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GOLDEN GATE APPOINTS NEW CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER - USA

The Board of Golden Gate Petroleum Ltd is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Michael Bell to the position of Chief Operating Officer-USA.

In this role, Mr Bell will be responsible for driving the 2006 Padre Island drilling programme and the development and production of discovered hydrocarbons.

Mr Bell is a petroleum professional with over twenty-five years experience in the Oil and Gas industry and has an impressive set of credentials and achievements, with a particular focus in the development of deepwater fields in the Gulf of Mexico with BP, Mobil and Unocal.

His most recent position was Vice President, Deepwater Gulf of Mexico, Unocal Corp for 7 years where he established Unocal as a leader in deepwater exploration and was instrumental in the discoveries at Mad Dog, K2, Puma, Knotty Head, Trident, St. Malo, and Tobago.

Mr Bell is a graduate of Dartmouth College with an AB in Earth Sciences. He also holds an MSc degree from Cornell University. In 2001, he completed the Advance Management Program at Harvard Business School.

Mr Bell was attracted to Golden Gate Petroleum Ltd by the high quality of its Padre Island prospects and has shown his confidence in the prospects and the Company's future by agreeing to sacrifice a portion of his salary in return for incentive options. Mr Bell will be issued with three million options exercisable at 22 cents per option. The options will have a term of four years but will vest at the rate of 500,000 options for each six months of service and become fully vested after three years service.

Mr Bell will be based in the Company's Houston office, where he inherits a strong technical team consisting of one geophysicist, two engineers and a land person. In addition, Palco continues to act as technical consultant to the Company.

Shareholders wishing to meet Mr Bell may do so at the Company's forthcoming AGM on 30 November.

A detailed summary of Mr Bell's experience appears below along with a duly completed appendix 3B.

On behalf of the
Board of Directors

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Mr Michael Bell - Experience

Mr Bell has held very senior positions in a number of large multinational companies including;

UNOCAL Corp:

Vice President, Deepwater Gulf of Mexico. Mr Bell established UNOCAL as a leader in deepwater exploration and was instrumental in the discoveries at Mad Dog, K2, Puma, Knotty Head, Trident, St. Malo, and Tobago.

Mobil Corp:

Vice President and General Manager Deepwater Gulf of Mexico. Mr Bell was responsible for the growth and profitability of Mobil's deep water business and managed the Company's interest in the Cooper Field.

BP Exploration:

Asset manager Atlantic Frontier BP Exploration UK. Mr Bell developed the regional frame work that led to the Suilven discovery and also led the development and implementation of the extended well testing that culminated in the development of the Clair Field. In the deepwater Gulf of Mexico, Mr Bell led the exploration effort for BP during the Company's early stages.

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.

Name of entity

Golden Gate Petroleum Ltd

ABN

34 090 074 785

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 | Option |
| 2 | Number of +securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued | 3,000,000 |
| 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) | Exercisable at 22 cents on or before 21 November 2009. Options vest at a rate of 500,000 options per six months of service. |

<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"> • 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 	<p>No, new class</p>																														
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10 Dividend policy (in the case of a trust, distribution policy) on the increased capital (interests) N/A

Part 2 - Bonus issue or pro rata issue

11 Is security holder approval required? N/A

12 Is the issue renounceable or non-renounceable? N/A

13 Ratio in which the +securities will be offered N/A

14 +Class of +securities to which the offer relates N/A

15 +Record date to determine entitlements N/A

16 Will holdings on different registers (or subregisters) be aggregated for calculating entitlements? N/A

17 Policy for deciding entitlements in relation to fractions N/A

18 Names of countries in which the entity has +security holders who will not be sent new issue documents
N/A
Note: Security holders must be told how their entitlements are to be dealt with.
Cross reference: rule 7.7.

19 Closing date for receipt of acceptances or renunciations N/A

20 Names of any underwriters N/A

21 Amount of any underwriting fee or commission N/A

22 Names of any brokers to the issue N/A

23 Fee or commission payable to the broker to the issue N/A

24	Amount of any handling fee payable to brokers who lodge acceptances or renunciations on behalf of +security holders	N/A
25	If the issue is contingent on +security holders' approval, the date of the meeting	N/A
26	Date entitlement and acceptance form and prospectus or Product Disclosure Statement will be sent to persons entitled	N/A
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	N/A
28	Date rights trading will begin (if applicable)	N/A
29	Date rights trading will end (if applicable)	N/A
30	How do +security holders sell their entitlements <i>in full</i> through a broker?	N/A
31	How do +security holders sell <i>part</i> of their entitlements through a broker and accept for the balance?	N/A
32	How do +security holders dispose of their entitlements (except by sale through a broker)?	N/A
33	+Despatch date	N/A

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

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

(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

(If the additional securities do not form a new class, go to 43)

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
100,001 and over

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

(now go to 43)

Entities that have ticked box 34(b)

38 Number of securities for which +quotation is sought

N/A

39 Class of +securities for which quotation is sought

N/A

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

N/A

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)

N/A

	Number	+Class
42 Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 38)		

(now go to 43)

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

All entities

Fees

43 Payment method (tick one)

Cheque attached

Electronic payment made

Note: Payment may be made electronically if Appendix 3B is given to ASX electronically at the same time.

Periodic payment as agreed with the home branch has been arranged

Note: Arrangements can be made for employee incentive schemes that involve frequent issues of securities.

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.
- We warrant that if confirmation is required under section 1017F of the Corporations Act in relation to the +securities to be quoted, it has been provided 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.

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- 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.

Sign here:

Date: 21/11/2005

Director/Company Secretary
Print name: Mark Freeman

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