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Ha Noi – 27/12/2008, at PetroVietnam’s office today Vietnam National Oil and Gas Group signed a Corporate Term Loan Facility with mandated lead arrangers are BNP Paribas, ANZ, Natixis and PetroVietnam Finance Company. According to this loan, the four financial institutions will arrange a loan of USD 270 millions with an 8 – year tenor. The loan is to part finance the implementation of the 450 MW Nhon Trach 1 Gas fired thermal power plant.

Nhon Trach 1 Gas fired thermal power plant is built in Dong Nai province (Vietnam) to supply up to 2,5 billion KWh per annum to the national electricity grid of Vietnam. The Project is part of a wider government strategy to ensure national energy stability in Vietnam and further the industrialization and modernization of the country.

Representatives of parties include Mr Tran Ngoc Canh, Vietnam National Oil and Gas Group CEO, Ms Vu Thuy Quynh - Chief Manager ANZ Hanoi, Mr Le Minh Quoc - BNP Paribas Country Director, Mr Nguyen Minh Thach - Senior Vice President, Deputy General Manager, Natixis Hochiminh City branch, Mr Nguyen Khuyen Nguon - Deputy General Director Petro Vietnam Finance Company and representatives from the media.

This is the fifth time in 2007, ANZ Vietnam together with other banking financial institution to arrange loans for national infrastructure plans or important projects contributing to the country’s development such as (i) ANZ was co – arranger for a 300 million USD long-term loan for Vietnam’s Ministry of Finance to finance Dung Quat Oil refinery factory of Petro Vietnam; (ii) ANZ was arranger for a long term 35 million USD loan for Vietnam Electricity Corporation to finance A Vuong hydroelectric power plant in Quang Nam; (iii) ANZ was co-arranger for a 120 mil USD loan for Vietnam Electricity Corporation to finance four Dong Nai hydroelectric power plants which are Dong Nai 3, Dong Nai 4, An khe-Ka nak, Srepok 3; (iv) ANZ was sole mandated lead arranger for long- term financial services (including export finance service to China and trade finance) valued 120 mil USD for Thai Nguyen Iron and Steel Corporation finance the Production

Expansion Project - Phase 2 to support TISCO in increasing its steel billet production capacity by 500,000 tons per annum.

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