

IGas Energy plc
(‘IGas’ or ‘the Group’)

Appointment of Chief Operating Officer

The board of IGas Energy (IGas), a domestic gas producer and a leading developer of unconventional gas resources in the UK, is pleased to announce John Blaymires joining the management team as Chief Operating Officer (COO) with immediate effect. He will be responsible for all of IGas’ operated and non-operated assets.

John, 53, has 27 years of international experience in the oil and gas industry gained with both Shell International and Hess Corporation. He has held a variety of senior technical roles with particular emphasis on field development activity (subsurface, drilling and operations) in the North Sea, North Africa and the Middle East.

Prior to joining IGas he was Director of Technology Development for Hess based in Houston, where he helped develop a global engineering and geoscience technology group responsible for providing support across the E&P business, from deepwater to unconventional resources. Prior to that John was Technical Director for Hess’ operations in West Africa, and subsequently South East Asia with responsibility for several major oil and gas developments. John has a BSc and PhD in Mining Engineering from Leeds University.

Andrew Austin, IGas’ CEO said:

“It gives me great pleasure to welcome John as COO. He brings with him a wealth of industry experience, both in unconventional and conventional gas. His field development expertise will strengthen the IGas team as we move towards first full site production in 2011.”

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Notes to Editors

IGas Energy was set up to produce and market domestic sourced gas, primarily from unconventional reservoirs, particularly coal bed methane. IGas Energy is now producing gas from its pilot production site at Doe Green in Warrington and selling electricity through its on-site generation, a UK first from CBM. Initial production rates indicate that the Company should exceed its threshold for commerciality.

First full site production is targeted for 2011 and the Company is targeting 20-50 sites for production between 2011 and 2014. Sites are planned to consist of 4-6 wells with 24,000-40,000 ft of lateral in each well. Each site is expected to produce between 7 and 20 Bcf over 15 years (gross). The production from each site is expected to peak at between 4 and 10 mmscfd (650-1,700 boepd) (gross). The Company is using production technology which is known and has been demonstrated to be effective in other countries. Planning has been obtained for 8 pilot/production sites to date from a variety of land owners and planning authorities.

IGas Energy has ownership interests of between 20 and 100 per cent in eleven PEDLs in the UK, wholly owns two methane drainage licences and has a 75 per cent interest in three offshore blocks under one Seaward Petroleum Production Licence. These licenses cover a gross area of approximately 1,756 km². The mid case GIIP is up 328 per cent. from 893 Bcf at year end 2007 to 3,823 Bcf (source: Equipoise Solutions Ltd).

The coal seam both generates and traps the gas, which can be extracted by drilling into the seam and collected for use as fuel. CBM is exactly the same as other forms of natural gas, and is used to provide both industrial and domestic power and has the potential to be an important new source of energy for the UK.

The CBM industry in the UK is in its early stages, but with the continuing decline in natural gas reserves from the North Sea, it is likely to become an increasingly attractive alternative potential source of energy. CBM has become a significant source of gas both in North America and Australia over a relatively short period of time during which both have seen an almost exponential growth in CBM production.