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Beach Energy appoints new Chief Executive Officer

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Following an extensive search the Beach Energy Board has appointed Mr Matthew Kay as its new Chief Executive Officer.

Mr Kay comes to Beach from Oil Search Limited, where he currently holds the position of Executive General Manager, Strategy and Commercial.

Prior to this he held various senior leadership positions for 12 years at Woodside Petroleum Limited and previously at Santos Limited.

Mr Kay will aim to commence in the role on 17 July 2016 or such earlier date as can be agreed.

Mr Glenn Davis, Chairman of Beach Energy, said the Board was thrilled Beach had attracted a candidate with Mr Kay's depth of industry experience.

"Mr Kay has worked in the oil and gas space for more than 25 years and he has a depth of experience that makes him perfectly suited to the role of our Chief Executive Officer.

"He has led and managed a comprehensive range of business functions throughout his career including strategy and planning, upstream commercial, mergers and acquisitions, production planning and business improvement.

"He brings to the role an excellent understanding of the Australian oil and gas industry and basins.

"Throughout his career, his proven track record, style and determination to succeed make Mr Kay extremely well placed to lead Beach and drive the execution of our strategy into the future.

"I am pleased to make this announcement today and the Board looks forward to welcoming Mr Kay to the Company," Mr Davis said.