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## ASX Announcement – McArthur Basin, Extension of EPA's

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Empire Energy Group Limited (Empire Energy) is pleased to provide confirmation that the negotiating period for the Petroleum Exploration Permit Applications (EPA's) 180, 181, 182, 183, 187 & 188, held by its wholly owned subsidiary Imperial Oil & Gas Pty Ltd (Imperial), have been extended by two years to now expire on 31 October 2014.

The negotiation period has been extended under the terms of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* which under sub-paragraph 42(13)(c)(i) enables extensions of the negotiating period for a further 2 years, by agreement between the Northern Land Council and Imperial.

EPA 184 is subject to Native Title Application with negotiations with the Traditional Owners continuing.

### **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 in the Northern Territory, Australia, which includes around 75% of the MacArthur Basin Tough, a potential hydrocarbon/petroleum bearing shale formation.

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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