.002 per share to raise a total of \$1.0 million (before costs). Additionally, the Company will grant one (1) free attaching Option for every two (2) shares subscribed for, which will be exercisable at \$0.004 on or before 30 September 2024.

The Shares and Options to be issued under the Placement are expected to be issued on Monday, 30 August 2021. The Options are to be issued under the Company's Listing Rule 7.1 placement capacity, while the Shares are to be issued under both the Company's Listing Rule 7.1 and Listing Rule 7.1A placement capacity. Investors that participate in the Placement will be eligible to participate in the Rights Issue.

Rights Issue

The Rights Issue will comprise an issue of a total of 768,780,243 new, fully-paid Ordinary Shares ('Rights Issue Shares') at an issue price of \$0.002 per share to raise up to \$1,537,560, together with 384,390,121 free attaching options (subject to rounding) on the same terms as the Options to shareholders with a registered address in Australia or New Zealand as at the record date (see the Rights Issue Timetable below) ("Eligible Shareholders").

Eligible Shareholders can choose to take up all, part, or none of their entitlements. Furthermore, the Rights Issue will include a facility under which Eligible Shareholders who take up their entitlement in full may also apply for additional Rights Issue Shares in the Rights Issue that were not taken up by other Eligible Shareholders. There is no guarantee that applicants under this facility will receive all or any of the additional Rights Issue Shares for which they apply.

The Rights Issue is fully underwritten by CoPeak Pty Ltd (ACN 607 161 900) trading as Peak Asset Management.

The Rights Issue is non-renounceable and accordingly there will be no trading of rights on the ASX. All shares issued under the Rights Issue will rank equally with existing fully paid ordinary shares on issue in the Company.

The Company aims to achieve the ASX minimum holder requirements of the Options to be issued in connection with the Placement and Rights Issue and if this is achieved, Bass will apply to the ASX for the Options to be quoted, upon the completion of the Rights Issue.

Rights Issue Timetable

The proposed timetable for the Rights Issue is set out below.

Event	Date
Placement and Rights Issue Announcement Date	26 August 2021
Settlement of New Shares pursuant to the Placement	30 August 2021
Lodgement of Prospectus with ASIC and ASX	30 August 2021
Company sends letter to Eligible and Non-Eligible Shareholders containing information regarding the Rights Issue and Offer Timetable	31 August 2021
Rights Issue Ex Date Company shares trade on an ex-basis for the Rights Issue	1 September 2021
Rights Issue Record Date	5:00pm (AEST) 2 September 2021
Rights Issue Opening Date Rights Issue Opens and Prospectus despatched to Eligible Shareholders	7 September 2021
Rights Issue Closing Date	30 September 2021
Rights Issue – Quotation on a deferred settlement basis	1 October 2021
Rights Issue Shortfall Notification Date Company announces results of the Rights Issue and notifies ASX of under-subscriptions (if any)	1 October 2021
Rights Issue Allotment Date Issue date under Rights Issue – Deferred settlement trading ends	4 October 2021
Rights Issue Trading Date Normal trading of Offer Shares	5 October 2021
Rights Issue Despatch Date - dispatch of holding statements Despatch of holding statements	31 October 2021

The dates are indicative only and the Company reserves the right to vary the dates, including the right to extend the Closing Date, or to withdraw the Rights Issue (subject to the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) and the ASX Listing Rules). Any extension of the Closing Date will have a consequential effect on the date for the allotment of Rights Issue securities.

Bass will send a Prospectus and Entitlement and Acceptance Form by 7 September 2021 to Eligible Shareholders.

This announcement is not a Prospectus. Any person considering acquiring securities under the Rights Issue should read the Prospectus carefully. Applications for shares under the Rights Issue may only be made using the Entitlement and Acceptance Form to be attached to, or accompanying the Prospectus. Securities will only be issued on the basis of an Entitlement and Acceptance Form issued together with the Prospectus.

Managing Director, Tino Guglielmo commented:

As recently announced to the market and in parallel to Bass' Indonesian business, Bass has secured a foothold in the Cooper Basin by acquiring a suite of assets from Cooper Energy Limited which provides instant production and substantial exploration upside. It represents an important first step in our strategy to acquire high-quality assets in the region and allows us to work alongside Beach Energy, as operator, a leading player in the region.

Guided by a leadership and management team that have an intimate knowledge of the Cooper Basin, I am confident that we can execute the growth strategy and look to build Bass' Cooper Basin portfolio to over 1,000 bopd. We look forward to developing an exploration strategy that allows Bass to create a step-change in the Company's production profile.

Business development activities also continue to make headway, and we are currently reviewing a number of opportunities in the market, with technical and commercial evaluations progressing on shortlisted opportunities.

With a diversified and stable foundation of producing assets now set, Bass looks forward to delivering on the strategy and updating shareholders as we grow.

This ASX announcement was authorised for release by the Bass Oil Limited Board of Directors.

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About Bass Oil Limited:

Bass Oil Limited (ASX:BAS) (www.bassoil.com.au) is an ASX-listed exploration and production company featuring low-cost onshore oil production in Indonesia and the Cooper Basin and a management and Board team with a proven track record in delivering shareholder value. Bass has realigned its corporate strategy following the landmark acquisition of an interest in the Beach Energy operated, Cooper Basin based Warrior field, along with several additional assets that exhibit exciting exploration potential.

As of June 2021, the Tangai-Sukananti KSO produced ~500 bopd from (55% JV share) and Warrior produced ~40 bopd (30% JV Share). Bass is building towards a substantial onshore Australian and Indonesian oil & gas business with a clear focus on executing opportunities in the Cooper Basin and expanding production in South Sumatra. Bass has a strong and committed shareholder base with the Board and management holding over 10% of the issued capital.

