



## OIL SEARCH LIMITED

(Incorporated in Papua New Guinea)

ARBN – 055 079 868

### **SALE OF SHARES BY MANAGING DIRECTOR TO MEET TAX LIABILITY ON EXERCISED PERFORMANCE RIGHTS**

Oil Search Limited (Oil Search or the Company) Managing Director, Peter Botten, has recently sold 361,000 shares in the Company.

Mr. Botten said that:

“The sale of shares had been undertaken to meet tax liabilities which resulted from the exercise of vested performance rights in August 2008. This sale in no way impacts my commitment to the Company and my confidence in adding value to Oil Search shares over the coming years.

It should be noted that my total shareholding in the Company has risen, even after this sale, following the vesting of further performance rights in May 2010. My interests, and the interests of all shareholders, remain totally aligned in delivering further value in the Company.”

Yours faithfully  
OIL SEARCH LIMITED

STEPHEN GARDINER  
Group Secretary

Friday, 28 May 2010

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## Change of Director's Interest Notice

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Introduced 30/9/2001.

Name of Entity	OIL SEARCH LIMITED
ARBN:	055 079 868

We (the entity) give ASX the following information under listing rule 3.19A.2 and as agent for the director for the purposes of section 205G of the Corporations Act.

Name of Director	MR PETER ROBERT BOTTEN
Date of last notice	3 MAY 2010

### Part 1 - Change of director's relevant interests in securities

*In the case of a trust, this includes interests in the trust made available by the responsible entity of the trust*

Direct or indirect interest	(A) DIRECT  (B) INDIRECT
Nature of indirect interest (including registered holder) <small>Note: Provide details of the circumstances giving rise to the relevant interest.</small>	(B) TRANSFER OF ORDINARY SHARES TO THE BOTTEN FAMILY SUPERANNUATION FUND
Date of change	21 MAY 2010
No. of securities held prior to change	1,691,635 ORDINARY SHARES
Class	ORDINARY SHARES
Number acquired	398,091 ORDINARY SHARES  (CONVERSION OF VESTED PERFORMANCE RIGHTS TO ORDINARY SHARES)
Number disposed	361,000 ORDINARY SHARES

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<p><b>Value/Consideration</b>          Note: If consideration is non-cash, provide details and estimated valuation</p>	<p>\$5.17 PER ORDINARY SHARE</p>
<p><b>No. of securities held after change</b></p>	<p>1,728,726 ORDINARY SHARES CONSISTING OF:</p> <p>(A) 1,679,803 DIRECT SHARES          (B) 48,923 INDIRECT SHARES</p>
<p><b>Nature of change</b>          Example: on-market trade, off-market trade, exercise of options, issue of securities under dividend reinvestment plan, participation in buy-back</p>	<p>THE CHANGE IN INTERESTS RESULTS FROM THREE TRANSACTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EXERCISE OF 398,091 EMPLOYEE SHARE PLAN PERFORMANCE RIGHTS THAT WERE ISSUED IN 2007 FOLLOWING SHAREHOLDER APPROVAL.</li> <li>• FOLLOWING APPROVAL FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SALE OF 361,000 SHARES ON-MARKET TO MEET A TAX LIABILITY ARISING FROM THE EXERCISE OF VESTED PERFORMANCE RIGHTS IN AUGUST 2008.</li> <li>• TRANSFER OF 48,923 SHARES TO MR BOTTEN'S FAMILY SUPERANNUATION FUND. MR BOTTEN RETAINS CONTROL OVER THE SHARES IN THE SUPERANNUATION FUND AND THEY ARE STILL SUBJECT TO THE OIL SEARCH SHARE TRADING POLICY.</li> </ul>

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Part 2 – Change of director's interests in contracts

Detail of contract	NA
Nature of interest	NA
Name of registered holder (if issued securities)	NA
Date of change	NA
<b>No. and class of securities to which interest related prior to change</b> Note: Details are only required for a contract in relation to which the interest has changed	NA
Interest acquired	NA
Interest disposed	NA
<b>Value/Consideration</b> Note: If consideration is non-cash, provide details and an estimated valuation	NA
Interest after change	NA

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