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Market Update

Southern Georgina Basin Exploration

Central Petroleum Limited's ("**Central**") joint venture exploration partner in the Southern Georgina Basin, Total GLNG Australia ("**Total**"), has advised that following a review of its onshore exploration programme Total has elected not to proceed with the Stage 2 Farmin into Central's Queensland Permits. As a result, Central will retain 100% interest in the acreage.

Total said the joint venture and Central's operations had been well run and expressed appreciation for its participation in the exploration project.

Exploration of the permit area was suspended in March last year and expected to restart next month with Stage 2. Central will now reassess the project in the context of its wider exploration and development programme.

As a result of the notification Total's participation interest in the Southern Georgina Basin permits will be reduced to nil.

Macquarie Discussions

As previously reported, Central established a Due Diligence Room in response to a proposed scheme of arrangement by a subsidiary of Macquarie Group ("**Macquarie**"), which was rejected by the Board. Macquarie is now finalising its due diligence and discussions with Macquarie continue.

Central will keep shareholders and the markets updated as appropriate.

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