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Change of Director's Interest Notice

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Name of entity	OIL SEARCH LIMITED
ABN	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	20 SEPTEMBER 2011

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

Note: In the case of a company, interests which come within paragraph (i) of the definition of "notifiable interest of a director" should be disclosed in this part.

Direct or indirect interest	DIRECT
Nature of indirect interest (including registered holder) Note: Provide details of the circumstances giving rise to the relevant interest.	
Date of change	03 JANUARY 2012
No. of securities held prior to change	1,801,599 ORDINARY SHARES (COMPRISING 574,590 DIRECT SHARES AND 1,227,009 INDIRECT SHARES) 206,969 RESTRICTED SHARES
Class	ORDINARY SHARES RESTRICTED SHARES
Number acquired	132,381 ORDINARY SHARES
Number disposed	132,381 RESTRICTED SHARES
Value/Consideration Note: If consideration is non-cash, provide details and estimated valuation	A\$6.31 PER ORDINARY SHARE

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No. of securities held after change	1,933,980 ORDINARY SHARES (COMPRISING 706,971 DIRECT SHARES AND 1,227,009 INDIRECT SHARES) 74,588 RESTRICTED SHARES
Nature of change Example: on-market trade, off-market trade, exercise of options, issue of securities under dividend reinvestment plan, participation in buy-back	AUTOMATIC VESTING OF 132,381 RESTRICTED SHARES, BEING THE MANDATORY 50% DEFERRED COMPONENT OF 2009 SHORT TERM INCENTIVE AWARD, GRANTED FOLLOWING SHAREHOLDER APPROVAL AT THE 2010 ANNUAL MEETING.

Part 2 – Change of director's interests in contracts

Note: In the case of a company, interests which come within paragraph (ii) of the definition of "notifiable interest of a director" should be disclosed in this part.

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

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Part 3 – ⁺Closed period

Were the interests in the securities or contracts detailed above traded during a ⁺closed period where prior written clearance was required?	NO. AUTOMATIC VESTING OF RESTRICTED SHARES PERMITTED UNDER OIL SEARCH LIMITED'S SHARE TRADING POLICY.
If so, was prior written clearance provided to allow the trade to proceed during this period?	NA
If prior written clearance was provided, on what date was this provided?	NA

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