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Fax**Eskdale Petroleum Pty Limited: Takeover bid for Orchard Petroleum Limited****Notice that defeating condition fulfilled - section 630(4) notice**

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Dear Sirs

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We act for Eskdale Petroleum Pty Limited in relation to its off-market takeover bid for all the ordinary shares in Orchard Petroleum Limited.

We enclose, by way of service pursuant to section 630(5)(b) of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) and as required by section 630(4) of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth), a notice declaring that the condition in section 9.7.2 (Foreign Investment Review Board approval) of the bidder's statement has been fulfilled.

Yours faithfully



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Eskdale Petroleum Pty Limited ACN 118 948 404**Notice that defeating condition to takeover bid fulfilled****To: ASX Limited****Orchard Petroleum Limited ABN 25 061 655 463 (Orchard)**

For the purposes of section 630(4) of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth), Eskdale Petroleum Pty Limited gives notice declaring that the condition to its takeover offers for all the ordinary shares in Orchard (**Offers**), set out in section 9.7.2 (Foreign Investment Review Board approval) of its bidder's statement dated 1 December 2006, has been fulfilled (so that the **Offers** have become free of that condition).

Signed for and on behalf of
Eskdale Petroleum Pty Limited
by



Ian Gibbs
Director

19 January 2006