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

Appointment of Exploration Director and retirement of Non-executive Director

The board of directors of Aurelian ("the Board") is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr John Smallwood to the Board as Exploration Director of Aurelian, with his employment commencing on 16th May 2011.

John Richard Smallwood, aged 38, joins Aurelian after spending 15 years with Hess Corporation culminating in leadership roles in their global Exploration and Business Development functions. John has very recently completed a successful four year tenure as Exploration Manager in Australia during which his team made 17 discoveries. He has also had success with Hess in the North Atlantic Margin, Africa and Asia.

John brings a technical depth and experience to Aurelian's Exploration function that will significantly enhance the Company's ability to execute its comprehensive exploration and appraisal programme over the next two to three years. He has a First Class Honours Degree in Geological Sciences and a Ph. D. in Marine Geophysics from Cambridge University.

The Company also announces that Michael Seymour has decided to retire as a Non-executive Director at the forthcoming AGM on 25 May. Michael will continue as a consultant to help maintain some of Aurelian's Central European relationships and to represent it in his current role as President of the Polish E&P Industry Operators Organisation. The Company would like to thank Michael for his many years of outstanding service.

Rowen Bainbridge, Chief Executive, commented:

"I am delighted that John is joining Aurelian at this very exciting time in our development. As an exploration led company, this is a critical role and we now have an explorer with an excellent track record. John's appointment significantly increases the likelihood of Aurelian successfully expanding and developing our Siekierki tight gas project and achieving exploration success throughout our portfolio."

John Conlin, Chairman, commented

"The appointment of someone of John's calibre completes an excellent management team at Aurelian and I am very much looking forward to working with him. I am certain that John's appointment will enhance Aurelian's strategic focus, decision making and operational performance. I would also like to express my sincerest thanks to Michael Seymour for his vision and leadership in founding and developing Aurelian over many years; work that has proved instrumental to achieving Aurelian's position today. I, together with my fellow Board members, wish Michael every success in the future."

Michael Seymour commented:

"John's appointment is great news for Aurelian. The Company has significantly enhanced its Exploration capabilities and I feel it is now an appropriate time for me to step down."

During the past five years, John Smallwood has been a director of Regal Row Limited and 82 Brondesbury Villas Limited, both being companies established for domestic freehold management purposes. Save as disclosed in this announcement, there are no further disclosures required under Rule 17 or Schedule 2 (g) of the AIM Rules for Companies.

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