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## ASX Release

### Byron High Bidder on 4 Blocks in Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 247

- Byron has been advised by the BOEM that it was the apparent high bidder on four leases at the Central Gulf of Mexico OCS Lease Sale 247 held on Wednesday March 22, 2017.
- The four leases are in the vicinity of the SM 71 oil project currently under development and if awarded may provide additional growth opportunities.
- These potential new leases are considered highly prospective for oil and gas with economics of any future discovery enhanced by their close proximity to the SM 71 project

**Byron Energy Limited ("Byron or the Company") (ASX:BYE)** advises that Byron Energy Inc, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, was the apparent high bidder on each of the four blocks bid at the Central Gulf of Mexico, Outer Continental Shelf ("OCS") Lease Sale 247 held on March 22, 2017 in New Orleans, Louisiana. An apparent high bid is subject to OCS bid adequacy review and under the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management ("BOEM") rules may be rejected if deemed inadequate. The BOEM review process can take up to 90 days.

The Company bid a total of \$US561,000 in bonus bids on the following blocks:

Block	Working Interest	Net Revenue Interest
South Marsh Island Area Block 57	100.00%	81.25%
South Marsh Island Area Block 59	100.00%	81.25%
South Marsh Island Area South Addition Block 74	100.00%	81.25%
Vermilion Area Block 232	100.00%	81.25%

These lease sale blocks are near Byron's previously announced South Marsh Island block 71 ("SM 71") discovery and if awarded will increase Byron's footprint in the South Marsh island 73 Field. The bids were generated by interpretation of the Company's high quality ARTM and Inversion processed 3D seismic data. Byron is the designated operator of two other leases in the area, SM71 and SM70, where the Company owns a 50% Working Interest and a 40.625% Net Revenue Interest in each block. Water depth in the area is approximately 137 feet.

As previously reported in May 2016, Byron operated and drilled the Byron SM 71 #1 well which logged 151 feet of true vertical thickness hydrocarbons in four sands. An independent reserve assessment of the well attributes a total of 2.271 million barrels of oil equivalent net to Byron across all zones on a 2P basis\*. As reported on 23 January 2017, the SM 71 project is on a path to development utilising a manned, Byron

operated platform. Byron plans to initially complete the SM 71 #1 well in the D5 Sand with first production expected by the end of 2017. Following completion of the SM 71 #1 well, there is potential to drill up to four additional development wells on SM71, subject to permitting and funding.

**CEO Comment**

*Byron's CEO Maynard Smith said: "Based on our growing knowledge of the area, these four blocks represent very attractive opportunities for Byron's future growth. They are in very close proximity to our SM 71 oil project and if awarded by BOEM, will add high quality oil and gas projects to Byron's prospect portfolio. The economics of any future discovery on these blocks will be enhanced by leveraging the ongoing SM 71 project infrastructure. We are pleased to add these prospects to our portfolio as part of our stated strategy of using high tech geophysics to explore for oil and gas in the Gulf of Mexico"*

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\*The reserves and resources referred to in this update were reported on 25 July 2016 (refer to the Company's ASX announcement dated 25 July 2016). Furthermore on 28 September 2016, the Company reported the impact of relinquishment of GI 95 on the Company's contingent and prospective resources (refer to the Company's ASX announcement dated 28 September 2016).