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## ASX & Media Release

### MEO expands executive team

#### **Key Points:**

- **Jarrold Dunne joins MEO as Senior Geophysicist**
- **Andrew Leeds joined MEO as Senior Commercial Analyst**
- **Peter Stickland joins MEO as New Ventures Advisor**
- **John Moore retires from technical role on 30<sup>th</sup> June, continues as part time technical mentor**

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA (4<sup>th</sup> April, 2011)

MEO Australia Limited (ASX: **MEO**; OTC: **MEOAY**) is pleased to announce an expansion of its technical, commercial and executive management teams with the appointment of Jarrold Dunne, Andrew Leeds and Peter Stickland. Key elements of their qualifications and career profiles are distilled in Attachment 1.

Jarrold Dunne, PhD, joins MEO as a Senior Geophysicist, replacing John Moore who has elected to retire from his technical role on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2011. Jarrold's specialised skills, especially in Quantitative Interpretation, together with the application of those skills at Shell, Woodside and Nexus Energy makes him a valuable addition to the technical team.

MEO acknowledges the efforts of John Moore and wishes him well in his retirement. John has tirelessly contributed his vast experience and invaluable skills to the company's efforts to identify prospectivity within its acreage portfolio. He will continue with MEO in a part time capacity as a technical mentor.

Andrew Leeds joined MEO on 1<sup>st</sup> March as Senior Commercial Analyst reporting to Commercial Manager Robert Gard. Andrew adds considerable depth to the commercial team, having assessed international new ventures projects in North Africa, the Middle East and South East Asia during his tenure at Santos. For the past five years Andrew was at Macquarie Bank in Australia and Hong Kong trading derivatives across regional exchanges.

Peter Stickland has accepted the role of New Ventures Advisor in a consulting capacity, assisting Exploration Manager Dave Maughan. Peter was CEO of ASX listed Tap Oil (ASX: TAP) from 2008 until late 2010 during which time Tap transformed into a South East Asian E&P company.

MEO has entered a major growth phase in its corporate development and is delighted to have attracted the calibre of people such as Jarrold Dunne, Andrew Leeds and Peter Stickland. The Company's New Ventures capability has been significantly enhanced by the addition of these personnel.

**Jürgen Hendrich**  
Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer

## Attachment 1

### **Profiles of new personnel:**

#### **Jarrood Dunne, Ph.D. and BSc. (Hons) (Geophysics) - Senior Geophysicist**

*Commenced 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011*

Jarrood Dunne is a geophysicist with a passion for Quantitative Interpretation, built over 14 years spent working with Shell, Woodside and Nexus Energy. In this field, he has contributed to the research and development of many AvO, seismic inversion and rock physics techniques and has successfully applied these in worldwide exploration, development and production projects. In 1996 he completed a Ph.D at Melbourne University focussing on the seismic processing of deep seismic data from the Gippsland Basin. More recently he has worked on long-term seismic interpretation projects in the Browse and Gippsland Basins, along with new ventures studies in diverse areas such as Brunei, Falklands, Pakistan, Nigeria and Mozambique.



#### **Andrew Leeds, M Fin, B Eng (Hons – Electrical) - Senior Commercial Analyst**

*Commenced 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011*

Andrew holds a Bachelor in Engineering from James Cook University and a Masters of Finance from Macquarie University. He brings a diverse background gained over 15 years from the Oil and Gas, Mining, Petrochemicals and Finance sectors. Andrew has worked for Santos, assessing international new ventures and exploration projects throughout South East Asia, north Africa and the Middle East. Prior to this he worked as an engineer on large-scale Australian engineering projects with Bechtel and ExxonMobil/Orica JV respectively. Most recently, Andrew spent five years at Macquarie Bank in Australia and Hong Kong trading derivatives across regional exchanges.



#### **Peter Stickland, B.Sc Hons (Geology), GDipAppFin (Finsia), GAICD - New Ventures Advisor**

*Commenced 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011*

Peter Stickland has over 20 years global experience in oil and gas exploration. Peter was CEO of Tap Oil Limited (ASX: TAP) from 2008 until late 2010 during which time he oversaw the evolution of the company into a South East Asia/Australia focused E&P Company. Prior to joining Tap Oil, Peter had a successful career with BHP Billiton including a range of technical and management roles. Peter is a member of the Board of Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association Limited (APPEA).

