

CARNARVON PETROLEUM LIMITED ABN 60 002 688 851 18 July 2003

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Dear Sirs,

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT

Please find attached Carnarvon Petroleum Limited's announcement regarding the retirement of the Company's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.

Yours faithfully, CARNARVON PETROLEUM LIMITED

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Carnarvon Petroleum wishes to announce that Dr Ken Tregonning will step down from the positions of Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Company by the end of the year. At this stage, the Company does not intend to replace Dr Tregonning.

David J. Orth has replaced Dr Tregonning as the Company's Authorised Representative, effective immediately, on the SW1A Joint Venture committee as well as for Carnarvon's other assets, EP 110 in Western Australia and PRLs 4 & 5 in Papua New Guinea. Mr Orth is an Executive Director who joined the Board of Carnarvon in December 2000 and has been involved with the operations in Thailand since that time.

Dr Tregonning will assist the Company with the transition to the new management arrangements and will remain on the Board during this period. His technical skills and industry experience will be invaluable in maintaining continuity with the planning of future operations.

This change, coupled with the recent centralisation of the administration and technical functions into one Melbourne-based office, will result in considerable costs savings to the Company.

The Board wishes to thank Dr Tregonning for his contribution to the Company and to the SW1A Joint Venture during the past two and a half years.

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