

Appointment of John Kopcheff as Non-Executive Chairman

Winchester Energy Limited (**Winchester** or the **Company**) is pleased to announce the appointment of experienced oil and gas professional John Kopcheff as Non-Executive Chairman of the Company.

John Kopcheff B.Sc. (Hons) (Geology and Geophysics) AAPG, SPE, AIMM is a geologist and geophysicist, with 45 years of experience in Australia, South East Asia, USA, South America and the North Sea in exploration, production, oil field operations and management.

Mr. Kopcheff founded ASX listed public company Victoria Petroleum N.L. (now Senex Energy Ltd) (**Senex**) and held the position of Managing Director for 26 years from 1984 to 2010 where he successfully pioneered oil exploration and production on the western margin of the South Australian Cooper Basin.

Under his stewardship, Victoria Petroleum discovered proved, probable and possible net oil reserves of 20 million bbls. During that time Victoria Petroleum increased its ASX market cap from \$10 million at IPO to \$162 million at his retirement.

Peter Allchurch will step down as Chairman and remain a Non-Executive Director of the Company.

Neville Henry, Managing Director of Winchester commented:

“John has had considerable oil and gas experience in the USA where Victoria Petroleum had onshore oil and gas investments in Texas, Colorado and California. He fully understands the US oil and gas business, its land and lease environment, the on-the-ground operational requirements and he has a great grasp on Winchester’s assets and strategy. He is well known in equity capital markets in Australia as a consequence of his 26 years as Managing Director of Victoria Petroleum, now Senex.”

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ASX Code: WEL

Directors

John Kopcheff
Non-Executive Chairman

Neville Henry
Managing Director

Peter Allchurch
Non-Executive Director

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I welcome him to the Board, where he will make a considerable contribution due to his extensive oil and gas experience and knowledge. Peter Allchurch will continue as a non-executive Director of Winchester and is in full support of John's appointment as the new Chairman".

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