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Well Drilling Update: Onshore oil & gas exploration well in the US - St. Gabriel #1 (VUA: Bourque #1)

*Wireline logs to be run after background gas units double
at drilling break from 400 to 800-1000 units*

Austin Exploration Limited (ASX code "AKK") is pleased to announce that the Operator is preparing to run logs to evaluate a newly drilled section of the onshore St. Gabriel #1 (VUA: Bourque #1) oil and gas exploration well in the United States, in which Austin has a relevant interest.

The well reached total depth of 10,790 feet on Sunday night (US time) with Operator, Drillmar Oil & Gas, Inc., of the opinion that a drilling break at 10,640 feet is sufficient to test the W sands, the main objective of the well. Drillmar has indicated that prior to the drilling break, background gas was consistently 400 units, but increased to between 800-1000 units post drilling break.

The well will now be cased to total depth, the rig released and wireline logs run to evaluate the newly drilled portion of the well.

St. Gabriel #1 is located in the Iberville Parish in the US state of Louisiana and has a potential recoverable resource ranging between 1.82 - 5 million barrels of oil, and between 13.6 - 36 billion cubic feet of gas.

The well had an original target depth of 10,800 feet (3,291 meters)

Austin Exploration maintains a cumulative 20% working interest under a farm-out agreement with Drillmar Oil & Gas Inc, as Operator.

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About Austin Exploration Limited

Austin Exploration (Austin) is an oil and gas development company with assets in Australia and the United States. Utilising a broad industry network developed from over 30 years of noteworthy investment and acquisition experience by its executive team, Austin seeks to identify suitable development prospects, conduct thorough geological and engineering evaluations and then identify suitable farm-in partners for long term development of these prospects.

Austin is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX code: AKK).

Competent Persons Statement

The information in this report that relates to Exploration Results and Mineral Resources is based on information compiled and/ or reviewed by Mr. Donald F. Reck Jr. M.S (Chief Technology Officer) of the company and Mr. David M. Schuette (Managing Director) of the company. All individuals are either a full-time employee, officer and/or are leading the company's drilling and operations efforts.

Mr. Reck has been a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists since 1976 and the chief geologist for DMS Exploration since 2000. Prior to that date, he has consulted too many USA oil and gas exploration companies including Rio-Tex Inc., Trio Exploration, Medders Oil Co., Texaco, Conoco and Strategic Petroleum. Mr. Reck is also a former Exploration Geologist with Tenneco Oil and Conoco. He has consulted to Geoscience Data Management, Inc. and Advanced Micromagnetics. He holds Bachelor of Science degree in geology from Grand Valley State College in Allendale Michigan and a master of science in geology from Sul Ross University in Alpine Texas.

Mr. Schuette is founder of DMS Exploration, an independent Texas oil and gas operator. Prior to founding DMS Exploration, he held executive positions with French Petroleum and Torch Energy Advisors in Houston, Texas. Mr. Schuette has over 20 years experience as an advisor to and as an investor in the USA oil and gas industries.

Mr. Schuette and Mr. Reck have sufficient experience of relevance to the styles of hydrocarbon entrapment and the types of deposits under consideration, and to the activities undertaken to qualify as a Competent Person(s) as defined in the 2004 Edition of the Joint



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Ore Reserves Committee (JORC) Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr. Schuette and Mr. Reck hereby consent to the inclusion of the information in this release and the form and context in which it appears

For more detailed information on these executives please visit the Austin Exploration Limited website at <http://www.austinexploration.com/OurTeam.asp>