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ABORIGINAL TRADITIONAL LANDOWNERS APPROVE EXPLORATION AGREEMENT FOR IMPERIAL OIL & GAS AREA EP(A) 187, ONSHORE NORTHERN TERRITORY

EP(A) 187

Empire Energy Group Limited (ASX:EEG) is pleased to announce that on 7 November 2013 an Exploration Agreement was reached between 100% owned subsidiary Imperial Oil & Gas ('Imperial') and the Traditional Landowners of the Mambaliya-Rrumburriya-Wuyaliya Aboriginal Land Trust in Imperial's petroleum exploration area EP(A) 187. Following the grant of EP 184 on 21st August 2013 EP(A) 187 is the second petroleum exploration agreement to be successfully negotiated by Imperial.

Now the Traditional Aboriginal Landowners have approved the terms of the EP(A) 187 Exploration Agreement it will be presented for authorization before the Full Council Meeting which is planned for the week commencing 18th November 2013. Thereafter the relevant Northern Territory Government authorities are required also to complete their formalities and endorse the proposed exploration programme prior to permit grant.

Grant of the EP(A) 187 exploration permit is expected to take place in early 2014. Thereafter Imperial intends to commence its on-ground exploration activities in April 2014 immediately following the imminent wet season. Throughout 2013 Imperial has been planning and preparing for the commencement of exploration operations in the region in anticipation of permit grant in some areas. Accordingly on 27th October 2013 it completed a successful geological field programme in its EP 184. Imperial will provide updates in due course as its plans unfold for on-ground exploration activities in 2014 in both EP(A) 187 and EP 184.

EP(A) 187 is unique because in contrast to EP 184 (which is located on land administered under Native Title) EP(A) 187 is one of the first Petroleum Exploration areas in the north eastern part of the Northern Territory to be endorsed by Traditional Owners of Aboriginal land. This is a substantial milestone and achievement by the company given that 80% of Imperial's exploration areas are over Aboriginal owned land.

EP(A) 187 covers 3,679 km² (0.91 million acres) of the highly petroleum prospective South McArthur Basin located west of, and continuous with, the gas-bearing Glyde Sub-Basin. To the north-east EP(A) 187 adjoins Imperial's EP 184 and together they occupy 14,889km² (3.71 million acres) or 25% of Imperial's seven exploration areas (total 59,172km² or14.6 million acres).

Like EP 184 the principal target in EP(A) 187 is unconventional and conventional oil & gas sourced from Palaeo-Proterozoic age black carbonaceous shales of the Barney Creek and equivalent formations. In 2012 3.3 million cubic feet of gas per day was produced from the Glyde-1 well drilled into the black shales of the Glyde Sub-Basin east of EP(A) 187. The pipeline supplying gas to the McArthur River Mine passes west to east along the Carpentaria Highway through EP(A) 187.

EP(A) 188

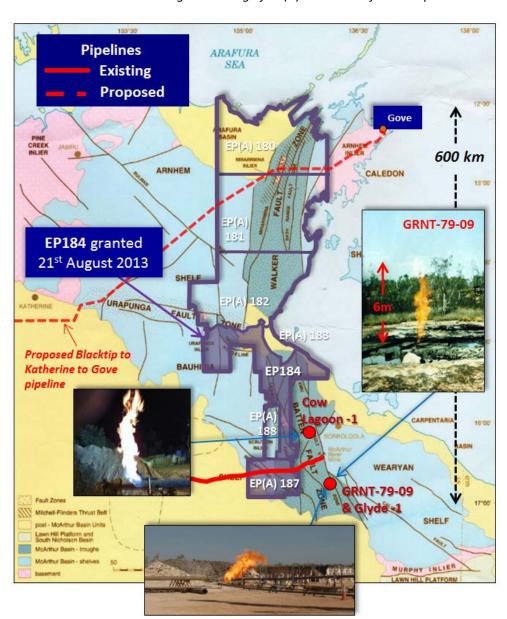
On the 8th November 2013 Traditional Landowners of the Jandanku Land Trust in Imperial's area EP(A) 188 confirmed their decision not to allow exploration operations on their land at this time. Accordingly the 1,453km² (0.36 million acre) EP(A) 188 will enter a 5-year moratorium period after which Imperial can re-commence negotiations. Imperial has developed a strong relationship with the Traditional Owners of the Jandanku Land Trust and during the moratorium period Traditional Owners can reinstate negotiations.

Progress for Grant of remaining Leases

EP(A) 180/181/182/183

Significant progress has also been achieved in negotiating access to the other Imperial tenements. A number of meetings have been completed and Traditional Owner approvals secured by Imperial to negotiate exploration agreements in EP(A) 180, 181, 182 and 183. Accordingly the requisite sacred site surveys have either been completed or are close to completion in all these areas.

Location & Petroleum Geological Setting of EP(A) 187 and adjacent exploration areas.



ABOUT EMPIRE ENERGY GROUP LIMITED

In early 2007, the Company established Empire Energy USA, LLC and currently holds around 100% 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). Total combined 2P reserves are estimated at 14.8 million Boe.

The Company holds approximately 220,000 acres of Marcellus Shale and 150,000 acres of Utica Shale in western New York State and Pennsylvania. In addition, the Company has a Exploration Licence and 6 Applications over 14.6 million acres in the McArthur Basin, Northern Territory, Australia, which is considered prospective for both conventional and unconventional petroleum systems.

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 with around US\$42m of the debt facility currently drawn.