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## ASX Announcement – Finance Facility

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### **DRAWDOWN ON FINANCE FACILITY**

Empire Energy Group Limited has in place with Macquarie Bank Limited (“Macquarie”) a US\$150 million finance facility which can be utilised for the acquisition of producing oil and gas assets and their associated development. The facility operates with a monthly cash sweep mechanism enabling the monthly pay down of debt.

Directors advise that an agreement has been reached with Macquarie to amend the terms of the facility to enable additional facility drawdown flexibility for up to \$2 million.

The Company has made an initial drawdown of US\$1 million under the terms of the new amendment. There has been no change in the interest margin paid on amounts drawn under the amendment, but under the terms of the amendment the Company will issue unlisted options based on a pro rata drawdown amount. As a component of this initial drawdown the Company has issued to Macquarie 4,250,000 unlisted options exercisable at A\$0.12, expiring 26 February 2016.

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

In early 2007, the Company established Empire Energy USA, LLC a wholly owned subsidiary. Empire Energy USA is an oil and natural gas producer with operations in Appalachia (New York and Pennsylvania) and the Central Kansas Uplift (Kansas).

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 holds a US\$150 million credit facility with Macquarie Bank Limited, other than for the recent amendment to the facility, can be utilised for the sole purpose of acquiring and developing oil and gas assets in the USA. This facility has around US\$43m 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 options  |
| 2 | Number of +securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued   | 4,250,000 unlisted options                                  |
| 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) | 4,250,000 options exercisable @ \$0.12 prior to 26/02/2016. |

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<p>4 Do the +securities rank equally in all respects from the +issue date 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>No</p> <p>Date of exercise of options</p>
<p>5 Issue price or consideration</p>	<p>Options 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>Options issued to Macquarie Bank Limited as a component of an amendment to the existing credit facility (which only allowed for the acquisition of producing assets and their associated development) but now allows for a broader funding capacity.</p>
<p>6a Is the entity an +eligible entity that has obtained security holder approval under rule 7.1A?</p> <p>If Yes, complete sections 6b – 6h in relation to the +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 +securities issued without security holder approval under rule 7.1</p>	<p>4,250,000 unlisted options</p>

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6d	Number of +securities issued with security holder approval under rule 7.1A	Nil	
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	65,465,920	
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>	30 January 2014	
8	Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX (including the +securities in section 2 if applicable)	308,863,682	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*

- 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

39 +Class of +securities for which quotation is sought

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

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)

	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: 3 February 2014

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	304,863,682
<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>	
<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>	<p>2,500,000 performance rights</p> <p>4,000,000 ordinary shares</p> <p>4,250,000 unlisted options</p>
“C”	10,750,000
<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>	10,750,000
<b>Total</b> [“A” x 0.15] – “C”	34,979,552 <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  <b>Notes:</b> <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>	
“A” x 0.10 <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>
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.
4,250,000	Unlisted options exercisable at \$0.12 expiring 26 February 2016.
17,750,000	
2,500,000	Performance Rights subject to preconditions being met.

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