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## ASX Announcement

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### **APPOINTMENT OF NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

Empire Energy Group Limited (“Empire” or the “Company”) advises that Mr Paul Espie AO and Mr John Gerahty have been appointed as Non-Executive Directors of the Company, effective today.

Mr Paul Espie AO was the founding principal of Pacific Road Capital, a manager of private equity funds investing in the resources sector internationally, in 2006. He was Chairman of Oxiana Limited during the development of the Sepon copper/gold project in Laos (2000 to 2003) and prior to that Chairman of Cobar Mines Pty Ltd after a management buy-out in 1993. Mr Espie was previously responsible for Bank of America operations in Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea and Chairman of the Australian Infrastructure Fund. He is a Director of Aurelia Metals Limited, a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, Trustee of the Australian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy, Educational Endowment Fund, and a Director of the Menzies Research Centre.

Mr John Gerahty is a former investment banker and company director with wide experience in business and commerce. He was a Founding Director of Macquarie Bank and has served as a director of a considerable number of publicly listed companies, including roles as Chairman of ARP Group PLC and MPI Mines Ltd. He is currently Chairman of Hardie Grant Pty Ltd publishing group, its major shareholder Associated Media Investments Pty Ltd, and an associated company AMI Advertising Media Pty Ltd. He is also a Director of Kaplan Partners Pty Ltd and Kaplan Funds Management Pty Ltd, as well as his family owned Liangrove group companies. He was formerly a Director (and Chairman) of the Sydney Swans, a Director of Cricket NSW, and a Trustee of the SCG Trust.

Alex Underwood, Chief Executive Officer, said:

“I am pleased to welcome Mr Gerahty and Mr Espie to Empire’s Board.

They are standout candidates with long and distinguished careers in corporate Australia, including extensive experience guiding Australian resources companies through periods of significant growth. Their appointments bring the experience and credibility that the Company requires to move forward to our next phase of growth.

The process of Board augmentation is ongoing. The Company recognises that its Board requires additional oil and gas expertise and to that end a search for a suitably qualified candidate is ongoing.”

## **ABOUT EMPIRE ENERGY GROUP LIMITED**

Empire Energy is a conventional oil and natural gas producer with operations in Appalachia (New York and Pennsylvania) and the MidCon (Kansas and Oklahoma).

The Company has over 14.5 million acres in the McArthur & Beetaloo Basins, Northern Territory, both of which are considered highly prospective for large shale oil and gas resources. Work undertaken by the Company over the past 5 years demonstrates that the Central Trough of the McArthur Basin, of which the Company holds around 80%, is highly prospective, with key similarities to those extending through Oman, Siberia and Southern China and which contain resources of billions of barrels of oil equivalent.