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## ASX Announcement - Expiry of Unlisted Options

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### EXPIRY OF UNLISTED OPTIONS

66,666 Executive options exercisable at \$0.1575 have not been exercised prior to their expiry date being 5 March 2013 and as a consequence have lapsed. All rights under the terms of these options have now lapsed. The Company currently has 13,800,000 unissued shares held under option.

### 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). Total combined 2P reserves are estimated at 14.8 million Boe.

The Company holds approximately 220,000 acres of Marcellus Shale and 180,000 acres of Utica Shale in western New York State and Pennsylvania. In addition, the Company has Exploration Licence Applications over 14.6 million acres in the McArthur Basin, Northern Territory, Australia, which is considered prospective for oil and gas shale.

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\$49m of the debt facility currently drawn.