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## Aurelian Oil & Gas PLC ("Aurelian" or "the Company")

### Appointment of Chief Executive Officer

The board of directors of Aurelian ("the Board") is pleased to announce the appointment of Rowen Bainbridge to the Board and as Chief Executive Officer of Aurelian. The appointment will take effect from 27 July 2009. Michael Seymour, the current Managing Director, will become president. He will remain as a director and will continue to be particularly involved in the relationships with ministries and partners in the countries in which the Company is active.

Since its foundation by Michael Seymour in 2002, Aurelian has focused on building up its portfolio of licence interests and has established itself as a leading player in Central Europe with a significant appraisal project in Poland, gas production in Romania and prospective exploration acreage in Poland, Romania, Bulgaria and Slovakia. Aurelian needs to commercialise its resource position through focusing on converting current exploration and appraisal assets to bookable reserves and development projects. The Board has therefore decided it is now appropriate to appoint a Chief Executive Officer with the brief to lead the Company through this next phase of its growth and in particular to drive through the appraisal and development of the cornerstone Siekierki tight gas accumulation in Poland.

Rowen has over twenty-two years of international experience, in both large and small companies, in leading, delivering and executing projects across the energy sector. He has previously held positions as CEO of Ferrexpo Petroleum operating in Ukraine and he was Vice President at BHP Billiton Petroleum where he successfully developed and commercialised a range of upstream oil and gas projects. His combination of project development and operating experience will add significant value as Aurelian progresses the projects in its portfolio.

Rowen Bainbridge (42) holds the following directorships:

Warrior Energy Resources LLP  
Warrior Energy Limited  
Great Walstead Limited

During the past five years, Rowen has held the following directorships:

Ferrexpo Petroleum Holdings (Cyprus) Limited  
MKP (UK)

Rowen holds an MBA from Durham University and a Civil Engineering degree from Loughborough University. He is married with three children.

There are no further disclosures required under Schedule 2(g) of the AIM Rules for Companies.

#### ***David Prior chairman of Aurelian said:***

***"We are delighted that Rowen is joining us. He has exactly the right combination of senior management experience, project development expertise, commercial know-how and entrepreneurial flair that Aurelian will need as it moves its main focus from oil and gas exploration to production and commercial development."***

#### ***Michael Seymour, retiring managing director of Aurelian said:***

***"Although it is sad for me to be stepping to the side, I am absolutely clear that younger blood is needed and that a fresh approach to our projects can and will give them new and greater impetus. I look forward to remaining involved and to helping Rowen to direct the next stage in what we all feel confident will be the successful transition of Aurelian to a mature "E & P" company."***



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### **Notes to Editors:**

**Aurelian Oil & Gas PLC**, was founded in December 2002, by Managing Director, Michael Seymour to focus on the established oil provinces in the central European countries of the former CIS where there had been little investment in seismic and drilling technology during the previous 20 years. The Company has since developed rapidly from a pure exploration company into its present position with a wide portfolio of concessions in Poland (14), Slovakia (3), Romania (4) and Bulgaria (2), and a range of production, appraisal and exploration projects.

Aurelian's near-term focus is aimed at establishing substantial production while continuing to build up potential for future development with a dynamic exploration programme across the region.