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FOREWORD

The author had worked for Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise for over 35 years beginning from 1980 and lived the whole life on exploration and development of oil and gas. I went to my retirement in 2015 as Director for Offshore Exploration & Production. Throughout that tenure, I served the country with my all out efforts by learning from coaching and mentoring of my successive superiors and seniors as well as own accumulating experiences and self-studies.

The field of study for oil industry is so wide that the learning on it will never end but to be continuously carried out since its job nature of is quite unique and rather professional. To become a successful explorationist in oil industry, it needs homogenous blend of interest on the subject, goodwill and dedication to the job, and will to learn. It will never be successful by going to the office as a routine work. In fact all works to explore natural resources are in the same nature that requires professionalism and the relevant professionals and technicians are necessarily to be encouraged and developed thus accordingly. It will be successful in such a way that all those relevant professionals of

engineering, geology, chemistry, computer studies together with that of administration and other supporting fields are working as a closely-knitted family with concerted effort in full cooperation, collaboration and account ability.

My main objective to write this book is just to share my experiences, knowledge and understandings I had all along my service, impart those to new generation, and last but not least to honour all my mentors, seniors and colleagues who gave their lives together with me in striving for development of the oil and gas industry of the country with this memoir. I sincerely believe the readers will at least gain certain knowledge on Myanmar oil and gas sector.

May the country be developed by bringing up reliable and accountable professionals that are well rounded too?

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