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CDS APPOINTS A DIRECTOR & NON-EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN

London, England: September 8, 2005 - CDS Oil & Gas Group plc, a UK-based oil and gas exploration and development company, is pleased to announce the appointment of John Bentley as a Director and Non-Executive Chairman.

Mr. Bentley has over 30 years experience in the natural resource business. He has served in senior management positions for Gencor, the South African group, including being CEO of Gencor's Brazilian gold mining subsidiary, Sao Bento Mineracao SA, during the period 1988 through 1992. He was appointed CEO Exploration & Production for Engen Ltd, the South African oil company in 1993, becoming a Director in 1995, and was subsequently responsible for the formation of Energy Africa Ltd and its listing on the Johannesburg and Luxembourg stock exchanges in 1996. Mr Bentley became Energy Africa's first CEO and guided the company through its first five years during which time its production grew fourfold and it expanded its operations into 12 countries in Africa. Mr Bentley is currently Vice Chairman of Vanco Energy Company, the Houston based deepwater explorer, and a non-executive director of Adastra Minerals Ltd, an AIM listed mining company with a major copper/cobalt project in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He holds a degree in Metallurgy from Brunel University, London.

CDS Oil & Gas Group plc is a UK company, which holds prospective oil and gas properties covering approximately 10,000 square miles in the Paraguayan Chaco Basin in north-western Paraguay. The Company is planning an appraisal drilling program to test the potential for commercial hydrocarbons from several of 12 leads it has identified on its properties. Twenty two of 26 wells drilled by others during the period 1947 – 1996 had oil or gas shows. One well has produced gas on a non commercial basis since 1993. Oil & gas has been produced in Bolivia for more than 70 years from sedimentary sequences similar to the Paraguayan Chaco Basin.

CDS is proceeding with an IPO and application for listing on the AIM in London, England.

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