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Appointment of Deputy Chairman

The Board of Santos Limited is pleased to advise that Peter Coates has been appointed Deputy Chairman of the Company.

Santos' Chairman, Stephen Gerlach, said the appointment of Mr Coates to this role was part of the Company's Board renewal process.

"Mr Coates has brought a wealth of international corporate and commercial experience to the Santos Board and I look forward to working closer with him in the future," Mr Gerlach said.

Mr Coates has been a Director of Santos since 18 March 2008. He is Chairman of Xstrata Australia and former Chief Executive Officer of Xstrata Coal, Xstrata Plc's global coal business. Mr Coates is also the Chairman of Minara Resources Limited.

Ends

Santos stock symbols: STO (Australian Securities Exchange), STOSY (NASDAQ ADR), Ref #82-34 (Securities Exchange Commission)