

**Petro Australis Energy Limited**  
**ACN 623 085 263**  
**(Company)**

**Corporate Governance Policies**

**Continuous Disclosure Policy**

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## 1. Continuous Disclosure Policy

This policy outlines the disclosure obligations of the Company as required under the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (**Corporations Act**) and the ASX Listing Rules.

The Company has established a Continuous Disclosure Policy which is designed to guide compliance with ASX Listing Rule disclosure requirements and to ensure that all Directors, senior executives and employees of the Company understand their responsibilities under the policy.

The policy is designed to ensure that procedures are in place so that the securities exchange in which the Company's securities are listed is properly informed of matters which may have a material impact on the price at which the securities are traded.

The Company is committed to:

- (a) complying with the general and continuous disclosure principles contained in the Corporations Act and the ASX Listing Rules;
- (b) preventing the selective or inadvertent disclosure of material price sensitive information;
- (c) ensuring shareholders and the market are provided with full and timely information about the Company's activities;
- (d) ensuring that all market participants have equal opportunity to receive externally available information issued by the Company.

### 1.1 Disclosure officer

The Board has designated the Chairman, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer and the Company Secretary as the persons responsible for ensuring that this policy is implemented and enforced and that all required price sensitive information is disclosed to the ASX as required. The disclosure officers are responsible for all communication with ASX and for making decisions on what should be disclosed publicly under this policy.

In the absence of the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer the Chief Financial Officer and the Company Secretary, any matters regarding disclosure issues are to be referred to the Chair.

### 1.2 Material information

In accordance with the ASX Listing Rules, the Company must immediately notify the market (via an announcement to the ASX) of any information concerning the Company which a reasonable person would expect to have a material effect on the price or value of the Company's securities.

Information need not be disclosed if:

- (a) a reasonable person would not expect the information to be disclosed; and
- (b) the information is confidential and the ASX has not formed the view that the information has ceased to be confidential; and

- (c) one or more of the following applies:
  - (i) it would breach the law to disclose the information,
  - (ii) the information concerns an incomplete proposal or negotiation,
  - (iii) the information comprises matters of supposition or is insufficiently definite to warrant disclosure,
  - (iv) the information is generated for internal management purposes, or
  - (v) the information is a trade secret.

If an employee possesses inside information, the person must not:

- (a) trade in the Company's securities;
- (b) advise others or procure others to trade in the Company's securities; or
- (c) pass on the inside information to others, including colleagues, family or friends, knowing (or where the employee or Director should have reasonably known) that the other persons will use that information to trade in, or procure someone else to trade in, the Company's securities.

This prohibition applies regardless of how the employee or Director learns the information (e.g. even if the employee or Director overhears it or is told in a social setting). For further information please refer to the Company's Securities Trading Policy.

The Company is also required to disclose information if asked to do so by the ASX, to correct or prevent a false market.

The Company is deemed to have become aware of information where a director or executive officer has, or ought to have, come into possession of the information in the course of the performance of his duties as a director or executive officer.

The Corporations Act defines a material effect on price or value as being where a reasonable person would be taken to expect information to have a material effect on the price or value of securities if the information would, or would be likely to, influence persons who commonly invest in securities in deciding whether to acquire or dispose of the securities

### **1.3 Breach of continuous disclosure policy**

Breaches of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include termination of employment.

### **1.4 Review of communications for disclosure**

The disclosure officers will review all communications to the market to ensure that they are full and accurate and comply with the Company's obligations. Such communications may include:

- (a) ASX announcements and media releases,

- (b) analyst, investor or other market presentations,
- (c) prospectuses, and
- (d) other corporate publications.

Examples of information or events that are likely to require disclosure include but are not limited to:

- (a) financial performance and material changes in financial performance or projected financial performance;
- (b) changes in relation to directors and senior executives, including changes in the independence of directors;
- (c) mergers, acquisitions, divestments, joint ventures or material changes in assets;
- (d) significant developments in new projects or ventures;
- (e) material changes to the Company's security position;
- (f) material information affecting joint venture partners, customers or non-wholly owned subsidiary companies;
- (g) media or market speculation;
- (h) analyst or media reports based on inaccurate or out of date information;
- (i) industry issues which have, or which may have, a material impact on the Company; and
- (j) decisions on significant issues affecting the Company by regulatory authorities.

Employees must ensure that they bring to the attention of the disclosure officers any information which could have a material effect on the price or value of the Company's securities. Where there is any doubt as to whether an issue might materially affect the price or value of the Company's securities, the disclosure officers will assess the circumstances with appropriate senior executives and if necessary, seek external professional advice.

All new and substantive presentations to analysts and investors (such as results presentation, presentations at annual general meetings, investor days and broker conferences) will be released to the ASX ahead of the presentation. The presentation will also be published on the Company's website.

The disclosure officer must ensure that all members of the Board receive copies of all material market announcements promptly after they have been made.

## **1.5 Authorised spokespersons**

The Company's authorised spokespersons are the Chair, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Company Secretary and Chief Financial Officer. In appropriate circumstances, the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer may from time to time

authorise other spokespersons on particular issues and those within their area of expertise.

No employees or consultants are permitted to comment publicly on matters confidential to the Company. Any information which is not public must be treated by employees and consultants as confidential until publicly released.

## **1.6 Reporting of disclosable information**

Once the requirement to disclose information has been determined, the disclosure officers are the only persons authorised to release that information to the ASX.

Information to be disclosed must be lodged immediately with the ASX. Any such information must not be released to the general public until the Company has received formal confirmation of lodgement by the ASX.

All information disclosed to the ASX in compliance with this policy must be promptly placed on the Company's website.

## **1.7 Market speculation and rumours**

As a guiding principle, the Company has a "no comment" policy on market speculation and rumours, which must be observed by all employees. However, the Company will comply with any request by the ASX to comment upon a market report or rumour.

## **1.8 Trading halts**

The Company may, in exceptional circumstances, request a trading halt to maintain orderly trading in the Company's securities and to manage any disclosure issues.

No employee of the Company is authorised to seek a trading halt except for the disclosure officers. The Company Secretary must seek authorisation from either the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer or the Chair prior to placing the Company in trading halt.

## **1.9 Meetings and group briefings with investors and analysts**

The Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer are primarily responsible for the Company's relationship with major shareholders, institutional investors and analysts and shall be the primary contact for those parties.

Any written materials containing new price-sensitive information to be used in briefing media, institutional investors and analysts are to be lodged with ASX prior to the briefing commencing. Upon confirmation of receipt by ASX, the briefing material will be posted to the Company's website. Briefing materials may also include information that may not strictly be required under continuous disclosure requirements.

The Company will not disclose price sensitive information in any meeting with an investor or stockbroking analyst before formally disclosing it to the market. The Company considers that one-on-one discussions and meetings with investors and stockbroking analysts are an important part of pro-active investor relations. However, the Company will only discuss previously disclosed information in such meetings.

### **1.10 Periods prior to release of financial results**

During the time between the end of the financial year or half year and the actual results release, the Company will not discuss financial performance, broker estimates and forecasts and particularly, any pre-result analysis with stockbroking analysts, investors or the media, unless the information to be discussed has already been disclosed to the ASX.

### **1.11 Web-based communication**

The Company's website features discrete sections for shareholders and investors to ensure that such information can be accessed by interested parties. Such information will include

- (a) annual and half yearly reports and results announcements,
- (b) ASX announcements and media releases,
- (c) speeches and support material given at investor conferences, market briefings and investor presentations, and
- (d) company profile and company contact details.

The Company's website will be updated with material released to the ASX as soon as practicable after confirmation of release by the ASX.

Shareholders may be offered the option of receiving information via e-mail instead of post.

### **1.12 Analysts reports and forecasts**

Stockbroking analysts frequently prepare reports on listed companies that typically detail their opinion on strategies, performance and financial forecasts. To avoid inadvertent disclosure of information that may affect the Company's value or share price. The Company's comments on analyst reports will be restricted to:

- (a) information the Company has issued publicly and
- (b) other information that is in the public domain.

Given the level of price sensitivity to earnings projections, the Company will only make comment to correct factual errors in relation to information publicly issued by other parties and Company statements.

### **1.13 Unaudited periodic reports**

From time to time, the Company may release periodic reports which are not subject to audit or review by an external auditor (such as annual directors' reports, quarterly activity reports, quarterly cash flow reports, integrated reports and sustainability reports).

In any unaudited periodic report, the Company will disclose the process it undertook to ensure such report is materially accurate, balanced and provides investors with appropriate information to make informed investment decisions.

This policy is reviewed annually.