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## ASX Announcement

9 September 2013

### MINORITY INTEREST BUY BACK – EMPIRE ENERGY USA LLC

Directors are pleased to announce that the Company has completed the buy back of 40,000 Units in Empire Energy USA LLC ('EEUSA') representing 3.6% of total units and warrants on issue. The effective date of this transaction is 1 January 2013. EEUSA is now a 100% owned subsidiary of the Company subject to the exercise of warrants, equivalent to 10% of the total issued capital of EEUSA, by Macquarie Bank Limited on or before February 2016. The Company has agreed to issue to Commonwealth Energy Assets LLC (CEA) the following consideration:

- 4,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares in the issued capital of Empire Energy Group Limited; and
- 2,500,000 Performance Rights over fully paid ordinary shares in the Company

The Performance Rights are exercisable, at no cost, under the following events:

- Lifting of the current moratorium on oil and/or natural gas fracking in New York state;
- If the Company sells, transfers or assigns all or substantially all of its property interests in Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties in the State of New York to an unaffiliated third party then the performance rights will vest in accordance with the following schedule:

Fair Market Value of Consideration Received by Company	Performance rights exercisable
Less than \$25.0 million	0.0%
At least \$25.0 million but less than \$45.0 million.	Percentage calculated by dividing Fair Market Value of Consideration received by the Company by \$45.0 million.
\$45.0 million or more	100.0%

- If CEA in any way disposes of more than 75% of the 4 million ordinary shares assigned as part of the purchase of the units prior to either the moratorium being terminated or a third party sale being consummated then the performance rights will be cancelled.

### WAIVER FROM LISTING RULE 14.7

At the Company's Annual General Meeting held 31 May 2013 the Company sought and received shareholder pre-approval under Resolution 3 to issue 4 million shares to CEA for the purchase of

40,000 in Empire Energy USA LLC (EEUSA). Pursuant to Listing Rule 7.3.2 Shareholder authority for the issue of these securities expired on 31 August 2013.

On 30 August 2013 in the United States, being on or within three months of shareholder approval at the AGM, the Company entered into a Unit Purchase Agreement which provides for the transfer of the 4,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares to CEA.

Due to the difference in time zones between Australia and the United States the Company was unable to lodge an Appendix 3B within the 3 month period referred to above.

The Company has made application to ASX Limited for a waiver from listing rule 14.7 permitting the Company to issue the 4,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares under shareholder approval received at the AGM no later than 27 September 2013.

Should this waiver be unsuccessful the Company will issue the shares under its existing 15% placement capacity pursuant to Listing Rule 7.1.

### **ABOUT EMPIRE ENERGY GROUP LIMITED**

In early 2007, the Company established Empire Energy USA, LLC. 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 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\$49m of the debt facility currently drawn.

# 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 01/07/96 Origin: Appendix 5 Amended 01/07/98, 01/09/99, 01/07/00, 30/09/01, 11/03/02, 01/01/03, 24/10/05, 01/08/12, 04/03/13

Name of entity

Empire Energy Group Limited

ABN

29 002 148 361

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  | Unlisted Performance Rights   |
| 2 | Number of +securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued   | 2,500,000   |
| 3 | Principal terms of the +securities (e.g. 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) | 2,500,000 Performance Rights over fully paid ordinary shares issued as part consideration for the acquisition of 40,000 shares in Empire Energy USA LLC.<br><br>Performance Rights are only exercisable under the following events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Lifting of the fracking moratorium in New York State</li><li>- The Company selling or transferring all or substantially all of its New York Oil and Gas Property Interests</li><li>- If the rights holder disposes of more than 75% of the original consideration (4 million shares) also agreed to be issued prior to either of the two above events occurring the Performance Rights will be cancelled.</li></ul> |

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<p>4 Do the <sup>+</sup>securities rank equally in all respects from the <sup>+</sup>issue date with an existing <sup>+</sup>class of quoted <sup>+</sup>securities?</p> <p>If the additional <sup>+</sup>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>No</p> <p>Date of issue of shares subject to preconditions being satisfied.</p>
<p>5 Issue price or consideration</p>	<p>Performance Rights are issued for Nil consideration.</p>
<p>6 Purpose of the issue          (If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets)</p>	<p>Performance Rights are part consideration for purchase of 40,000 shares in Empire Energy USA LLC.</p> <p>As a result of the acquisition Empire Energy USA LLC becomes a wholly owned subsidiary.</p>
<p>6a Is the entity an <sup>+</sup>eligible entity that has obtained security holder approval under rule 7.1A?</p> <p>If Yes, complete sections 6b – 6h in relation to the <sup>+</sup>securities the subject of this Appendix 3B, and comply with section 6i</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>6b The date the security holder resolution under rule 7.1A was passed</p>	<p>AGM – 31 May 2013</p>
<p>6c Number of <sup>+</sup>securities issued without security holder approval under rule 7.1</p>	<p>Nil</p>
<p>6d Number of <sup>+</sup>securities issued with security holder approval under rule 7.1A</p>	<p>Nil</p>

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6e	Number of +securities issued with security holder approval under rule 7.3, or another specific security holder approval (specify date of meeting)	Nil				
6f	Number of +securities issued under an exception in rule 7.2	Nil				
6g	If +securities issued under rule 7.1A, was issue price at least 75% of 15 day VWAP as calculated under rule 7.1A.3? Include the +issue date and both values. Include the source of the VWAP calculation.	Nil				
6h	If +securities were issued under rule 7.1A for non-cash consideration, state date on which valuation of consideration was released to ASX Market Announcements	Nil				
6i	Calculate the entity's remaining issue capacity under rule 7.1 and rule 7.1A – complete Annexure 1 and release to ASX Market Announcements	73,715,920				
7	<p>+Issue dates</p> <p><small>Note: The issue date may be prescribed by ASX (refer to the definition of issue date in rule 19.12). For example, the issue date for a pro rata entitlement issue must comply with the applicable timetable in Appendix 7A.</small></p> <p><small>Cross reference: item 33 of Appendix 3B.</small></p>	9 September 2013				
8	Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX ( <i>including</i> the +securities in section 2 if applicable)	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">Number</th> <th style="width: 50%;">+Class</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">304,863,682</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Fully paid ordinary shares</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Number	+Class	304,863,682	Fully paid ordinary shares
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	Number	+Class
9	Number and +class of all +securities not quoted on ASX (including the +securities in section 2 if applicable)	See attached
10	Dividend policy (in the case of a trust, distribution policy) on the increased capital (interests)	

**Part 2 - 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?	
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 offer documents  <small>Note: Security holders must be told how their entitlements are to be dealt with.            Cross reference: rule 7.7.</small>	
19	Closing date for receipt of acceptances or renunciations	

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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 offer documents 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)	
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?	

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32 How do security holders dispose of their entitlements (except by sale through a broker)?

33 <sup>+</sup>Issue date

**Part 3 - Quotation of securities**

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

**NOTE:** Quotation is not being sought at this time.

34 Type of <sup>+</sup>securities  
(tick one)

(a)  <sup>+</sup>Securities described in Part 1

(b)  All other <sup>+</sup>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 <sup>+</sup>securities are <sup>+</sup>equity securities, the names of the 20 largest holders of the additional <sup>+</sup>securities, and the number and percentage of additional <sup>+</sup>securities held by those holders

36  If the <sup>+</sup>securities are <sup>+</sup>equity securities, a distribution schedule of the additional <sup>+</sup>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  
100,001 and over

37  A copy of any trust deed for the additional <sup>+</sup>securities

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**Entities that have ticked box 34(b)**

38 Number of +securities for which +quotation is sought 

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39 +Class of +securities for which quotation is sought 

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40 Do the +securities rank equally in all respects from the +issue date 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
42 Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX (including the +securities in clause 38)		

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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 is not available now, we 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.

Sign here:

  
(Company secretary)

Date: 9 September 2013

Print name: Rachel Ryan

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## Appendix 3B – Annexure 1

### Calculation of placement capacity under rule 7.1 and rule 7.1A for eligible entities

Introduced 01/08/12 Amended 04/03/13

#### Part 1

<b>Rule 7.1 – Issues exceeding 15% of capital</b>	
<b>Step 1: Calculate “A”, the base figure from which the placement capacity is calculated</b>	
<b>Insert</b> number of fully paid +ordinary securities on issue 12 months before the +issue date or date of agreement to issue	298,197,016
<p><b>Add</b> the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of fully paid +ordinary securities issued in that 12 month period under an exception in rule 7.2</li> <li>• Number of fully paid +ordinary securities issued in that 12 month period with shareholder approval</li> <li>• Number of partly paid +ordinary securities that became fully paid in that 12 month period</li> </ul> <p><i>Note:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Include only ordinary securities here – other classes of equity securities cannot be added</i></li> <li>• <i>Include here (if applicable) the securities the subject of the Appendix 3B to which this form is annexed</i></li> <li>• <i>It may be useful to set out issues of securities on different dates as separate line items</i></li> </ul>	6,666,666
<b>Subtract</b> the number of fully paid +ordinary securities cancelled during that 12 month period	NIL
<b>“A”</b>	304,863,682

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<b>Step 2: Calculate 15% of “A”</b>	
“B”	0.15 <i>[Note: this value cannot be changed]</i>
<b>Multiply</b> “A” by 0.15	45,729,552
<b>Step 3: Calculate “C”, the amount of placement capacity under rule 7.1 that has already been used</b>	
<p><b>Insert</b> number of +equity securities issued or agreed to be issued in that 12 month period <i>not counting</i> those issued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under an exception in rule 7.2</li> <li>• Under rule 7.1A</li> <li>• With security holder approval under rule 7.1 or rule 7.4</li> </ul> <p><i>Note:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>This applies to equity securities, unless specifically excluded – not just ordinary securities</i></li> <li>• <i>Include here (if applicable) the securities the subject of the Appendix 3B to which this form is annexed</i></li> <li>• <i>It may be useful to set out issues of securities on different dates as separate line items</i></li> </ul>	2,500,000
“C”	2,500,000
<b>Step 4: Subtract “C” from [“A” x “B”] to calculate remaining placement capacity under rule 7.1</b>	
“A” x 0.15  <i>Note: number must be same as shown in Step 2</i>	45,729,552
<b>Subtract</b> “C”  <i>Note: number must be same as shown in Step 3</i>	2,500,000
<b>Total</b> [“A” x 0.15] – “C”	43,229,552  <i>[Note: this is the remaining placement capacity under rule 7.1]</i>

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Part 2

<b>Rule 7.1A – Additional placement capacity for eligible entities</b>	
<b>Step 1: Calculate “A”, the base figure from which the placement capacity is calculated</b>	
<b>“A”</b>  <i>Note: number must be same as shown in Step 1 of Part 1</i>	304,863,682
<b>Step 2: Calculate 10% of “A”</b>	
<b>“D”</b>	0.10  <i>Note: this value cannot be changed</i>
<b>Multiply “A” by 0.10</b>	30,486,368
<b>Step 3: Calculate “E”, the amount of placement capacity under rule 7.1A that has already been used</b>	
<b>Insert</b> number of +equity securities issued or agreed to be issued in that 12 month period under rule 7.1A  <i>Notes:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>This applies to equity securities – not just ordinary securities</i></li> <li>• <i>Include here – if applicable – the securities the subject of the Appendix 3B to which this form is annexed</i></li> <li>• <i>Do not include equity securities issued under rule 7.1 (they must be dealt with in Part 1), or for which specific security holder approval has been obtained</i></li> <li>• <i>It may be useful to set out issues of securities on different dates as separate line items</i></li> </ul>	NIL
<b>“E”</b>	NIL

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<b>Step 4: Subtract "E" from ["A" x "D"] to calculate remaining placement capacity under rule 7.1A</b>	
<b>"A" x 0.10</b> <i>Note: number must be same as shown in Step 2</i>	30,486,368
<b>Subtract "E"</b> <i>Note: number must be same as shown in Step 3</i>	NIL
<b>Total</b> ["A" x 0.10] – "E"	30,486,368 <i>Note: this is the remaining placement capacity under rule 7.1A</i>

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Q9. Number and class of all securities not quoted on ASX

<b>Number</b>	<b>Class</b>
1,650,000	Executive options exercisable at \$0.18 expiring 31 December 2013.
7,000,000	Executive options exercisable at \$0.35 expiring 31 December 2014.
1,500,000	Executive options exercisable at \$0.18 expiring 31 December 2015.
5,000,000	Executive options exercisable at \$0.17 expiring 31 December 2015.
15,150,000	
2,500,000	Performance Rights subject to preconditions being met.

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