

OIL SEARCH LIMITED ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW NON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 22 November 2010

Oil Search Limited (Oil Search or the Company) is pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr Ziggy Switkowski** as a Non Executive Director of the Company, effective today. With an Australian and international executive career spanning more than 25 years, Dr Switkowski has established a reputation as one of Australia's most distinguished business leaders.

Dr Switkowski's career highlights include serving as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Telstra, Chief Executive Officer of Optus and Chairman of Kodak (Australia). Dr Switkowski currently serves as a Director of Suncorp Metway and Tabcorp Holdings and is Chairman of Opera Australia. He is the outgoing Chairman of the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organization. In January 2011, he will assume the position of Chancellor of Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT University).

Dr Switkowski holds an honors degree in science and a PhD in nuclear physics from the University of Melbourne and is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Commenting on the appointment of Dr Switkowski to the Oil Search Board, Chairman Brian Horwood said:

"Oil Search is on a rapid growth path, as it leverages the opportunities provided by LNG development in PNG. The skills and experience acquired by Dr Switkowski from leadership roles with major Australian and international companies, and from his portfolio of past and present directorships, will complement and enhance the capabilities of the Oil Search Board during this exciting period in the Company's evolution."

Shareholder approval for Dr Switkowski's appointment to the Board will be sought at the 2011 Annual Meeting.

Yours faithfully

OIL SEARCH LIMITED

STEPHEN GARDINER Group Secretary