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## Notice Regarding Change of Representative Director and Other Management

Japan Petroleum Exploration Co., Ltd. (JAPEX) held the Board of Directors' meeting today and resolved to make the following changes in a representative directors, directors, and executive officers.

This matter is planned to propose as an agenda item to the 47th Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders scheduled on June 28, 2017.

### 1. Change of Representative Director (as of June 28, 2017)

#### (1) Retiring Representative Director

| Name          | New Title | Current Title                                      |
|---------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Kiyoshi Ogino | Advisor   | Representative Director, Executive Vice President  |
|               |           | and Executive Officer                              |
|               |           | Assistant for President (Technology) and President |
|               |           | of Technical Division, President of HSE Dept.,     |
|               |           | President of Canada Oil Sands Project Dept.        |
|               |           | President of Canada Oil Sands Co., Ltd.*           |
|               |           | (*to retire on June 29, 2017)                      |

#### (Reason of Change)

In accordance with expiration of the term of office

#### 2. Changes of Director (as of June 28, 2017)

#### (1) Candidates of new Director

| Name             | New Title                                   | Current Title                                    |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Toshiyuki Hirata | Managing Director and Executive Officer     | Managing Executive Officer                       |
|                  | President of Canada Oil Sands Project Dept. | Advisor to President of Canada Oil Sands Project |
|                  | President of Canada Oil Sands Co., Ltd.*    | Dept.                                            |
|                  | (*to be appointed on June 29, 2017)         | President of Japan Canada Oil Sands Limited      |

# (2) Changes of Director

| Name           | New Title                                                                                           | Current Title                                                                                                                                           |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Yasuhiro Masui | Managing Director and Executive Officer  President of Technical Division and President of HSE Dept. | Managing Director and Executive Officer President of Americas & Russia Project Division                                                                 |
| Takahisa Inoue | Managing Director and Executive Officer President of Domestic E&P Project Division                  | Managing Director and Executive Officer President of Domestic E&P Project Division, Vice President of Soma Project Division                             |
| Hajime Ito     | Managing Director and Executive Officer  President of Americas & Russia Project  Division           | Managing Director and Executive Officer Vice President of Americas & Russia Project Division and Advisor to President of Canada Oil Sands Project Dept. |

# (3) Retiring Directors

| Name           | New Title                                                                            | Current Title                                                                                                                 |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Nobuyuki Ogura | Advisor  Counselor of SK Engineering Co., Ltd.*  (*to be appointed on June 15, 2017) | Director, Executive Vice President and Executive Officer President of SK Engineering Co., Ltd.* (*to retire on June 15, 2017) |
| Kazuo Nakayama | Advisor                                                                              | Senior Managing Director and Executive Officer<br>President of Human Resource Dept.                                           |

## 3. Changes of Audit & Supervisory Board Member (as of June 28, 2017)

### (1) Candidate of new Audit & Supervisory Board Member

| Name         | New Title                        | Current Title                                       |
|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
|              | Audit & Supervisory Board Member | Executive Officer                                   |
| Kenji Uchida |                                  | Advisor to President of Middle East, Africa &       |
|              |                                  | Europe Project Division and Chief Representative    |
|              |                                  | of Dubai Representative Office, Middle East, Africa |
|              |                                  | & Europe Project Division*                          |
|              |                                  | (*retiring on May 21, 2017)                         |

## (2) Retiring Audit & Supervisory Board Member

| Name             | New Title | Current Title                    |
|------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Nobuaki Moritani | -         | Audit & Supervisory Board Member |

## 4. Changes of Executive Officer (as of June 28, 2017)

### (1) Candidates of new Executive Officer

| Name              | New Title                                                                                      | Current Title                                                                                                            |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Junichiro Ando    | Executive Officer Vice President of Americas & Russia Project Division                         | General Manager of Canada LNG Project Dept.,<br>Americas& Russia Project Division                                        |
| Mitsugu Takemura  | Executive Officer  President of SK Engineering Co., Ltd.*  (*to be appointed on June 15, 2017) | Vice President of Domestic E&P Project Division                                                                          |
| Tadashi Matsunaga | Executive Officer President of Human Resource Dept.                                            | General Manager of Human Resource Dept.                                                                                  |
| Tsuyoshi Suga     | Executive Officer Vice President of Marketing & Sales Division                                 | General Manager of Gas Pipeline Transportation Dept., and LNG Associated Business Promotion Dept., Soma Project Division |

### (2) Advancement of Executive Officer

| Name            | New Title                                  | Current Title                              |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Yoshitaka Ishii | Managing Executive Officer                 | Executive Officer                          |
|                 | General Manager of Nagaoka District Office | General Manager of Nagaoka District Office |

### (3) Change of Executive Officer

| Name              | New Title                               | Current Title                                  |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Michiro Yamashita |                                         | Managing Executive Officer                     |
|                   | Managing Executive Officer              | President of Finance & Accounting Dept. and    |
|                   | President of Finance & Accounting Dept. | Advisor to President of Asia & Oceania Project |
|                   |                                         | Division                                       |

## (4) Retiring Executive Officers

| Name           | New Title                                                                                                               | Current Title                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Yoya Murahashi | Representative Director and Senior Managing <u>Director of Japex Offshore Ltd.*</u> (*to be appointed on June 27, 2017) | Executive Officer General Manager of Akita District Office                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Hideaki Ishii  | Representative Director and Vice President of TOHOKU NATURAL GAS Co., Inc.* (*to be appointed on June 20, 2017)         | Executive Officer Vice President of Marketing & Sales Division                                                                                                                                                              |
| Kenji Uchida   | Audit & Supervisory Board Member                                                                                        | Executive Officer Advisor to President of Middle East, Africa & Europe Project Division and Chief Representative of Dubai Representative Office, Middle East, Africa & Europe Project Division* (*retiring on May 21, 2017) |