

**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  
 MONTHLY 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. During the month of July 2006, HK\$26,600,000 Debentures were converted and 106,400,000 New Shares were issued pursuant to such conversions.

Reference is made to the Company's announcement dated 7 April 2006 (the "Announcement"). 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. Unless the context herein otherwise requires, terms used in this announcement shall have the same meanings as in the Announcement.

The Company would like to report that conversions of the Debentures were made by the Debenture Holders during the month of July 2006 with details as follows:

<b>Date of issue and allotment of New Shares</b>	<b>No. of New Shares (HK\$)</b>	<b>Conversion Price issued per Share (HK\$)</b>	<b>Amount of Debentures converted (HK\$)</b>	<b>Outstanding Debentures after the conversion</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	212,000,000
24 July 2006	30,400,000	0.25	7,600,000	113,400,000
Total:	<u>106,400,000</u>		<u>26,600,000</u>	

**Changes in the issued share capital of the Company for the month of June 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 during July 2006	<u>1,064,000</u>	<u>106,400,000</u>
As at 31 July 2006	<u><u>132,220,885</u></u>	<u><u>1,322,088,588</u></u>

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.

This announcement is only released through the web-site of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and no publication in the newspaper is made.

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

Hong Kong, 3 August 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 directors.*