



FORTUNE OIL PLC

Warning to Shareholders (Boiler room scams and unsolicited phone calls)

Shareholders of UK companies have been targeted by so called 'investment specialists' often stating that they are acting on behalf of the Company – these are sometimes called 'boiler room scams'. Boiler rooms are authorised overseas brokers who use high-pressure sales techniques to target private investors and pressure them into buying worthless shares. They acquire shareholder lists legitimately using data supplied under the Companies Act or from other sources.

We have also become aware of the fact that some of our shareholders have received unsolicited phone calls offering to purchase all or some of their shares in the Company. We have not appointed or authorised any 'investment specialists' to contact shareholders and shareholders are advised to be very wary of any unsolicited advice, offers to buy shares at a discount, offers to acquire any shares you may have or offers of free company reports.

These are typically from overseas based 'brokers' who target UK shareholders, offering to sell them what often turn out to be worthless or high risk shares in US or UK investment. They can be very persistent and extremely persuasive, and a 2006 survey by the Financial Services Authority (FSA) has reported that the average amount lost by investors is around £20,000. It is not just the novice investor that has been duped in this way; many of the victims had been successfully investing for several years.

If you receive any unsolicited investment advice:

- ✓ Make sure you get the correct name of the person and organisation and make a record of any other information they give you;
- ✓ Check that they are properly authorised by the FSA before getting involved by visiting www.fsa.gov.uk/register;
- ✓ Report the matter to the FSA either by calling 0845 606 1234 or visiting www.moneymadeclear.fsa.gov.uk
- ✓ Inform Capita Registrars on 0871 664 0300 (calls cost 10p per minute plus network extras) or email ssd@capitaregistrars.com. They are not able to investigate such incidents themselves but will record the details and pass them on to us.
- ✓ If the calls persist, hang up.

If you deal with an unauthorised firm, you would not be eligible to receive payment under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. The FSA can be contacted by completing an online form at www.fsa.gov.uk/pages/doing/regulated/law/alerts/overseas.shtml

Details of any share dealing facilities that the Company endorses is available on www.capitadeal.com

More detailed information on this or similar activity can be found on the FSA website <http://www.moneymadeclear.fsa.gov.uk>