

Black Rock Oil & Gas Plc

16 January 2004

The directors are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Ivan Burgess as a Non-Executive Director of Black Rock Oil & Gas Plc (“Black Rock” or “Company”).

Mr Burgess is an experienced petroleum geologist with extensive public company experience in Australia.

This appointment is the first step in revitalising Black Rock’s oil & gas initiatives and the directors anticipate further progress in the short term on a number of different initiatives for Black Rock.

It is intended that Mr Burgess will be responsible for the introduction of new oil & gas projects to Black Rock, the consideration for which will be the issue of new ordinary shares in the Company, initially up to a maximum of 25 million ordinary shares. The new projects will be principally located in Australia, and any transaction will be subject to satisfactory due diligence and any necessary shareholder and regulatory approval.

Current directorships

Norwest Energy NL

Past directorships

None

There are no further disclosures required to be made in respect of Mr Burgess with regard to paragraph (f) of Schedule 2 of the AIM Rules.

Mr Hugh Warner will be resigning as a Director of Black Rock Oil & Gas Plc.

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