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## FAUSSE POINT WELL TO BE COMPLETED FOR PRODUCTION TESTING

The Board of Golden Gate Petroleum Ltd (ASX:GGP) is pleased to advise the T.G.R. Land Company, Inc #1 well at Fausse Point has reached its targeted depth of 8,475 ft and has completed logging and running sidewall cores over the third gas show objective.

After the initial review of the accumulated data acquired to date, the partners have decided to complete the well and 5½ inch casing is presently being run. A production testing program is being developed from the data acquired over the three intervals.

The well has recorded three separate gas and oil intervals starting at 7,000 ft. There have been numerous zones of interest across all three intervals. The lowest interval just logged includes several zones of interest with some showing good permeability, porosity and oil/condensate in the sample cores. Fully understanding these zones of interest is currently underway with any definitive conclusions requiring further review as drilling has occurred adjacent to a salt dome with the presence of salt which can provide mixed results.

The well spudded on Saturday 5 December 2009. The well is expected to be completed over the next day or so and a production testing program started within 2 weeks.

Additional surrounding acreage has been acquired to secure the estimated structure size.

### Comments

While the gas shows and oil indicators over the three zones of interest are very encouraging, the commercial significance cannot be determined until a production testing operation is conducted.

Partners in the Fausse Point Project are:

Golden Gate Petroleum Ltd (ASX code: GGP)	20.00% WI
Verus Investments Limited (ASX code: VIL)	50.00% WI
Pass Petroleum L.L.C.	30.00% WI

Details of the Fausse Point project are summarised on the next page.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

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Golden Gate is an independent oil and gas exploration and production company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange. Its focus of operations is onshore Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coast region of the USA.

COMPETENT PERSONS STATEMENT: The information in this report has been reviewed and signed off by Mr Mark Decker, Geologist (BS. Geology), with over 34 years respective relevant experience within oil and gas sector.

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### **Fausse Point Highlights**

- Fausse Point is part of GGP's strategy to invest in low-cost, high impact, known hydrocarbon bearing areas which in the Company's view are moderately low risk in onshore Louisiana or Texas where its knowledge base and operational experience has been established from its other projects.
- The prospect is located on the flank of a producing salt dome where two high quality targets have been identified. The first target is shallow oil (7,000-8,000 ft) and the deeper target is gas (7,500-9,000 ft). Total dry hole cost to drill the initial well is approximately US\$1.9 million.
- Salt domes in Louisiana have been proven to be highly prospective and prolific producers hence GGP views this as a particularly exciting exploration opportunity. The Fausse Point salt dome has already produced over 44 millions barrels of oil and 141 billion cubic feet of gas.
- The potential oil resource is estimated at 7.4 million barrels of recoverable oil at P50 level and potential gas resource of 24.2 billion cubic feet of gas. With potential upside in the event the anticipated pay zones are larger.
- The Fausse Point exploration project provides a high impact exploration opportunity with near term upside to its current planned Bowtie West project. These high impact exploration wells which are relatively low cost provide good upside for GGP when combined with the current strong cash flow from Bullseye.