



## Board Appointments LSE – July 2011

### **Oil and Gas Producers**

#### **Bahamas Petroleum Company Plc Coastal Energy Ltd Desire Petroleum Plc**

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Bahamas Petroleum, the oil and gas exploration company with offshore licence permits in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, has announced the appointment of Laurence Keenan to act as an Alternate Director to Alan Burns, the Non-Executive Chairman.

Laurence (Larry) Keenan, age 56, will be working alongside Alan Burns on all Company affairs and will attend and have the right to vote at board meetings in Alan's absence, where necessary. Mr Keenan's appointment will afford Mr Burns time to concentrate on his continued convalescence following surgery earlier in the year.

Mr Keenan is an Isle of Man Advocate and solicitor at Laurence Keenan Advocates & Solicitors, which he established in 1992. He was admitted as an Advocate at the Manx Bar in December 1990 and practiced at Gough & Co on the Isle of Mann before setting up his own firm.

Alan Burns, Non-Executive Chairman of Bahamas Petroleum, said:

"I have known Larry for many years and he has been involved with Bahamas Petroleum since its inception providing support in an advisory capacity. I am delighted that Larry has agreed to assist me as my Alternate on the Board of the Company during my recovery from recent medical treatment and until my return to full time duties, he is the ideal candidate for the role with his extensive experience as an advocate and public company adviser."

#### **Coastal Energy Ltd**

Coastal Energy Company has announced the appointment of Andrew Cochran as Non-Executive Director of the Company effective from Thursday 21 July 2011.

Randy Bartley, President & CEO of Coastal commented:

"We are pleased to have Mr. Cochran join our Board of Directors. His extensive experience in the international energy industry will be a great asset as Coastal continues to grow as a company."

## **Desire Petroleum Plc**

Desire Petroleum plc has announced that Graeme Thomson, FCA, will join the Board as an Independent Non-Executive Director and Chairman of the Audit Committee.

Graeme has over 30 years public company experience and has held a number of senior positions in the oil and gas industry. He was Finance Director & Company Secretary for seven years at Dragon Oil plc and its predecessor companies. He was also a co-founder of Sterling Energy plc and spent nine years as its Finance Director, Company Secretary and was its Chief Executive Officer for his last two years with the Company until he left in December 2009. Since then, Graeme has been advising a number of oil and gas companies on their corporate finance, accounting, commercial and strategic affairs.

Commenting on the appointment, Chairman of Desire Petroleum, Stephen Phipps, said, 'I am delighted to welcome Graeme to our Board and we look forward to working alongside him. He has significant experience of both the oil and gas industry and the capital markets and will further strengthen our Board which now contains an impressive combination of different industry disciplines.'

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