



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **MIDNIGHT OIL EXPLORATION LTD. APPOINTS NEW DIRECTOR**

CALGARY, ALBERTA – (Marketwire - April 7, 2009) - Midnight Oil Exploration Ltd. (TSX:MOX) ("Midnight") is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Robert Zakresky to the Board of Directors of Midnight. Mr. Zakresky has over 15 years experience in the oil and gas industry.

Mr. Zakresky is the President, CEO and a director of Crocotta Energy Inc. and previously held the position of President, CEO and a director of Bellator Exploration Inc., Viracocha Energy Inc., Chamaelo Energy Inc. and Chamaelo Exploration Ltd. Mr. Zakresky has significant financial expertise. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Saskatchewan, and is a Chartered Accountant.

Mr. Zakresky will serve on the Audit, Reserves, Compensation and Corporate Governance Committees of Midnight.

The addition of Mr. Zakresky will currently expand the Board of Directors of Midnight to six members. Mr. Tom Medvedic will not be standing for re-election at the next Annual Meeting and Mr. Zakresky's appointment will ensure a smooth transition.

Mr. Tom Medvedic has been a long time member of the Midnight team dating back to the inception of Midnight Oil Exploration Ltd. We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Tom for his assistance and valuable contribution.

Midnight is a publicly listed junior oil and gas exploration and development company based in Calgary, Alberta. Midnight's shares trade on the TSX under the symbol "MOX".

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