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SOUTH SEA PETROLEUM HOLDINGS LIMITED

南海石油控股有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 076)

**CHANGE OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AND THE CHAIRMAN OF AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The board of directors of South Sea Petroleum Holdings Limited announces that Mr. Ho Choi Chiu resigned as Independent Non-executive Director and the Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Company with effect from 15 November 2012. On the same day, Mr. Feng Zhong Yun was appointed as Independent Non-executive Director and the Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Company.

The board of directors (the “Board”) of South Sea Petroleum Holdings Limited (the “Company”) announces that Mr. Ho Choi Chiu (“Mr. Ho”) decided to retire from work and resigned as Independent Non-executive Director and the Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Company with effect from 15 November 2012. On the same day, Mr. Feng Zhong Yun was appointed as Independent Non-executive Director and the Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Company. Mr. Ho has confirmed that he has no disagreement with the Board and there is no matter relating to his resignation that needs to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company.

Mr. Feng Zhong Yun (“Mr. Feng”), aged 45, graduated from China Central Academy of Fine Arts and obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1991. Mr. Feng is a freelance artist and is currently a member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference in Beijing.

Mr. Feng does not hold any other directorships in the last three years in any other public companies listed in Hong Kong or overseas. Mr. Feng does not have any relationship with any other directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders. As at the date hereof, Mr. Feng did not have any interests in shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Mr. Feng has not entered into any service contract with the Company. He will be entitled to a director’s fee of HK\$120,000 per annum. Mr. Feng is not appointed for a specific term and he

shall hold office until the next annual general meeting of the Company and thereafter shall be subject to retirement by rotation and will be eligible for re-election at annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the articles of association of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, there is no other information which is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rules 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Rules Governing the Listing of the Securities on the Stock Exchange, nor are there any other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the Company's shareholders in respect of Mr. Feng's appointment as Independent Non-executive Director.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to express sincere gratitude to Mr. Ho for his contributions to the Company in the past, and to welcome Mr. Feng for joining the Board of the Company.

By Order of the Board
South Sea Petroleum Holdings Limited
Vivian Lam
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 15 November 2012

As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors comprises of Mr. Guan Xinmin, Ms. Lee Sin Pyung and Ms. Zhang Xue being executive directors, Mr. Lu Ren Jie, Mr. Chai Woon Chew and Mr. Feng Zhong Yun being independent non-executive director.