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MEDIA STATEMENT

RISC taps knowledge to connect industry and education

Leading advisory consultancy RISC has formed an alliance with Western Australia's Curtin University to share knowledge and help stimulate the thinking of the oil and gas sector's next generation of potential leaders.

Part of RISC's Education Legacy initiative, the collaboration with Curtin will deliver a "Conversation Series" to its undergraduate and post-graduate engineering and business students, as well as its industry alumni. The series will provide a forum for students to be exposed to thought leadership in the exploration and production sector, and to mix with industry professionals.

RISC Chief Executive Peter Dawson said the initiative was an extension of the commitment to education and professional growth championed by the company's founder John Boardman.

Involving four presentations a year, the sessions will tackle contemporary industry challenges and opportunities, and the role of the industry in the global society.

"In developing the initiative with Curtin it was clear the university was keen for the series to provide undergraduates with texture, colour and perspective to assist them in making more informed career decisions and inspire them to choose the E&P industry for their careers," Mr Dawson said.

Experts from RISC will make quarterly presentations to the students and alumni, with the first on Challenges in the Eastern Australian Gas Market to be presented by RISC Executive Director, Geoff Barker. The event will be held on Tuesday, 30 June at the Curtin Graduate School of Business in Murray Street, Perth.

Subsequent sessions will cover subjects including:

- Technology improvements and breakthroughs
- Social licence and sustainability
- Decision making and cognitive bias
- Project cost and schedule estimation/control

Mr Dawson said global interest in the E&P sector was also reflected in the decision to stream the presentation live to Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen, Scotland. Robert Gordon is renowned for its engineering faculty and has a Memorandum of Understanding with Curtin University.

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