Hazer secures key talent as the company further progresses towards commercialisation of the ‘Hazer Process’

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PERTH, AUSTRALIA; 21 JUNE 2016: Hazer Group Ltd (“Hazer” or “the Company”) (ASX:HZR, HZRO) is pleased to announce the appointments of Dr Andrew Harris as a Non-Executive Director of the Company effective 21 June 2016 and Dr Andrew Minett as the Chairman of Hazer’s newly created Science Advisory Committee.

These two appointments provide Hazer with in depth commercial and technical capability to assist with the further develop of the Hazer Process.

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DR ANDREW MINETT, appointed Chairman of the newly created Science Advisory Committee
APPOINTMENT OF DR ANDREW HARRIS AS NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:
Dr Andrew Harris is a global expert in renewable energy, sustainability, biomimicry, nanotechnology, process engineering and the hydrogen energy economy. He is the lead Director of the Engineering Excellence Group within Laing O’Rourke’s internal engineering and innovation team. Laing O’Rourke is one of the world’s largest privately owned engineering and construction companies, with annual revenues of $8 billion, 15,000 staff and operations in Europe, North America, the Middle East, Asia and Australia.

The Engineering Excellence Group was established to be a global centre of excellence, to transform Laing O’Rourke’s capabilities through strategic innovation, research and development, and enhanced technical performance.

Dr Harris is also Professor of Chemical and Bimolecular Engineering at the University of Sydney and co-director of the Laboratory for Sustainable Technology, the state of art laboratory where Hazer has established its core development activities for the Hazer Process. Dr Harris was the youngest ever professor of Chemical Engineering appointed at the University of Sydney.

Dr Harris was previously the Chief Technology Officer of Zenogen Pty Ltd, a Sydney-based hydrogen production technology company, and was a co-founder of Oak Nano, a University of Sydney start-up commercialising novel carbon nanotube technology. Oak Nano designed and built the largest carbon nanotube production facility in the southern hemisphere.

Andrew holds a PhD in engineering from the University of Cambridge and undergraduate degrees in engineering and science from the University of Queensland. He is a Fellow of the Institution of Chemical Engineers and Engineers Australia and a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Hazer’s Chairman, Mr Rick Hopkins, is delighted to welcome Andrew to the Board:

“The Board is delighted with Andrews’s appointment, his extensive experience in industrial engineering and the application of innovation in industry, as well as hydrogen and graphite research will be invaluable as the Company further develops the Hazer Process.”
APPOINTMENT OF DR ANDREW MINETT AS CHAIRMAN OF NEWLY CREATED SCIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE: The Company is also excited to announce the creation of a Science Advisory Committee (SAC), which will provide advice to the Board on scientific and technical matters, and make recommendations regarding Hazer’s research development strategies and commercial opportunities.

The first appointment to the Committee is of Dr Andrew Minett as Chairman. Dr Andrew Harris will also play a key role within the committee.

Dr Minett is an Associate Professor of the School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering at the University of Sydney and is a co-director of the Laboratory for Sustainable Technology where Hazer conducts core development activities.

Dr Minett is also the Energy Theme Leader and Deputy Director of the Energy Storage Flagship within the Australian Institute for Nanoscale Science and Technology at the University of Sydney. Prior to joining Hazer, Dr Minnet chaired the Scientific Advisory Board of start-up company Zenogen.

With a PhD in Materials Chemistry from the University of Wollongong, Dr Minett’s expertise include nanomaterials processing for electrodes and device fabrication of fuel cells, electrolyzers, rechargeable batteries and supercapacitors.

Dr Andrew Minett is thrilled to be working with Hazer

The potential of the Hazer Process is significant, and I am excited to be involved in the commercialisation of the technology as Chair of the newly created Scientific Advisory Committee. My expertise in battery technologies, functional nano-materials and sustainable energy has clear synergies with the Hazer vision and I believe the technology has the potential to disrupt the status quo of both the Hydrogen and Graphite markets.
PROPOSED OPTION ISSUE TO NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

The Company has agreed to issue the following options to Dr Andrew Harris, subject to shareholder approval at the next general meeting of the Company:

i. 575,000 Series F Options which have an exercise price of 55 cents and an expiry date of 30 June 2019. They vest 6 months after appointment (December 2016) provided the holder has continued to be engaged as an employee, contractor, consultant or Board member prior to the vesting date; and

ii. 575,000 Series G Options which have an exercise price of 75 cents and an expiry date of 30 June 2020. They vest 18 months after appointment (December 2017) provided the holder has continued to be engaged as an employee, contractor, consultant or Board member prior to the vesting date.
ABOUT HAZER GROUP:
Hazer Group Limited is a pioneering technology company undertaking the commercialisation of the Hazer Process, a low-emission hydrogen and graphite production process. Hazer Group strives to lead the way in clean hydrogen and graphite production with low carbon dioxide emissions.

The Hazer Process enables the effective conversion of natural gas, and similar feedstocks, into hydrogen and high quality graphite, using iron ore as a process catalyst. The aim of the Hazer Process will be to achieve savings for hydrogen producers, as well as providing 'clean' hydrogen (with significant lower production of carbon dioxide emissions), enabling such hydrogen to be used in a range of developing 'clean energy' applications, as well as in large existing chemical processing industries. The graphite produced by the Hazer Process is high purity, highly crystalline 'synthetic' graphite as is generally used in batteries and other high value graphite applications.

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