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SALINAS RAISES $5.7 MILLION TO FUND GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

The Directors of Salinas Energy Limited ("Salinas" or "the Company") are pleased to advise that the Company has raised $5.7 million through the issue of 42 million shares at 13.5 cents per share to institutional and sophisticated investors ("the Placement"). Patersons Securities Limited acted as lead manager to the Placement which was heavily oversubscribed.

The Placement is being made pursuant to the Company's 15% capacity in accordance with ASX Listing Rule 7.1.

The funds will allow Salinas (to be renamed Neon Energy Limited) to aggressively pursue new venture opportunities in Southeast Asia, continue to evaluate the 100% held Vietnam Block 120 asset and provide additional working capital to fund short term development and appraisal projects at the 100% owned North San Ardo and Paris Valley projects.

Short term activity will be focused on drilling an appraisal well at Paris Valley in early December. This first well will be drilled in the northern compartment of the field which has the potential to contain in the region of 34 million barrels of recoverable resource.

Commenting on the Placement and impending work program Salinas' Managing Director Ken Charsinsky said:

"We have taken the opportunity to raise additional funds at this time to allow the Company to accelerate a number of projects, both in Southeast Asia and California, which have the potential to deliver significant value to shareholders in the near term. Salinas has no debt, positive operating cash flows from North San Ardo and now sufficient cash and working capital to immediately embark on a revitalised growth strategy."

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