

## HAZER GROUP MANAGEMENT UPDATE AND NEW APPOINTMENT

**PERTH, 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017:** Hazer Group Ltd (“Hazer” or “the Company”) (ASX:HZR, HZRO) is pleased to announce that the Company has secured the services and expertise of Mr Cobus Malherbe, a senior Australian engineering, operations and process development professional, to join the Company in the newly created role of General Manager – Process Development.

Cobus is a Chartered Chemical Engineer, registered with the Board of Professional Engineers of Queensland, with a Masters in Chemical Engineering and over 20 years of international engineering and team management experience within the oil, gas and petrochemical industries.

Cobus most recently provided professional services to Santos Ltd<sup>†</sup> as Engineering Superintendent, tasked with management of front-line technical, engineering and reliability services to the Moomba Gas Plant in South Australia, being one of Australia’s largest natural gas and oil processing facilities. Additionally, Cobus also served as a Staff level Process Engineer, providing concept development and engineering services for both Greenfield and Brownfield projects, from Pre-Feasibility through to Front End Engineering Design (FEED) and Detailed Design support.

Prior to Santos, Cobus was employed with Linc Energy in Technical Superintendent and Operations Superintendent roles and was heavily involved in the Gas to Liquids (GTL) research and development, technology selection, design, commissioning and successful operations of their world first Underground Coal Gasification (UCG) and GTL demonstration facility.

He was also a Senior Process Engineer, with expertise in GTL catalysis research and development, process development, scale-up and commercial implementation with Sasol Ltd, a global leader in GTL technology.

Cobus will bring a wealth of commercial experience and project management expertise to Hazer as the company progresses further towards commercialisation of its low cost, low emission hydrogen and graphite production process.

As General Manager, Cobus will lead all commercial development and scale up work, including the progression of the Pre-Pilot Plant and the potential establishment of the JV with Mineral Resources to develop a commercial scale synthetic graphite plant.

With substantial interest in Hazer’s technology, Cobus will also help in the effort to prioritise and convert these opportunities with a key focus on delivering significant shareholder value, and work towards growing the technical capability of the Company’s technical team based in Sydney.

Geoff Pocock said: “Hazer is extremely pleased to welcome Cobus to the Hazer senior management team, and see this appointment as a key part of our transition from laboratory based technical work to more substantial non-laboratory operations. We are delighted to have secured someone with Cobus’ experience and expertise, and we look forward to him bringing his significant commercial development expertise to bear on Hazer’s ongoing process development”

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Cobus said: "I am delighted to join Hazer Group on the journey of commercialising an innovative and disruptive technology for the production of hydrogen and high quality graphite products. The approach of utilising cheap and readily available raw materials, combined with a focus on providing a low carbon footprint technology, is what makes the Hazer Process very appealing and I look forward to working with our very experienced engineering and technology teams to produce ongoing development and scale-up towards commercialisation."

Dr Andrew Cornejo will remain in the role of Chief Technology Officer, and will continue to provide technical support to the Company's process development work, while also leading Hazer's ongoing development of further strategic technical opportunities.

*† Santos is a \$8 Billion ASX listed integrated oil and gas company and one of Australia's largest domestic gas producers with over 1,200 employees.*

*†† Sasol is a \$20 Billion USD NYSE listed, integrated, multi-national, fuels, energy and Chemicals Company based in Johannesburg, South Africa.*

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#### **ABOUT HAZER GROUP LTD**

Hazer Group Limited ("Hazer" or "The Company") is an ASX-listed technology development company undertaking the commercialisation of the Hazer Process, a low-emission hydrogen and graphite production process. The Hazer Process enables the effective conversion of natural gas and similar feedstocks, into hydrogen and high quality graphite, using iron ore as a process catalyst.

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