

29 November 2012

## Defamation Legal Proceedings by John Heugh

Central Petroleum Ltd (ASX:CTP) ("Company") advises that it has received a Writ of Summons issued out of the Supreme Court of Western Australia by Mr John Phillip Heugh claiming against Dr Henry Askin, Mr Richard Faull, Mr William Dunmore and the Company for (alleged) false and defamatory statements of and concerning Mr Heugh. Mr Heugh claims such statements are: (i) in a document entitled "Notice of General Meeting" under the heading "Schedule 2 - Reasons for Voting for Resolution 6 - Removal of John Heugh as a Director" claimed as written by the Dr Askin, Mr Faull and Mr Dunmore and published by the Company on or about 7 and 11 May 2012; and (ii) in a document entitled "Chairman's letter to Shareholders" dated 5 June 2012 claimed as written by Dr Askin, approved by Mr Faull and Mr Dunmore and published by the Company on or about 5 June 2012. Mr Heugh seeks, amongst other things, a permanent injunction restraining Dr Askin, Mr Faull, Mr Dunmore and the Company from repeating the claimed defamatory or similar words and damages/special damages.

The Company will defend and oppose the legal proceedings vigorously.

Ends

### Media contact

Martin Debelle at Citadel  
+61 2 9290 3033 and mobile +61 (0) 409 911 189

### General Disclaimer and explanation of terms:

*This document may contain forward-looking statements. Forward looking statements are only predictions and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions which are outside the control of the Company. These risks, uncertainties and assumptions include (but are not limited to) commodity prices, currency fluctuations, economic and financial market conditions in various countries and regions, environmental risks and legislative, fiscal or regulatory developments, political risks, project delay or advancement, approvals and cost estimates. Actual values, results or events may be materially different to those expressed or implied in this document. Given these uncertainties, readers are cautioned not to place reliance on forward looking statements. Any forward looking statement in this document is valid only at the date of issue of this document. Subject to any continuing obligations under applicable law and the ASX Listing Rules, or any other Listing Rules or Financial Regulators' rules, the Company, its agents, directors, officers, employees, advisors and consultants do not undertake any obligation to update or revise any information or any of the forward looking statements in this document if events, conditions or circumstances change or that unexpected occurrences happen to affect such a statement. Sentences and phrases are forward looking statements when they include any tense from present to future or similar inflection words, such as (but not limited to) "believe," "estimate," "anticipate," "plan," "predict," "may," "hope," "can," "will," "should," "expect," "intend," "is designed to," "with the intent," "potential," the negative of these words or such other variations thereon or comparable terminology, may indicate forward looking statement.*



**central**  
PETROLEUM  
LIMITED  
ABN 72 083 254 308

Phone: 08 9474 1444  
Fax: 08 9474 1555

Street Address:  
Suite 3, Level 4  
Southshore Centre  
85 South Perth Esplanade  
South Perth  
Western Australia 6151

Postal Address:  
PO Box 197  
South Perth  
Western Australia 6951

info@centralpetroleum.com.au

Wholly owned  
subsidiaries:

**merlin**  
**ENERGY**  
PTY LTD  
ABN 95 081 592 734

**merlin**  
**COAL**  
PTY LTD  
ABN 81 134 469 471

**ordiv**  
**PETROLEUM**  
PTY LTD  
ABN 29 111 102 697

**frontier**  
**OIL & GAS**  
PTY LTD  
ABN 91 103 194 136

**helium**  
**AUSTRALIA**  
PTY LTD  
ABN 11 078 104 006

**merlin**  
**WEST**  
PTY LTD  
ABN 59 114 346 968

**central**  
**GREEN**  
PTY LTD  
ABN 84 128 245 876

**central**  
**GEOHERMAL**  
PTY LTD  
ABN 86 128 245 885

**central**  
**PETROLEUM**  
**SERVICES**  
PTY LTD  
ABN 57 140 628 155