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Appointment of Company Director, Jose Coutinho Barbosa

Karooon Gas Australia Ltd has appointed the former President and CEO of Brazilian national petroleum company, Petroleo Brasileiro S.A. ("Petrobras"), Mr Jose Coutinho Barbosa, to its board, significantly strengthening the company's presence and operating capacity in Brazil, the location of some of Karoon's most prospective offshore acreage.

The appointment will also provide substantial depth of experience to the Karoon board as it embarks on the biggest exploration drilling campaign in its history. This drilling campaign across three countries including Australia, Brazil and Peru, will commence in the near term and continue through into 2013.

Mr Barbosa's presence on the Karoon board gives the company access to a wealth of local knowledge from the highest levels of Brazil's petroleum industry and unparalleled experience and an understanding of international petroleum policy.

Mr Barbosa spent 38 years with Petrobras, beginning his career in a number of technical and management positions culminating in his appointment as acting President and CEO of Petrobras, now the world's fourth largest petroleum exploration and production company.

Earlier in his career, Mr Barbosa was executive Vice-President and CEO of Braspetro, (otherwise known as Petrobras International), and was Managing Director for Exploration and Production until his retirement in February 2003. Since then, he has managed his own, independent, consulting firm, Net Pay Óleo & Gás Consultoria Ltda, headquartered in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, operating in areas of the petroleum industry.

Mr Barbosa graduated from the Ouro Preto School of Mines (State of Minas Gerais, Brazil) in 1964, completing his Masters in Geophysics in 1967.

Karooon executive chairman, Bob Hosking, said, "Karooon is very pleased Mr Barbosa has agreed to join the Karoon board."

"His many years of experience at a high level within the Brazilian and global oil and gas industry will be invaluable to Karoon. The timing of his acceptance is opportune as Karoon is about to commence the largest exploration campaign in the company's history. The company will soon be drilling in Australia Brazil and Peru. With success, Karoon will emerge as a serious global oil and gas producer."

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Appendix 3X

Initial Director's Interest Notice

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Name of entity	KAROON GAS AUSTRALIA LIMITED
ABN	53 107 001 338

We (the entity) give ASX the following information under listing rule 3.19A.1 and as agent for the director for the purposes of section 205G of the Corporations Act.

Name of Director	Mr Jose Coutinho Barbosa
Date of appointment	31 August 2011

Part 1 - Director's relevant interests in securities of which the director is the registered holder

In the case of a trust, this includes interests in the trust made available by the responsible entity of the trust

Note: In the case of a company, interests which come within paragraph (i) of the definition of "notifiable interest of a director" should be disclosed in this part.

Number & class of securities 300,000 Unlisted Options with an exercise price of \$11.50, and an expiry of 13 November 2013.

Part 2 – Director's relevant interests in securities of which the director is not the registered holder

In the case of a trust, this includes interests in the trust made available by the responsible entity of the trust

Name of holder & nature of interest Note: Provide details of the circumstances giving rise to the relevant interest.	Number & class of Securities
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Part 3 – Director's interests in contracts

Note: In the case of a company, interests which come within paragraph (ii) of the definition of "notifiable interest of a director" should be disclosed in this part.

Detail of contract	
Nature of interest	
Name of registered holder (if issued securities)	
No. and class of securities to which interest relates	