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**COMPACTGTL APPOINTS LEADING INDUSTRY PLAYER
Rudie Minnie joins team as Engineering Manager**

CompactGTL, the specialist gas-to-liquids (GTL) company, focusing exclusively on oilfield development, has announced that Rudie Minnie has joined the company as Engineering Manager.

As one of the leading designers and commissioners of gas to liquids and refinery plants, Rudie brings to CompactGTL over 24 years of experience working for companies such as Sasol, where he was Chief Process Engineer on the giant ORYX plant in Qatar. South African born, he spent most of his career at PetroSA where he served as Chief Process Engineer, GTL Technology Development as well as Production Manager, Methane Reforming.

Rudie joins CompactGTL as it enters the next phase of its development and will be responsible for the commissioning of its prototype and pilot plants, through to commercialisation of the process.

Peter Riches, Chief Executive of CompactGTL, said,

“Rudie will play a key role at CompactGTL. He is one of the leading players in the industry, with an understanding of the challenges we face in the commercialisation of our process. We are delighted that he has joined our team”.

Rudie Minnie, commented,

“I am joining CompactGTL at an exciting time as it develops a commercial solution to the problem of associated gas. The industry is looking for a scalable GTL solution and I look forward to working with our partners and this world class team in making the technology a commercial reality.”

Formed in May 2006, CompactGTL has developed and is in the process of commercialising proprietary compact reactor technology. The company is developing rapidly, having announced an agreement with Petrobras, the Brazilian government-backed oil company, for the construction and joint testing of a GTL pilot plant to produce up to 20 barrels per day of syncrude.

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Notes to editors

CompactGTL is the specialist gas-to-liquids company, focusing on oilfield developments. Where other GTL companies deal exclusively with gas fields, our technology has been specifically designed to solve the associated gas problems of oilfields in remote or deepwater environments.

CompactGTL plc is a UK company formed to develop and commercialise proprietary, compact reactor. The company, which is privately owned, was formed from the combination of GTL Microsystems AG and the process technology division of Accentus plc (a former subsidiary of AEA Technology plc). The company has offices and new purpose designed laboratories in Abingdon, UK.

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