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## **ASX Announcement - McArthur Basin**

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#### **McArthur Basin Exploration Licence Applications**

In addition to the Presentation lodged with the ASX on 17 April 2012, the attached map further defines the Company's targets in its extensive McArthur Basin Exploration Licence Applications.

The primary target for the Company is the carbonaceous (organic rich) shales of the Barney Creek formation of the Palaeo-Proterozoic age. These are prevalent in the McArthur Basin troughs as indicated by the 'Batten Trough' and 'Walker Trough' shown on the attached map.

#### **About Empire Energy Group Limited**

In early 2007, the Company established Empire Energy USA, LLC and currently holds around 96% of its issued capital. Empire Energy USA is an oil and natural gas producer with operations in Appalachia (New York and Pennsylvania) and the Central Kansas Uplift (Kansas). In addition it holds approximately 400,000 acres of Marcellus and Utica shale formations in New York State USA.

A 100% owned subsidiary Imperial Oil & Gas holds 14.5 million acres of potential shale formation in the Northern Territory, Australia.

Empire Energy implemented a US\$100 million credit facility with Macquarie Bank Limited in early 2008 for the sole purpose of acquiring and developing oil and gas assets in the USA. This facility has been increased to US\$150 million.

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# McArthur Basin - Target



