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San Leon Energy plc
("San Leon" or the "Company")

Cancellation of admission of Ordinary Shares to trading on AIM

San Leon, the independent oil and gas production, development and exploration company focused on Nigeria, announces that pursuant to Rule 41 of the AIM Rules for Companies ("AIM Rules"), and with the Ordinary Shares of the Company having been suspended for more than six months, the admission to trading on AIM of the Company's Ordinary Shares will be cancelled with effect from 7.00 a.m., today, 1 July 2024 ("**Cancellation**").

As previously announced, the Company's Ordinary Shares were suspended from trading on AIM, pending San Leon publishing, *inter alia*: i) its audited accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022; ii) its unaudited interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2023; and iii) an AIM admission document in relation to the further investment in Energy Link Infrastructure (Malta) Limited ("**ELI**"), details of which were announced by San Leon on 10 October 2023.

It had been the Company's intention to pursue all of these requirements following the conclusion of its proposed refinancing activities. These refinancing activities include in particular:

1. Becoming a beneficiary of a €500 million German government bond which San Leon will be able to utilise for a period of three years by applying it as security to obtain finance from a third party (although the legal ownership of the bond will remain with the owners); and
2. Being in advanced discussions with Midwestern Oil & Gas Company Limited ("**Midwestern**") which include, *inter alia*, a reorganisation of the two companies' holdings in Midwestern Leon Petroleum Limited and Midwestern paying San Leon a cash deposit of \$15 million, alongside a further \$5 million bridging loan if required.

Both of these proposed arrangements were set out in more detail in the Company's announcement on 5 June 2024 and discussions have advanced considerably since that date, with the Company believing that funding

will be received this month in respect of both. The documentation in respect of the proposed transactions with Midwestern, in particular, is now at an advanced stage.

If, as expected, San Leon's refinancing plans are completed then the Company will settle, in full, the amounts owed to its outstanding creditors. Shareholders will be aware from the Company's previous announcements that the Company's efforts to obtain funding have been subject to a number of delays and there can be no certainty that San Leon's current refinancing plans will be concluded, or as to the timescale for completion or as to final terms.

Notwithstanding the Cancellation, the Company will continue to provide updates for shareholders on its progress. Furthermore, it is San Leon's firm intention to undertake a listing, either in the UK or on an international stock exchange, in the second half of this year to restore liquidity for its shareholders. At that point, the Company expects to be fully funded as well as being the majority shareholder in ELI, the owner of the alternative crude oil evacuation system, comprising a new undersea pipeline and the FSO ELI Akaso Terminal (the "ACOES"). As previously announced, the ACOES will provide a dedicated oil export route from the OML 18 oil and gas block, via a new 47-kilometre secure undersea pipeline from OML 18 to the ELI Akaso FSO terminal. The ACOES pipeline component is expected to have a throughput capability of 100,000 barrels per day (b/d) of oil, while the FSO ELI Akaso has a storage capacity of 2 million barrels of oil. Once commissioned, the ACOES is expected to reduce the downtime and allocated pipeline losses currently associated with the Nembe Creek Trunk Line to below 10 per cent.

Oisin Fanning, Chief Executive Officer, said: *"I appreciate shareholders may be disappointed with today's Cancellation, but in fact it makes no difference to the activities we are undertaking to complete our refinancing – and, in many respects, may simplify some of the processes. As we have announced previously, part of our proposed refinancing is to support our further investments in ELI which, as an AIM listed company, would require an admission document. The fact that this type of document is now intended to be produced as part of a new listing, rather than a reverse takeover, means little change to that workstream but it provides greater clarity to the funding process and reduces the inter-conditionality of our activities."*

"I want to reassure shareholders that, firstly, I believe that we are close to achieving our objectives through our refinancing plans; secondly, despite no longer trading on AIM, we will continue to provide regular updates on our progress; and, thirdly, we are fully committed to returning San Leon to a listing later this year in either the UK or on an international stock exchange. As I have said before, the commissioning of the FSO Akaso Terminal is a game changer, not only for OML 18 but for the industry in that region. We are confident that once operational, the FSO and the ACOES pipeline will be a significantly profitable and cash-generative project from which San Leon expects substantial upside through majority ownership following completion of our proposed further investments in ELI."

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