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## **Santos appoints new executive vice president**

Mr David Knox will join Santos to take up the newly created executive position as Executive Vice President, Growth Businesses.

Mr Knox, 49, has extensive global experience in the petroleum industry. He is currently Managing Director for BP Exploration and Production in Australasia a position he has held since 2003.

During his 25 year career he has held senior positions with BP in Australia, United Kingdom and Pakistan. He has previously worked for ARCO and Shell in the United States, Netherlands, United Kingdom and Norway.

In this new role, which reports to Santos' Managing Director, Mr Knox will be responsible for growth in Santos' emerging new businesses including Geoscience and New Ventures, Indonesia and other strategic projects.

Mr Knox holds a first class honours degree in Mechanical Engineering from Edinburgh University and holds a Masters of Business Administration. Mr Knox is also an executive member of the Australian petroleum industry peak body, the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association.

"We are delighted to secure someone of Mr Knox's calibre for this important new executive role. Mr Knox's global experience coupled with an intimate knowledge of the Asian Pacific oil and gas landscape makes him ideally suited to drive Santos' growth agenda", said Mr Ellice-Flint.

A photograph is available of Mr Knox.

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