

**SSP**  **南海石油**  
**SOUTH SEA PETROLEUM HOLDINGS LIMITED**  
**南海石油控股有限公司**  
*(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)*  
**(Stock Code: 76)**

**ISSUE OF HK\$200,000,000 Nil Interest  
 CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURES DUE 2009  
 ANNOUNCEMENT**

Reference is made to the Company's announcement dated 7 April 2006. The Company made this announcement as per the requirements of the listing approval granted by the Stock Exchange in respect of the New Shares to be issued and allotted upon the conversion of the Debentures. Following the issue of an aggregate of 76,000,000 New Shares on 7 July 2006 and 14 July 2006 with respect to the conversion of HK\$19,000,000 Debentures, the cumulative amount of the New Shares issued accounted for 6.25 % of the issued share capital of the Company as disclosed in the Monthly Announcement dated 4 July 2006.

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The Company would like to report that conversions of the Debentures were made by the Debenture Holder on 7 July 2006 and 14 July 2006 respectively with details as follows:

<b>Date of issue and allotment of New Shares</b>	<b>No. of New Shares issued</b>	<b>Conversion Price per Share (HK\$)</b>	<b>Amount of Debentures converted (HK\$)</b>	<b>Outstanding Debentures after the conversion (HK\$)</b>
7 July 2006	40,000,000	0.25	10,000,000	130,000,000
14 July 2006	36,000,000	0.25	9,000,000	121,000,000
Total:	76,000,000		19,000,000	

**Changes in the issued share capital of the Company for the period of 5 July 2006 - 14 July 2006:**

	<b>Issued share capital at par value of US\$0.01 each (US\$)</b>	<b>Number of Issued Shares</b>
As at 1 July 2006	12,156,885	1,215,688,588
Total number of New Shares issued pursuant to conversions of the Debentures for the period of 7 July 2006 to 14 July 2006	<u>760,000</u>	<u>76,000,000</u>
As at 14 July 2006	<u><u>12,916,885</u></u>	<u><u>1,291,688,588</u></u>

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With reference to the Announcement in relation to the “Effect of Conversion and Substantial Shareholder”, the Debenture Holders confirmed that, pursuant to the Subscription Agreement dated 29 March 2006, they are not holding 5% or more of the Company’s issued share capital as enlarged by the issue of the New Shares at any time, whether directly or indirectly, both before and after such conversions of the Debentures.

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By Order of the Board  
**South Sea Petroleum Holdings Limited**  
**Lam Lee Yu**  
*Company Secretary*

Hong Kong, 20 July 2006

*As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors comprises of Mr. Zhou Ling, Ms. Lee Sin Pyung and Ms. Sit Mei being executive directors, Mr. Lu Ren Jie, Mr. Chai Woon Chew and Mr. Ho Choi Chiu being independent non-executive director.*