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Pryme Receives Exemption by SEC to Trade Shares in the U.S.

Pryme Oil and Gas Limited (ASX Code: PYM), a fast-growing Australian oil and natural gas producer and explorer operating in the U.S., is pleased to announce it signed an agreement to have Pryme stock quoted in the U.S. through an issue of American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) launched through sponsor Bank of New York.

Pryme has received an Information Supplying Exemption (Rule 12g3-2(b)) from the Securities and Exchange Commission to trade the ADRs, which will be quoted on an Over the Counter (OTC) exchange. Once completed, the company will join Australian oil and gas companies such as Woodside Petroleum Ltd., Santos Ltd. and Petsec Energy Ltd., which all have ADRs quoted on U.S. exchanges.

"The ADR program is part of a broader plan to access U.S. financial markets and expand Pryme's shareholder base, which will help to strengthen the company's profile," Pryme Chief Operations Officer Ryan Messer said. "The program is an important step towards the company's objective of listing on more than one of the major U.S. exchanges."

Pryme Chairman John Dickinson and Chief Operations Officer Ryan Messer are based in the U.S., along with the majority of Pryme's operational support team and advisory board. This enables the team to promote Pryme more effectively in the company's country of operation.

Establishing the Level One ADR program is expected to take no more than two weeks. Once established, the ADRs will allow Pryme's Australian stock to be purchased by individual and institutional investors on an exchange in the U.S. that has grown to annual trading volumes of more than 820 billion shares valued at more than \$50 billion. The Bank of New York has been appointed as the depository bank for the program.

The ADR program is expected to help Pryme to capitalise on its increasing profile in the U.S., where the company is developing a suite of oil and gas projects. Pryme is continuing with development drilling at its producing LaSalle Parish project in Louisiana, as well as advancing the Turner Bayou 3D "Louisiana Prairie" seismic exploration work, and its joint venture with Wave Exploration.

These activities provide a prudent mix of project risk that covers the spectrum of energy sector opportunities and are located in areas with known producing horizons and strong geological and geophysical support. Pryme's prospect inventory or "reserve potential" in the exploration plays is more than 250 billion cubic feet of natural gas.

"Industry awareness of Pryme's ongoing oil and gas projects in the U.S. is growing steadily as a result of our business activities there. We're now targeting investment interest in the world's largest capital market," Pryme Chairman John Dickinson said.



ADRs are commonly used to allow U.S. investors to buy securities issued by non-U.S. companies. An ADR is created when a broker purchases the company's shares on the company's home stock market and delivers those to the depository's local custodian bank, which then instructs the depository bank to issue Depositary Receipts. Depositary Receipts may trade freely, just like any other security, on the US Over-the-Counter (OTC) and other U.S. market exchanges.

Under the Information Supplying Exemption, also known as Rule 12g3-2(b), the SEC exempts non-U.S. companies wishing their shares to be traded in the U.S. from the full requirements of periodic SEC reporting. The Rule 12g3-2(b) exemption, can be obtained by those non-U.S. corporations that are not seeking a listing on a U.S. exchange, and are not intending to launch a public offering of their securities in the U.S.

About Pryme

Pryme Oil and Gas Limited is a fast-growing Australian oil and natural gas producer and explorer with interests in the U.S., the world's biggest oil market. The company has an exceptional suite of exploration projects focused in Louisiana, the fifth-largest oil-producing state in the U.S. These projects are funded in part by existing cash flow. Pryme's management team has a total of almost 50 years of energy industry experience and has uniquely focused local knowledge, underscored by the proven track records of its managers and directors. Directors of the company are John Dickinson (Non Executive Chairman), Justin Pettett (Managing Director), Ryan Messer (Executive Director) and Ananda Kathiravelu (Non Executive Director).

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