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ASX Market Announcements

**MANAGEMENT OF COVID-19 IN PHILIPPINES
POSSIBLE IMPACT ON COMPANY'S OPERATIONS AT MALOLOS OIL FIELD IN CEBU**

Measures announced in Philippines

On 13 March 2020 following the sharp increase in the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases throughout the country, the Office of the President of Philippines issued measures and guidelines on the management of COVID-19 in the National Capital Region (i.e. Manila) from 15 March 2020 to 14 April 2020. Among the measures there is a general restriction of movements in and out of the National Capital Region, with some exceptions. On 14 March 2020, the Department of Energy advised that foreign service providers arriving from restricted countries (currently Italy and Iran) will be subject to 14 days quarantine in or out of the country unless they have a medical certificate confirming they tested negative for COVID-19 no later than 48 hours before entry.

Possible Impact on Company's Operations

Presently specialist drilling equipment is on its way from Singapore and expected to arrive in Cebu on or about 18 March 2020. The Company's drilling consultant planned to arrive in the Philippines to commence operations as soon as all equipment is on location. As a result of government control on travel, there may be delays in mobilising the Company's drilling crew and service providers who are based in other parts of Philippines or overseas. Current Government guidelines controlling travel and other travel measures to, from and within Cebu might vary, depending on the future spread of COVID-19 in the country.

There is about 5½ months remaining to the expiry of the granted moratorium for Service Contract 44. Any delays in the commencement of operations will jeopardise the completion of any production testing prior to the end of the moratorium. The extent of any delays cannot be assessed at this time.

As a precaution the Company will formally contact the Philippine Department of Energy regarding drilling and production testing of Nuevo Malolos -1. Delays may occur that might impact investment decisions of the Company.

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