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Origin appoints Steve Sargent to its Board

Origin Energy Limited (Origin) Chairman Mr Gordon Cairns today announced Mr Steve Sargent has joined the Origin Board as an independent Non-executive Director to fill a vacancy. Mr Sargent also joins the Health, Safety & Environment and Remuneration committees.

Mr Sargent has more than 36 years of global corporate experience in industries including mining, energy and banking and finance. He has held a number of senior leadership positions in Australia and New Zealand, the United States, Europe and Asia. He was formerly a President and Chief Executive Officer of GE Mining, GE's global mining technology and services business.

In a career spanning more than 20 years with the highly respected GE, Mr Sargent also held a number of other operational and leadership positions including Vice President and Officer of General Electric Company, Chief Quality Officer for GE Capital globally and President and CEO for GE Commercial Finance, Europe, and President and CEO GE A&NZ. During his career, he also held roles with Westpac Banking Corporation.

Mr Sargent is also a non executive director of Veda Group Limited, Bond University Limited and the Great Barrier Reef Foundation.

Origin Chairman, Mr Gordon Cairns said, "We welcome Mr Sargent's appointment to the Board. He brings extensive operational and leadership capabilities which, together with his global corporate perspectives, will further strengthen the Origin Board and complement the skills of the existing Directors. Mr Sargent's deep understanding of the drivers of strong and engaged organisational cultures, will also be a welcome addition to the Board.

"The Origin Board looks forward to Mr Sargent's contribution and the expertise and experience he will bring in oversight of the Company," Mr Cairns said.

Origin's Board Charter and Corporate Governance Statement are available on the Company's website.

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About Origin Energy

Origin Energy (ASX: ORG) is the leading Australian integrated energy company focused on gas and oil exploration and production, power generation and energy retailing. A member of the S&P/ASX 20 Index, the Company has approximately 6,900 employees and is a leading producer of gas in eastern Australia. Origin is Australia's largest energy retailer servicing 4.3 million electricity, natural gas and LPG customer accounts and has one of the country's largest and most flexible generation portfolios with approximately 6,010 MW of capacity, through either owned generation or contracted rights. Origin's strategic positioning and portfolio of assets provide flexibility, stability and significant opportunities for growth across the energy industry. Through Australia Pacific LNG, its incorporated joint venture with ConocoPhillips and Sinopec, Origin is developing one of Australia's largest CSG to LNG projects based on Australia's largest 2P CSG reserves base.

In New Zealand, Origin is the major shareholder in Contact Energy, a leading integrated energy company, operating geothermal, thermal and hydro generation facilities totalling 2,359 MW and servicing approximately 562,000 electricity, gas and LPG customers across both the North and South islands. Origin also operates oil and gas projects in New Zealand and holds petroleum exploration acreage in the country.

Origin has a strong focus on ensuring the sustainability of its operations, is the largest green energy retailer in Australia and has significant investments in renewable energy technologies.

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