

## **APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Board of Providence Resources P.l.c. is today (Wednesday, 5th May 2004) pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Phil Nolan as a Non-Executive Director of the Company.

Dr. Nolan, graduated from Queen's University in Belfast with a BSc and a PhD in geology and has a MBA from the London Business School. He spent 15 years at BP, before moving to take up the position of Managing Director of Interconnector (UK) Ltd, the consortium formed to construct and operate the pipeline which links the gas network of the UK to that of mainland Europe.

In 1996, Dr. Nolan joined British Gas plc, where he was appointed Managing Director of Transco in 1997. He was appointed to the Board of British Gas in July 1998. In 2000, Dr. Nolan was appointed Chief Executive of Lattice Group plc.

Dr. Nolan is currently Chief Executive of Eircom Limited, Ireland's largest telecommunications supplier, a position he has held since January 2002.

Speaking this morning, Dr. Brian Hillery, Chairman of Providence, said:

"We are delighted that Phil has joined the Board. He has a great knowledge of the exploration, appraisal and production side of our business, gained through his experience in the North Sea, Alaska, Australia and South East Asia.

"Phil joins us at a very exciting time for the Company as we move forward with our plans to drill our Celtic Sea Blackrock prospect this summer. This follows on from our successful financing programme raising up to €18 million, which was announced last week. Phil's specific experience in the North Sea will also be of assistance to us with our North Sea Skye prospect which is currently the subject of farm-out discussions".

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