

## **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

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# Board Bolstered For Growth

#### Rampart Energy Ltd

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Rampart Energy Limited (**ASX:**RTD) ("Company" or "Rampart") is pleased to advise that Mr Gavin Harper has been appointed to the Rampart Board as an Independent, Non-Executive Director.

Mr Gavin Harper has over 38 years experience in the oil and gas industry in a variety of leadership roles in postings which include the UK, Australia, South Korea and China. A large portion of his broad professional experience is derived from more than 25 years employment with the Chevron group of companies, including secondment to WAPET as implementation and business manager for the Gorgon Project and three years as Managing Director of Chevron's South Korean gas business development company. More recently Gavin has been a director of a number of ASX listed companies including the recently included S&P/ASX 300 indexed Sino Gas and Energy Holdings, of which he is currently non-Executive Chairman.

Dr Ray Shaw Chairman of Rampart said, "Gavin's strong international business management experience is a very welcome addition to the Board, which with other recent changes, now bolsters its talent base to levels commensurate with market expectations of our future growth potential and intrinsic asset value".

"We remain very conscious of the need to strike a balance between a strong board and an overly cumbersome one, one that remains lean and is nimble to the tasks at hand", Dr Shaw said. "In this regard Mr Mal Lucas-Smith has agreed to step down as non-executive director so that in effect Gavin Harper will replace him." Mr Lucas Smith will continue as Company Secretary.

Dr Shaw reflected that Mr Lucas-Smith had agreed to again become a director in April 2012 as "an interim measure". Mr Lucas-Smith has had a long involvement with the Company, beginning with the corporate fore-runner of Rampart in 2008, as a director and company secretary.

"Shareholders should be greatly indebted to Mal having been prepared to step up as a director during these past two years — a period initially marked by great uncertainty and transition for our Company. It is heartening that Mal's corporate knowledge and corporate secretarial skills will continue to be utilized by the Company and new Board during this next exciting stage of growth", Dr Shaw commented.



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### **Details of Mr Gavin Harper**

Mr Gavin Harper has over thirty eight years of experience in conventional and renewable energy industries. This has included a variety of operational and leadership roles with Chevron Corporation and, subsequently, directorships of renewable and conventional energy companies.

A large portion of his broad professional experience is derived from more than 25 years employment with the Chevron group of companies, including secondment to WAPET as Implementation and Business Manager for the Gorgon Project. He has held various Business Manager and Project Management positions for major Chevron infrastructure builds across their worldwide upstream operations as well as managing new market opportunities, including two years as Gas Business Manager of Chevron Australia. He has particular strengths in business development strategies, corporategovernment and other major stakeholder interactions in major project builds as well as working in complex business and joint venture environments. His last posting for Chevron was as Managing Director of Chevron Texaco International Gas Inc- Korea Branch involved in development of gas and power growth strategies in Korea.

More recently Gavin has been a director of a number of ASX listed companies and is currently Non-Executive Chairman of the recently included S&P/ASX 300 indexed Sino Gas and Energy Holdings.

Gavin Harper holds a BA (Sociology/Anthropology) from the University of Kent and a Diploma Business Administration from the University of Strathclyde. He is a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.