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**FORM 6-K**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a - 16 or 15b - 16 of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

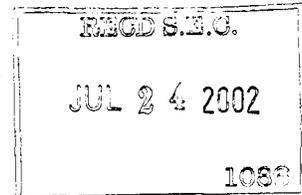
For the month of July, 2002

TAG Oil Ltd.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

887 Helmcken Street, Vancouver, BC, V6Z 1B1 Canada

(Address of Principal executive offices)



Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F

Form 20-F  Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes  No

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-3346.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: July 22, 2002

TAG Oil Ltd.  
(Registrant)

(Signature)

Garth Johnson  
(Name)

Secretary/CFO  
(Title)

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This is the form of material change report required under section 85(1) of the Securities Act.

**FORM 53-901F**

Securities Act

**MATERIAL CHANGE REPORT UNDER SECTION 85(1) OF THE ACT**

**Item 1.                    Reporting Issuer**

Tag Oil Ltd.  
887 Helmcken Street  
Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 1B1

**Item 2.                    Date of Material Change**

On or about July 22, 2002

**Item 3.                    Press Release**

July 22, 2002, Vancouver, B.C.

**Item 4.                    Summary of Material Change**

Experienced Oil Executive Takes Helm of TAG Oil

**Item 5.                    Full Description of Material Change**

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Mr. Hart obtained his Master's Degree in Geology from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1979 and has a long and exemplary career in the oil and gas industry. He has worked in several emerging oil and gas regions including North and West Africa, Central America, Southeast Asia, Australia and New Zealand.

Prior to joining TAG Oil, Mr. Hart held positions with Hunt Oil Company and Arco International Oil and Gas Company. In his four years as Chief Geologist with Arco's Jakarta-based companies, Mr. Hart led the exploration efforts that added over 600 billion cubic feet of natural gas and 156 million barrels of oil to their reserve base. Within two years of becoming Exploration Manager in Jakarta, Mr. Hart assisted in bringing almost two trillion cubic feet gas into production while managing eight figure operating and exploration budgets.

Of significant importance to TAG Oil, Mr. Hart has more recently been engaged in the Australasian region, having led exploration programs for independent oil and gas

companies. Mr. Hart's intimate understanding of the oil industry and his proven track record make him an integral and invaluable addition to the TAG Oil team.

For further information contact:

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**Item 6. Reliance on Section 85(2) of the Act**

N/A

**Item 7. Omitted Information**

None

**Item 8. Senior Officers**

Garth Johnson, Corporate Secretary and Chief Financial Officer  
(604) 682-6496

**Item 9. Statement of Senior Officer**

The foregoing accurately discloses the material change referred to herein.

July 22, 2002

*"Garth Johnson"*

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Garth Johnson, Corporate Secretary/Chief Financial Officer

Place of Declaration: Vancouver, British Columbia

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