

# **ASX Announcement**

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InterOil notification of unsolicited, conditional non-binding proposal -InterOil continues to recommend transaction with Oil Search

Oil Search Limited (ASX Code: OSH, POMSoX: OSH, ADR: OISHY) (Oil Search) has been notified by InterOil Corporation (NYSE: IOC, POMSoX: IOC) (InterOil) that it has received an unsolicited, conditional non-binding proposal from another party.

Oil Search understands that the proposal is subject to due diligence and documentation.

The InterOil Board of Directors continues to unanimously recommend the Oil Search transaction to its shareholders.

The timetable for the completion of the Oil Search / InterOil transaction remains unchanged and Oil Search notes that the related Notice of Meeting and Management Information Circular have now been dispatched to InterOil shareholders.

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None of the securities anticipated to be issued pursuant to the Plan of Arrangement, pursuant to which Oil Search intends to acquire InterOil ("the Arrangement") have been or will be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "U.S. Securities Act"), or any state securities laws, and any securities issued in the Arrangement are anticipated to be issued in reliance upon available exemptions from such registration requirements pursuant to Section 3(a)(10) of the U.S. Securities Act and applicable



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There can be no assurance that the Arrangement will occur. The proposed Arrangement is subject to certain approvals and the fulfilment of certain conditions, and there can be no assurance that any such approvals will be obtained and/or any such conditions will be met.

Further details regarding the terms of the transaction are set out in the Arrangement Agreement and will be provided in a management information circular which will be available under the profile of InterOil Corporation at www.sedar.com.

#### **Forward Looking Statements**

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