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The Manager, Companies  
ASX Ltd  
Companies Announcement Office  
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Dear Sir,

***ANNOUNCEMENT TO ASX***

**ATP 855P FARMIN**

Beach Petroleum Limited (Beach) advises that it has agreed with Icon Energy Limited (Icon) terms under which Beach will acquire up to a 40% interest in ATP 855P, in the Cooper Basin, southwestern Queensland.

Subject to the necessary documentation, including a Farmin Agreement, and regulatory approval, Beach will acquire its interest by:

1. Contributing to the cost of 400 km seismic reprocessing and the acquisition of 300 km of 2D seismic to earn a 25% interest, and at Beach's option,
2. Contributing 100% of Icon's participating interest share of the costs (which are capped at \$7 million) to drill at least one exploration well that satisfies certain conditions to earn an additional 15% interest.

ATP 855P is located in the Nappamerri Trough region of the Cooper Basin and is primarily prospective unconventional for gas. Beach will assume operatorship of ATP 855P for the farmin work.

The farmin consolidates Beach's acreage position within the Cooper Basin that is targeting unconventional gas opportunities.

In addition to the farmin, and subject to the negotiation of a Share Subscription Agreement on terms acceptable to both Beach and Icon, Beach will subscribe for \$3,500,000 of Icon shares.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reg Nelson", written over a light-colored rectangular background.

**Reg Nelson**  
Managing Director, FAusIMM