# GOLDEN GATE PETROLEUM LTD ASX / MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT

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# Permian Project Operational Update—5H on Gas Lift

Golden Gate Petroleum Limited ("GGP") (ASX: GGP) is pleased to provide the market an update on the 5H well which is part of the Permian Project in Texas, USA.

## #5H Well Update

The 5H well has been converted to a gas lift system which has replaced the original electrical submersible pump (ESP). The ESP had been experiencing difficulties coping with the unexpected early breakthrough of gas and oil resulting in a high GOR (gas oil ratio) outside normal specifications for an ESP. After some mechanical difficulties with the compressor, gas injection has begun with the successful valve sequencing being achieved.

The initial 24 hour test recorded 244 bbl of fluid and 246 mcf of gas. Of the total fluid, 188 bbl of oil was recovered. The high level of oil recovery is most likely due to the oil accumulation around the well bore while the well was shut in for the change over from the ESP to gas lift system. Adjustments to the gas lift system continue in determining if the current configuration including bottom hole location will be effective in moving both frac fluid and hydrocarbons. It is too early to determine if our current lift system will achieve satisfactory long term results.

Prior to this gas lift test, the ESP pump system had produced approximately 1,500 bbls of oil plus gas. The continuing challenge will be to determine the best pump or gas lift system for the well's characteristics. Work continues on evaluating the results, making adjustments and determining if further changes are required. The permanent production facilities and gas pipeline are in place. The current line pressure on the gas pipeline is an issue Atlas, the gas purchaser, is addressing.

For and on behalf of the board

Steve Graves
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# **About Golden Gate Petroleum Limited**

Golden Gate Petroleum Limited (ASX: GGP) is an ASX listed company focused on the exploration and development of oil and gas projects in the Gulf States of the United States of America.

**COMPETENT PERSONS STATEMENT**: The information in this report has been reviewed and signed off by Mr. George Placke, Petroleum Engineer, with over 30 years of experience within the oil and gas sector and an extended background in Texas and Louisiana.

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## COMPANY INFORMATION

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#### MANAGEMENT

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#### STOCK EXCHANGE LISTING

Australian Stock Exchange
ASX Code: GGP

Current Shares on Issue: 4,343,316,468

Market Capitalization as at 21

June 2013 based on a share

price of \$0.002

AUD \$ 8.7 million

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