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**Aurelian Oil & Gas PLC**

(“Aurelian” or “the Company”)

#### **Appointment of John Conlin as Chairman**

Aurelian Oil & Gas PLC (AIM: AUL) is delighted to announce the appointment of John Conlin as a non-executive director and Chairman-elect. It is intended that Mr. Conlin will become Chairman at the Company’s Annual General Meeting, to be held in May, when David Prior will step down from the role while remaining as a Non-Executive Director.

John Martin Conlin, aged 57, is a petroleum engineer and has over 34 years’ experience in the oil and gas industry; spending 28 years at Shell in various senior management and operational positions. During that time he also gained significant experience outside Shell through secondments to Maersk, Woodside, Sakhalin Energy and Exxon Mobil. Earlier in his career, as Head of Petroleum Engineering for the Central North Sea with Shell, he had extensive exposure to the Rotliegendes plays which form a core part of Aurelian’s business.

Mr Conlin has previously served as a non-executive Director of Hardman Resources and Delphian Technologies, and Chairman of Fueleure Limited. He is currently Chairman of Nautical Petroleum. Mr Conlin is married with two children.

#### **Rowen Bainbridge Chief Executive of Aurelian commented:**

*“We are delighted to welcome John as director and Chairman-elect of Aurelian. He has significant upstream experience and his appointment further deepens the industry and technical expertise within the Company. Strengthening the Board and the Executive team has been a key priority since the autumn and John’s appointment represents the final piece in the jigsaw in Aurelian’s organisational transformation. We expect John’s industry leadership and experience with international joint venture partners to be an invaluable resource for the Company as we progress through the next phase of our development and we look forward to working with him.*”

*I would also like to thank David Prior for his contribution over the past few years to building and shaping the Company.”*

#### **John Conlin, Chairman-elect of Aurelian said:**

*“Aurelian is a company on the move. It has an exciting portfolio of assets, a clear strategy for delivering value and significant growth potential. Aurelian has sufficient funds to deliver its work programme over next two years and I look forward to working with the team in realising the full potential of the Company and its assets.”*

#### **David Prior, Chairman of Aurelian commented:**

*“It is a testament to the progress that the Company has made that we have been able to attract someone of John’s ability and experience. He brings knowledge not only of the corporate arena but expertise in one of our core areas, the Permian Basin Rotliegendes play. He will be a great addition to our Board.*”

*I am very pleased with the Company’s recent achievements and am confident that Aurelian will go from strength to strength as its development strategy bears fruit.”*



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There is no other information that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 17 or Schedule 2 paragraph (g) of the AIM Rules, save as set out below:

### **Current Directorships**

Nautical Petroleum plc

### **Past Directorships within last 5 years**

Hardman Resources Limited  
Delphian Technologies Limited  
Fueulture Limited