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### **Pike River Coal IPO Shares Allotted – Scaling Required**

New Zealand Oil & Gas Limited advises that the Pike River Coal Limited initial public offer (IPO) which closed on 10 July 2007 received applications considerably in excess of \$85 million, being the \$65 million minimum sought and the \$20 million of oversubscriptions able to be accepted. Excess applications in the public pool and from NZOG shareholders who have applied for significantly larger allocations than their preferential entitlement, have been subject to scaling.

New Zealand Oil & Gas CEO David Salisbury said “The level of demand for shares in the IPO is an excellent result. The successful float of Pike River is a key step for NZOG as promoter of the float. Together with our other three building blocks – the Tui development, the Kupe development and the exciting exploration portfolio – NZOG is well positioned for further growth. “

Andrew McDouall, Managing Director of McDouall Stuart Securities Limited, the Lead Manager of the IPO said “the widespread support for the issue included significant institutional and private client support from New Zealand, Australian and other offshore investors. Many investors had commented on how good it was to be associated with a capital raising that was going to add significant economic growth to the West Coast and provide New Zealand export earnings for many years”.

Pike River shares will be listed on the NZSX on 20 July 2007, and will list on the ASX shortly thereafter, under the trading code “PRC”. If Australian resident shareholders wish to trade Pike River shares on the NZX, including during the intervening period prior to listing on the ASX, they should contact the company’s share registrar – Computershare Investor Services Limited.

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ASX shares - NZO      options - NZOO

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