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# **ASX** Announcement

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Dear Shareholder,

I am writing to inform and update you on several developments the Board of Directors are presently managing which all have a potential material impact on the future of Cooper Energy Limited ("Cooper Energy" or "the Company").

#### These matters include:

- Potential requisition of a meeting of Cooper Energy shareholders;
- Approaches from various companies with a view to merging with, or acquiring, Cooper Energy; and
- Appointment of a new Managing Director.

### Potential requisition to call a meeting of shareholders

Mr Edward Scott Smith, a shareholder in Cooper Energy via a number of associated companies who we understand controls approximately 3% of the Company's issued capital, recently contacted the Company to put himself forward as a director.

In response I sought to engage with Mr Smith to discuss his interest in and concerns relating to Cooper Energy. However, at that meeting Mr Smith advised of his intention to requisition a meeting of Cooper Energy shareholders to remove all of the Company's directors and have them replaced with his own nominees. He also expressed a wish to appoint a Managing Director of his choosing and to proceed with a strategy of liquidating the Company's assets.

I believe it is in shareholders' best interests to be aware that Mr Smith may persist and this may complicate and delay further the two important developments below.

# Approaches from various companies

The Company has been approached by a number of companies in recent times with a view to merging with, or acquiring, Cooper Energy. These discussions are preliminary in nature and not yet at a stage at which any specific proposal could be put to you the shareholders for your consideration. The Company has appointed Euroz Securities Limited to advise Cooper Energy in respect of these approaches.

## **New Managing Director**

As advised to ASX on 15 June this year, the Company has commenced a process to appoint a new Managing Director to drive the next phase of growth from Cooper Energy's extensive Australian and International upstream portfolio.

Interviews with a shortlist of candidates sourced from an extensive executive search are now being conducted by your Board.

Please be assured that your Board of Directors take seriously their obligations to act in your best interests. Your Board will continue to run the company in a measured and considered way and will update shareholders as appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

Laurie Shervington

Chairman