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ASX Release Appointment of Administrator to Armour Energy

Highlight:

- *The appointment of an Administrator to Armour Energy Limited and its subsidiaries will have no overall impact upon Lakes Blue Energy, nor on operations of Petroleum Exploration Permit 169, including the proposed Enterprise North-1 well.*
- *Action will be taken in accordance with remedies set out in the PEP 169 Joint Operating Agreement for recovery or offset of funds owed to Lakes' subsidiary for PEP 169 operations carried out.*

The Directors of Lakes Blue Energy NL (**Lakes**, or the **Company**; ASX:LKO) note that Receivers and Managers and Voluntary Administrators have been appointed to Armour Energy Limited (**Armour**) and its subsidiaries including Armour Energy Victoria Pty Ltd (**AEV**).

Armour was previously a shareholder in Lakes. Armour sold its holding of Lakes shares in early 2022. The placing of Armour into administration has no impact upon Lakes' share register or capital structure.

AEV is Lakes' Joint Venture Partner in Petroleum Exploration Permit 169 (**PEP 169**) in Victoria. PEP 169 contains the Enterprise North Prospect, drilling of which (Enterprise North-1 well) is now targeted for mid 2024. AEV holds 51% ownership of PEP 169, with the balance presently held by Lakes' wholly owned subsidiary, Mirboo Ridge Pty Ltd (**Mirboo**). Although AEV is registered as Operator of PEP 169, operating responsibilities were delegated by AEV to Mirboo.

The placement of AEV into Administration will have no impact upon operations of PEP 169 or on planning for drilling of the Enterprise North-1 well. Upon appointment of Administrators, AEV was, with immediate effect, removed as Operator, to be replaced by Mirboo. Mirboo will continue to operate PEP 169.

AEV does however owe some funds to Mirboo for its share of costs recently billed. The Joint Operating Agreement (between Mirboo and AEV that governs PEP 169 operations) contains specific, industry-typical provisions for dealing with this situation, including potential acquisition by Mirboo of all or part of AEV's interest in PEP 169. Mirboo will take appropriate action to ensure Lakes' shareholders' interests are protected.

This announcement has been authorised and approved by the Board of Lakes Blue Energy NL for lodgement with ASX.

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