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**Bass Strait Oil Company Limited: Non-Renounceable Rights Issue Cleansing Notice
Notice under Section 708AA(2)(f) of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)**

Bass Strait Oil Company Limited (**BAS**) today announced that a non-renounceable rights issue to raise up to approximately \$483,000 (**Entitlement Offer**) would be made to eligible BAS shareholders entitled to participate in the Entitlement Offer (**Eligible Shareholders**). The Entitlement Offer will be fully underwritten by Adelaide Equity Partners Limited (**Underwriter**). The record date for the Entitlement Offer is 7:00pm (Melbourne time) on Monday, 16 May 2016.

The Entitlement Offer will be made pursuant to section 708AA of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (**Corporations Act**) and in accordance with the requirements of section 708AA of the Corporations Act, BAS gives notice that:

- (a) BAS will make an offer to eligible shareholders to subscribe for 3 new fully paid ordinary shares (**New Shares**) for every 5 existing BAS ordinary shares under the Entitlement Offer at an offer price of \$0.001 per New Share and the issue of New Shares will be without disclosure under Part 6D.2 of the Corporations Act.
- (b) This notice is being given in accordance with section 708AA(2)(f) of the Corporations Act, as notionally modified by ASIC Class Order [08/35].
- (c) As at date of this notice, BAS has complied with:
 - the provisions of Chapter 2M of the Corporations Act as they apply to BAS; and
 - section 674 of the Corporations Act.
- (d) As at the date of this notice, there is no excluded information of the type referred to in sections 708AA(8) and 708AA(9) of the Corporations Act as notionally modified by ASIC that is required to be set out in this notice.
- (e) Having regard to the composition of BAS's share register, the terms of the Entitlement Offer, the underwriting and sub-underwriting arrangements in place for the Entitlement Offer, and the nature of the Underwriter and sub-underwriters, BAS does not believe that any person will increase their percentage shareholding in BAS pursuant to the Entitlement Offer in a way which will have any material impact on the control of BAS.

The potential effect that the issue of the New Shares under the Entitlement Offer will have on the control of BAS, and the consequences of that effect, are as follows:

- if all Eligible Shareholders take up their entitlements under the Entitlement Offer, there will be no significant effect on the control of BAS;
- if Eligible Shareholders do not take up all of their entitlements under the Entitlement Offer, the shareholding interests of those Eligible Shareholders will be diluted;
- the proportional interests of Shareholders with registered addresses outside Australia and New Zealand will be diluted because those Shareholders are not entitled to participate in the Entitlement Offer.

An Appendix 3B with respect to the issue of the New Shares is attached.

If you have any questions in relation to the Entitlement Offer, please contact the Company on +61 3 9927 3000 between 9:00am and 5:00pm (Melbourne time) on business days during the offer period for the Entitlement Offer.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter F Mullins', written in a cursive style.

Peter F Mullins
Non-Executive Chairman