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ASX Release

Oil and gas leader Mr Steven Koroknay joins the Board of Eastern Corporation Limited

Emerging coal seam gas company Eastern Corporation Limited (ASX: ECU) is pleased to announce the appointment of leading Australian and international oil and gas industry figure Mr Steven Koroknay to the Board of ECU.

ECU is targeting coal seam gas production in two tenements in the Galilee Basin through subsidiary Galilee Energy Limited (Galilee).

Announcing the appointment, ECU Chairman Mr Richard May said :

“Mr Koroknay’s appointment highlights the strategic focus that ECU is now placing on coal seam gas in our alliance with AGL in the Galilee Basin of Queensland.

“Mr Koroknay brings valuable relevant technical, commercial and corporate experience to the Board of ECU together with specific knowledge of the coal seam gas operations in Queensland.

“He has provided both high level technical management at an international level, and growth leadership to successful Australian oil companies.

“Mr Koroknay has a proven track record in developing emerging energy companies. He will contribute significantly to the development of ECU in this vital establishment phase of the Company as a coal seam gas producer.”

Mr Koroknay graduated with honours in civil engineering from Sydney University. He has more than 30 years’ experience in the international oil and gas industry, much of his career in oil and gas exploration and production in Australia.

In 15 years with Esso, Mr Koroknay was engaged in the management of Esso/BHP’s Bass Strait operations with responsibility for offshore production platforms, pipelines and onshore processing plants. He rose to the position of Technical Manager of Esso’s upstream activities in Australia, and performed several assignments for Esso in the United States.

Mr Koroknay then worked for 10 years for Bridge Oil Limited where he rose to Executive Director – Resources and contributed significantly to the company’s growth in Australia and the United States. At Bridge, he was engaged in oil and gas development in the Cooper and Surat Basins.



Mr Koroknay founded Anzon Energy and Anzon Australia, companies engaged in oil and gas development and production in Bass Strait and Indonesia and recently taken over by Roc Oil Company Limited.

In the period between Bridge and Anzon Mr. Koroknay became involved in the mining industry. In particular he was a non-Executive Director and Chairman of CIM Resources a coal mining company in the Gloucester Basin, NSW. Also he was involved in a consulting role assisting Transfield in respect of their coal seam gas assets in the Durham Ranch area in Queensland.

Prominent in business, industry and professional organisations, Mr Koroknay is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and the Institution of Engineers Australia. He is a former councillor of the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association and a former chairman of the Advisory Board for the School of Petroleum Engineering at the University of New South Wales.

Galilee Energy Limited

ECU's 67% owned subsidiary, Galilee, holds tenements ATP 529P and ATP 799P in the Galilee Basin near Longreach in Central Queensland.

In ATP 529P AGL is investing \$37 million in a production pilot and exploration and appraisal programme with Galilee under a farm-in agreement in which AGL is the operator. The final well in the Glenaras 5 spot production pilot was drilled in late November. In 2009 the wells will be completed, pumps installed and a dewatering programme will commence.

At ATP 799P Galilee has undertaken on ground and aerial surveys as the initial phase of a seismic programme scheduled for 2009. \$4.6 million was raised through a rights issue to Galilee shareholders to fund the first stages of this programme.

About Eastern Corporation Limited

Eastern Corporation Limited (ECU) is an emerging energy company targeting coal seam gas production in the Galilee Basin of Queensland through its 67% interest in Galilee Energy Limited. ECU is engaged in coal production and exploration in New Zealand, and has a coking coal tenement in Queensland's Bowen Basin.

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