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**HORIZON OIL (HZN) APPOINTS MRS SANDRA BIRKENBLEIGH
TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Horizon Oil is pleased to advise that Mrs Sandra Birkenbleigh has today been appointed as non-executive director of the Company and chair of the Company's audit committee.

Mrs Birkenbleigh has extensive experience in financial services particularly in respect to risk management, compliance and corporate governance. Mrs Birkenbleigh's career includes 24 years at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) where she was formerly a Global Lead for Governance Risk & Compliance; a National Lead Partner Risk and Controls Solutions and a Service Team Leader for Performance Improvement.

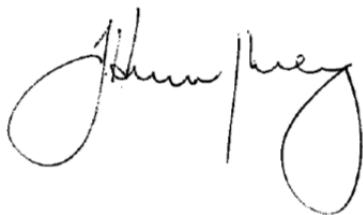
She is currently a non-executive director of several companies including Auswide Bank Limited, MLC Limited and Plum Financial Services Limited, a company that provides superannuation solutions to medium and large Australian organisations. She is chair of the board audit committee and a member of the board risk committee for those companies and is an independent member of the audit committee of the Reserve Bank of Australia and a member of the audit and risk committee of the University of the Sunshine Coast.

Sandra has a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from the University of NSW, is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and a graduate member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Horizon Oil's Chairman, John Humphrey, commented:-

"We are pleased to welcome Sandra to the board. Her considerable experience, strong financial and risk management expertise will complement the skills of the Horizon Oil board."

Yours faithfully,



John Humphrey

Chairman

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