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BEACH ENERGY ON-MARKET TAKEOVER OFFER FOR IMPRESS ENERGY

Victoria Petroleum notes the on-market takeover offer for Impress Energy Limited (**Impress**) by Beach Energy Limited (**Beach**) and that Beach currently holds a 40.88% relevant interest in Impress.

Managing Director Ian Davies said the bid underlines the growing market appreciation of the value of the production and exploration assets in the Western Margin Oil Project in PEL 104 and PEL 111 in the Cooper Basin.

“As operator of these assets, we believe the Beach offer undervalues Impress and its assets and does not recognise the significant exploration and development upside that exists. We are assessing our options, but have no current intention to sell into the Beach takeover bid,” Mr Davies said.

Victoria Petroleum currently holds a relevant interest of 20.00% in Impress.

Impress holds a 40% joint venture interest in the Western Margin Oil Project. Victoria Petroleum is the operator of these assets and holds a 60% joint venture interest.

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