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## Empire Oil Company (WA) Limited enters voluntary administration

Empire Oil & Gas NL (“**Company**”, ASX:EGO) refers to its announcement on 14 September 2017 of the appointment of receivers and managers of certain secured assets of Empire Oil Company (WA) Limited (a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, “**Empire Oil Subsidiary**”).

The Company now notifies shareholders that the Directors of Empire Oil Subsidiary have appointed Mr Andrew Smith, Mr Peter McCluskey and Mr Martin Jones of Ferrier Hodgson as voluntary administrators of Empire Oil Subsidiary (“**Empire Oil Subsidiary Administrators**”).

The decision follows correspondence from Mineral Resources Limited (“**Mineral Resources**”, ASX:MIN) and further discussions which left the Directors of Empire Oil Subsidiary with no choice but to appoint the Empire Oil Subsidiary Administrators. The decision comes despite the Company and Empire Oil Subsidiary making significant and urgent efforts to explore the available options in relation to the Red Gully-1 well and the Empire Oil Subsidiary’s business and assets.

The Empire Oil Subsidiary Administrators have advised that they will work closely with Empire Oil Subsidiary’s stakeholders while they undertake a financial and operational assessment of the business.

The Directors of the Company and the Empire Oil Subsidiary very much regret that these circumstances have come to pass.

The Company continues to assess the options available to it following today’s decision to appoint the Empire Oil Subsidiary Administrators, and it will continue to comply with its continuous disclosure obligations.

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