

**PAN ORIENT ENERGY CORP.**

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Press Release

**Pan Orient Appoints New Chief Operating Officer**

**January 26, 2006**

Pan Orient Energy Corp. is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Ian Halstead as Pan Orient's new Chief Operating Officer and General Manager – Thailand. Upon completion of Mr. Halstead's current contractual obligations in Bangladesh, he will relocate to Thailand.

The Pan Orient Board of Directors is pleased to have Mr. Halstead accept this key role and wishes to express its appreciation to Mr. Waleed Jazrawi for his contributions to the Company during its initial growth phase. Mr. Jazrawi will step down as Pan Orient's COO upon Mr. Halstead's arrival in Thailand and will continue as a Director of Pan Orient and as a senior advisor to the Company.

Pan Orient President and CEO Jeff Chisholm states: "We are pleased to have attracted a person with Ian Halstead's depth of experience, energy and ability. Ian's exploration and development background includes General Manager and Country Manager positions with a senior UK independent oil and gas company in Bangladesh, Thailand and China. Ian's South East Asia/South Asia on and offshore experience is directly inline with Pan Orient's current operations and future new ventures focus".

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