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### ("MX Oil" or the "Company")

### Results for the half year to 31 June 2016

MX Oil plc, the AIM quoted oil and gas investing company, is pleased to announce its unaudited half-year results for the six-month period to 30 June 2016.

### **Key points**

- 🗆 🗅 Aje Field, part of OML 113, commenced production in May 2016
- Over £7 million of new funding raised before expenses
- \ Repayment of loan notes to reduce gearing to a negligible level

#### MX Oil's Chief Executive Officer Stefan Olivier said:

"With the Aje Field commencing production, the year to date has been an exciting period for the Company. We continue to look at opportunities in Mexico whilst, at the same time, further opportunities are now presenting themselves in other parts of the world. We are delivering on our objective to build a leading oil and gas investing company and I look forward to providing further updates on our progress."

### **Chairman's statement**

During 2016, MX Oil's indirect investment in the OML 113 licence in Nigeria achieved an important milestone with the start of production from the Aje Field. Consequently, MX Oil now has an investment in a producing oil and gas asset and we are very much looking forward to receiving revenue from this investment in the short term. As previously announced, the Company agreed to acquire the company that indirectly holds the interest in OML 113 and has begun the notification and change of control process with the relevant authorities.

At the start of this year, we were pleased to have been awarded four licences in the bid rounds for certain Mexican onshore licences. It was disappointing, for the various reasons previously

outlined, that we were not ultimately able to secure a licence or sell our interests. We have, however, gained invaluable experience from this exercise and maintain our belief that Mexico will provide some interesting opportunities in the future and we continue to monitor developments closely.

More generally, we are pleased to report that we are seeing an increasing number of interesting investment opportunities and hope to be able to update the market on these if and when they come to fruition.

In the first half of the year, we raised over £7 million through the issue of both new equity and debt, principally to invest in OML 113 as it progressed towards production. The loan notes which were raised earlier in the year have now either been repaid or converted, reducing the Company's gearing to a negligible level. As part of our fund raising activities, we are pleased to welcome a number of new investors as shareholders in the Company.

We are also pleased that we have been able to strengthen the board with both technical and strategic skills which will stand us in good stead going forward.

During the first six months of 2016, the Company made a total comprehensive loss of £1,831,000 (2015: £718,000). This increase in the level of losses compared to the previous year is principally due to the increased level of activity at the Company during this period compared to the same period last year. The most significant areas of cost included our activities in Mexico and the costs of fund raising, along with associated professional fees, given the Company's requirement to raise significant new funds for investment. Employee and related costs have also increased as the board has been strengthened and the Company's infrastructure has been further developed to support these increased levels of activity.

As 2016 progresses, we are looking forward to further developments at the Aje Field and to getting involved in other exciting investment opportunities as they arise.

Nicholas Lee Chairman 23 September 2016

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# UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

				Audited Year ended 31
		Unaudited	Unaudited	De
		6 months	6 months	ce
		ended	ended	mb
		30 June	30 June	er
		2016	2015	2015
	Not			
	es	£'000	£'000	£'000
Continuing operations				
Administrative expenses		(1,362)	(455)	(1,233)
Share based payment expense		(129)		(400)
Operating loss		(1,491)	(455)	(1,633)
Share of joint venture losses		_	(247)	(806)
Investment income		_	38	1
Other gains and losses	2	(69)	(54)	(450)
Finance costs		(271)	_	(11)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(1,831)	(718)	(2,899)
Taxation		_	_	
Loss for the period and total comprehensive				
loss		(1,831)	(718)	(2,899)
Basic and diluted loss per share	3			
From continuing and total operations		(0.26)p	(0.36)p	(1.02)p

# UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

	C.I.	C.	Loan note equity	Reserve for	Reserve for	D	Total
	Share capital	Share premium	reserve	options granted	warrants issued	Retained deficit	equity
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
At 31 December 2014	5,879	13,967	_	172	237	(18,293)	1,962
Loss for the year	_	_	_	_	_	(2,899)	(2,899)
Issue of new shares	1,780	6,185	_	_	-	_	3,050
Share issue costs	-	(438)	_	_	-	_	(219)
Issue of warrants	_	_	_	_	400	_	237
Issue of convertible loan notes	-	-	31	_	-	_	237
At 31 December 2015	7,659	19,714	31	172	637	(21,192)	7,021
Loss for the period	_	_	_	_	_	(1,831)	(1,831)
Issue of new shares	675	5,992	_	_	_	_	6,667
Share issue costs	_	(523)	_	_	_	_	(523)
Conversion and repayment of convertible loan notes	2	220	(20)				304
	3	329	(28)	_	120	_	
Issue of warrants				_	129		129
At 30 June 2016	8,337	25,512	3	172	766	(23,023)	11,767

# UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2016

	Unaudite	d	Unaudited	
	6 month	S	6 months	Audited
	ende	d	ended	Year ended
	30 Jun	e	30 June	31 December
	201	6	2015	2015
	£'000		£'000	£'000
NON-CURRENT				
ASSETS				
Available for sale				
investments	11,567		-	8,532
Investment in joint				
venture			422	_
	11,567		422	8,532
CURRENT ASSETS				
Financial assets	22		60	39
Trade and other				
receivables	188		20	371
Cash and cash			-	
equivalents	638		800	224
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	84	8	880	634
CURRENT				
LIABILITIES				
Trade and other				
payables	51	9	58	310
Borrowings	129		_	1,158
-	64	8	58	1,468
NET CURRENT				
ASSETS/(LIABILI				(834
TIES)	200	822		)
NONDEFERRED				,
LIABILITIES				
Deferred				
considerat ion				677
				077
			0000000	677
NET ASSETS	11,76	7	1,244	7,021
EQUITY				
ORDINARY				
SHARE CAPITAL	8,337	5,879		7,659
SHARE CAPITAL	6,337	3,679		7,039
CHARE				
SHARE				
PREMIUM	25,512	13,967		19,714
r				
LOAN NOTE				
<b>EQUITY RESERVE</b>	3		_	31

RESERVE FOR OPTIONS GRANTED	172	172	172
RESERVE FOR WARRANTS ISSUED Retained deficit	766 (23,023)	237 (19,011)	637 (21,192)
Equity attributab le to owners of the Company			
and total equity	11,767	1,244	7,021

# UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2016

		Unaudited 6 months ended 30 June 2016 £'000	Unaudited 6 months ended 30 June 2015 £'000	Audited Year ended 31 December 2015 £'000
OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Loss for the period	(1,831)		(718)	(2,899)
Adjustments for:				
Share based payment				
expense	129		_	400
Loss/(profit) on disposal of				
investments	52		17	16
Movement in fair value of				
investments	17		57	79
Share of joint venture			2.47	
losses			247	- (4)
Investment income	274		(38)	(1)
Finance costs	271			11
Foreign exchange movement in respect of				
deferred liability	50			37
Impairment of joint	50		_	37
venture investment			_	_
Operating cash flow				
before working capital				
changes	(1,312)		(435)	(2,357)
Decrease/(increase) in	(1)312)		(1.55)	(2)3377
receivables	183		4	(79)
(Decrease)/increase in				( - /
trade and other payables	(518)		(12)	246
Net cash outflow from	·			
operating activities	(1,647)		(443)	(2,190)
	, , ,		· ,	,
INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES				
Proceeds on disposal of	25		227	227
investments	35		227	227
Purchase of investments	(87)		(147)	(147)
Investment in Nigerian	(2.025)			/F 040\
asset Advances to joint venture	(3,035)		_	(5,940)
operation		_	(357)	_
Investment income		_	(337)	1
Net cash outflow from				
investment activities	(3,087)		(277)	(5,859)
mvestment denvities	(3,007)		(277)	(5,055)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Issue of ordinary share				
capital		6,668	_	6,013
Share issue costs		(523)	_	(438)
Net proceeds of issue of		, ,		` ,
convertible loan notes		536	_	1,178
Repayment of convertible		(1,457)	_	_
		•		

loan notes			
Finance costs paid	(76)	_	_
Net cash inflow from			_
financing activities	5,148	_	6,753
Net increase/(decrease) in			
cash and cash equivalents			
from continuing and total			
operations	414	(720)	(1,296)
Cash and cash equivalents			
at beginning of period	224	1,520	1,520
Cash and cash equivalents			
at end of period	638	800	224

#### NOTES TO THE HALF-YEARLY REPORT

1. The financial information set out in this interim report does not constitute statutory accounts as defined in section 434 of the Companies Act 2006. The group's statutory financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2015, prepared under International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), have been filed with the Registrar of Companies. The auditor's report on those financial statements was unqualified and did not contain a statement under section 498 (2) or (3) of the Companies Act 2006.

The interim financial information has been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and on the same basis and using the same accounting policies as used in the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015. The interim financial statements have not been audited or reviewed in accordance with the International Standard on Review Engagement 2410 issued by the Auditing Practices Board.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention. The Directors believe that the going concern basis is appropriate for the preparation of the financial statements as the Company is in a position to meet all its liabilities as they fall due.

### 2. Other gains and losses

			Year ended
	Six months	Six months	31
	ended	ended	Decem
	30 June	30 June	ber
	2015	2015	2015
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(audited)
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Net (losses)/gains investments	(52)	(74)	12
Net loss on derivative contracts	_	20	20
Movement in fair value of trading investments	(17)	_	(108)
Provision for amount owed by Mexican partner	_	_	(374)
	(69)	(54)	(450)

3. The basic loss per share is calculated by dividing the loss attributable to equity shareholders by the weighted average number of shares in issue.

			Year ended
	Six months	Six months	31
	ended	ended	Decemb
	30 June	30 June	er
	2016	2015	2015
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(audited)
Weighted average number of shares in	700,222,402	201,332,190	
the period			283,826,937
Loss from continuing and total operations	(£1,831,000)	(£718,000)	(£2,899,000)
Basic and diluted loss per share: From continuing and total operations	(0.26)p	(0.36)p	(1.02)p

- 4. No interim dividend will be paid.
- 5. Copies of the interim report can be obtained from: The Company Secretary, MX Oil plc, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, 110 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AY and are available to view and download from the Company's website: <a href="https://www.mxoil.com">www.mxoil.com</a>.

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