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Dear Ben,

Empire Oil & Gas NL (ASX: EGO) – Request to extension of voluntary suspension

Empire Oil & Gas NL (ASX: EGO) ("**Company**") refers to its request for voluntary suspension in the trading of the Company's securities of 30 August 2017 and subsequent extension on 13 September 2017.

Since requesting voluntary suspension, the Company announced on 14 September 2017 the appointment of Receivers and Managers to the production assets of the Company's subsidiary, Empire Oil Company (WA) Limited. The Company subsequently announced on 15 September 2017 that Empire Oil Company (WA) Limited entered Voluntary Administration.

In light of these developments the Company is assessing the options available to continue its operations and has not yet made a final decision on how it will proceed. The Company therefore requests that the voluntary suspension remain in place until the Company releases an update to the market. The Company presently intends to make such an announcement on or before 27 October 2017.

The continuation of the Company's operations is expected to involve the execution of one or more agreements which would be critical to the Company's continued financial viability. The Company considers that its circumstances are 'exceptional' (as described in ASX Guidance Note 16) and the Board is concerned that the reinstatement of trading in the Company's securities at this stage is likely to be materially prejudicial to the Company's ability to successfully execute and complete such agreements.

The Company is not aware of any reason why the extension of the voluntary suspension should not be granted and is not aware of any further information necessary to inform the market about the voluntary suspension.

Yours sincerely,
For Empire Oil & Gas NL

Rachel Rees
Chief Financial Officer & Company Secretary