



NEW STANDARD  
ENERGY

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ASX Announcement

## SHARE ISSUE (ASX: NSE)

New Standard Energy Limited (**New Standard**) advises that it has allotted and issued 309,096 fully paid ordinary shares (**Shares**) under the Employee Share Plan (**Share Plan**) as approved by shareholders on 26 November 2010.

### Secondary Trading Exemption

New Standard hereby notifies the ASX under Section 708A(5)(e) of the Act that:

- a) New Standard issued the shares pursuant to this share issue without disclosure to investors under part 6D.2 of the Act;
- b) as at the date of this notice, New Standard has complied with the provisions of the Chapter 2M of the Act as they apply to New Standard, and with Section 674 of the Act; and
- c) as at the date of this notice, there is no excluded information for the purpose of Sections 708A(7) and (8) of the Act in relation to New Standard.

An Appendix 3B in respect of the shares is attached.

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**About New Standard:** New Standard Energy is an aggressive hydrocarbon developer with a mandate to explore for oil and gas. Its exploration and drilling program is active, well funded and extensive. The company's exploration program is underpinned and complemented by targeted corporate activity to take advantage of opportunities and to build an extensive pipeline of exploration projects. New Standard's board has extensive technical and commercial experience in the oil and gas sector.

New Standard currently has cash resources of in excess of \$40m post the BRU share sale transaction with this cash position to be further supplemented by income being generated from the Colorado County Project in Texas and cash calls under the ConocoPhillips farm-in agreement. The Company is primarily focused on aggressively progressing its oil and gas exploration portfolio focused on the onshore Canning and Carnarvon Basins in Western Australia. The portfolio includes:

The company's current exploration portfolio includes:

- 100% (diluting to 25%) operated interest in EP's 443, 450, 451, 456 in Western Australia's Canning Basin
- 100% (diluting to 25%) operated interest in application areas 1/09-0, 2/09-0 and 5/09-0 in the Canning Basin
- 65% (diluting to 50%) operated interest in EP417 in the Canning Basin
- 60% operated interest in the Seven Lakes SPA area in the Canning Basin
- 100% operated interest in the Merlinleigh project, onshore Carnarvon Basin Western Australia
- 32.5% working interest in the Colorado County Project, onshore Texas USA
- 38.5% working interest in the Moeller Project, onshore Texas USA
- 36% working interest in the Wharton County Project, onshore Texas USA
- 32.5% interest in a license for 1,000 square miles of 3D seismic data

In addition to the above portfolio, New Standard has a liquid equity interest (10m shares) in ASX listed Canning Basin explorer Buru Energy Ltd (ASX: BRU) and a 13.7% equity interest in ASX listed Elixir Petroleum Ltd (ASX: EXR). New Standard is also continuing to actively assess other opportunities to complement and expand its exploration portfolio.

Rule 2.7, 3.10.3, 3.10.4, 3.10.5

# Appendix 3B

## New issue announcement, application for quotation of additional securities and agreement

*Information or documents not available now must be given to ASX as soon as available. Information and documents given to ASX become ASX's property and may be made public.*

Introduced 1/7/96. Origin: Appendix 5. Amended 1/7/98, 1/9/99, 1/7/2000, 30/9/2001, 11/3/2002, 1/1/2003, 24/10/2005.

Name of entity

**NEW STANDARD ENERGY LIMITED**

ABN

**20 119 323 385**

We (the entity) give ASX the following information.

### Part 1 - All issues

*You must complete the relevant sections (attach sheets if there is not enough space).*

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| 1 | +Class of +securities issued or to be issued   | Ordinary Shares  |
| 2 | Number of +securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued  | 309,096 fully paid ordinary shares   |
| 3 | Principal terms of the +securities (eg, if options, exercise price and expiry date; if partly paid +securities, the amount outstanding and due dates for payment; if +convertible securities, the conversion price and dates for conversion) | Issue of 309,096 ordinary fully paid shares at an issue price of \$0.5461 in accordance with the terms of the Employee Share Plan as approved by shareholders on 26 November 2010. |

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| <p>4 Do the +securities rank equally in all respects from the date of allotment with an existing +class of quoted +securities?</p> <p>If the additional securities do not rank equally, please state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the date from which they do</li><li>• the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment</li><li>• the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment</li></ul> | <p>Yes, the shares will rank equally with the ordinary shares currently on issue.</p>                |
| <p>5 Issue price or consideration</p>  | <p>\$0.5461 per share</p>  |
| <p>6 Purpose of the issue<br/>(If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets)</p>  | <p>Issue of shares under the Employee Share Plan as approved by shareholders on 26 November 2010</p> |
| <p>7 Dates of entering +securities into uncertificated holdings or despatch of certificates</p>  | <p>28 August 2012</p>  |

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	Number	+Class
8 Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable)	305,331,847	Fully Paid Ordinary Shares

	Number	+Class
9 Number and +class of all +securities not quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable)	500,000	Options 22.5c, 30 June 2013
	500,000	Options 27.5c, 30 June 2013
	6,250,000	Options 38.5c, 20 December 2014
	3,750,000	Options 43.0c, 20 December 2014
	300,000	Options 81.0c, 24 April 2015
	300,000	Options 90.5c, 24 April 2015
	300,000	Options 53.5c, 09 May 2015
	300,000	Options 60.0c, 09 May 2015
	375,000	Options 74.5c, 10 August 2015
	375,000	Options 83.5c, 10 August 2015

10 Dividend policy (in the case of a trust, distribution policy) on the increased capital (interests)	N/A
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## Part 2 - Bonus issue or pro rata issue

11 Is security holder approval required?	
12 Is the issue renounceable or non-renounceable?	
13 Ratio in which the +securities will be offered	
14 +Class of +securities to which the offer relates	
15 +Record date to determine entitlements	
16 Will holdings on different registers (or subregisters) be aggregated for calculating entitlements?	

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Appendix 3B  
New issue announcement

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| 17 | Policy for deciding entitlements in relation to fractions   |  |
| 18 | Names of countries in which the entity has +security holders who will not be sent new issue documents<br><br><small>Note: Security holders must be told how their entitlements are to be dealt with.<br/>Cross reference: rule 7.7.</small> |  |
| 19 | Closing date for receipt of acceptances or renunciations  |  |
| 20 | Names of any underwriters   |  |
| 21 | Amount of any underwriting fee or commission  |  |
| 22 | Names of any brokers to the issue   |  |
| 23 | Fee or commission payable to the broker to the issue  |  |
| 24 | Amount of any handling fee payable to brokers who lodge acceptances or renunciations on behalf of +security holders   |  |
| 25 | If the issue is contingent on +security holders' approval, the date of the meeting  |  |
| 26 | Date entitlement and acceptance form and prospectus or Product Disclosure Statement will be sent to persons entitled  |  |
| 27 | If the entity has issued options, and the terms entitle option holders to participate on exercise, the date on which notices will be sent to option holders   |  |
| 28 | Date rights trading will begin (if applicable)  |  |

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29	Date rights trading will end (if applicable)	
30	How do +security holders sell their entitlements <i>in full</i> through a broker?	
31	How do +security holders sell <i>part</i> of their entitlements through a broker and accept for the balance?	
32	How do +security holders dispose of their entitlements (except by sale through a broker)?	
33	+Despatch date	

### Part 3 - Quotation of securities

*You need only complete this section if you are applying for quotation of securities*

34 Type of securities  
(tick one)

(a) ☒ Securities described in Part 1

(b) ☐ All other securities

Example: restricted securities at the end of the escrowed period, partly paid securities that become fully paid, employee incentive share securities when restriction ends, securities issued on expiry or conversion of convertible securities

#### Entities that have ticked box 34(a)

#### Additional securities forming a new class of securities

*Tick to indicate you are providing the information or documents*

35 ☐ If the +securities are +equity securities, the names of the 20 largest holders of the additional +securities, and the number and percentage of additional +securities held by those holders

36 ☐ If the +securities are +equity securities, a distribution schedule of the additional +securities setting out the number of holders in the categories

1 - 1,000  
1,001 - 5,000  
5,001 - 10,000  
10,001 - 100,000

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100,001 and over

- 37 ☐ A copy of any trust deed for the additional +securities

Entities that have ticked box 34(b)

- 38 Number of securities for which +quotation is sought

- 39 Class of +securities for which quotation is sought

- 40 Do the +securities rank equally in all respects from the date of allotment with an existing +class of quoted +securities?
- If the additional securities do not rank equally, please state:
- the date from which they do
  - the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment
  - the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment
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- 41 Reason for request for quotation now
- Example: In the case of restricted securities, end of restriction period
- (if issued upon conversion of another security, clearly identify that other security)
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- |   | Number               | +Class               |
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| 42 Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 38) | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

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### Quotation agreement

- 1 +Quotation of our additional +securities is in ASX's absolute discretion. ASX may quote the +securities on any conditions it decides.
- 2 We warrant the following to ASX.
  - The issue of the +securities to be quoted complies with the law and is not for an illegal purpose.
  - There is no reason why those +securities should not be granted +quotation.
  - An offer of the +securities for sale within 12 months after their issue will not require disclosure under section 707(3) or section 1012C(6) of the Corporations Act.  
Note: An entity may need to obtain appropriate warranties from subscribers for the securities in order to be able to give this warranty
  - Section 724 or section 1016E of the Corporations Act does not apply to any applications received by us in relation to any +securities to be quoted and that no-one has any right to return any +securities to be quoted under sections 737, 738 or 1016F of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the +securities be quoted.
  - If we are a trust, we warrant that no person has the right to return the +securities to be quoted under section 1019B of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the +securities be quoted.
- 3 We will indemnify ASX to the fullest extent permitted by law in respect of any claim, action or expense arising from or connected with any breach of the warranties in this agreement.
- 4 We give ASX the information and documents required by this form. If any information or document not available now, will give it to ASX before +quotation of the +securities begins. We acknowledge that ASX is relying on the information and documents. We warrant that they are (will be) true and complete.

David Hansen-Knarhoi  
Joint Company Secretary  
28 August 2012

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