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DISCOVERY - FAUSSE POINT WELL

The Board of Golden Gate Petroleum Ltd (ASX:GGP) is pleased to advise the T.G.R. Land Company, Inc #1 well at Fausse Point has begun testing the initial zone of interest in the lowest of three identified hydrocarbon formations. Perforation of this first zone of interest resulted in an immediate pressure build at the surface. The pressure increased as the well bore liquid was unloaded (produced) and gas was registered at the surface along with a high percentage of clear high gravity distillate (light crude oil or condensate). For logistic and safety reasons the well was shut in until Monday USA time when production testing will be continued to determine flow rates and the commercial significance of the discovery.

The Fausse Point well has encountered three distinct gas and oil formations starting at 7,000 ft. There have been several zones of interest across all three major formations with indications of hydrocarbons. The lowest formation includes several zones of interest including the zone just perforated that indicated good permeability, porosity with oil/condensate recovered in the sample cores and has now flowed hydrocarbons to surface.

Comments

The initial testing of the hydrocarbon discovery in the first zone of interest is very encouraging at this stage and provides increasing confidence about the numerous other zones that have also encountered hydrocarbons. Extended production testing operations will be conducted throughout this coming week. If the first zone just tested confirms a commercial result, testing will cease and preparations will begin to bring the well onto production.

The GGP Board is very pleased with the results to date which seem to confirm its expectations and now looks forward to the extended production testing operation to determine the commercial significance.

Partners in the Fausse Point Project are:

Golden Gate Petroleum Ltd (ASX code: GGP)	20.00% WI
Verus Investments Limited (ASX code: VIL)	50.00% WI
Pass Petroleum L.L.C.	30.00% WI

Details of the Fausse Point project are summarised on the next page.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

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Golden Gate is an independent oil and gas exploration and production company listed on the Australian Stock Exchange. Its focus of operations is onshore Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coast region of the USA.

COMPETENT PERSONS STATEMENT: The information in this report has been reviewed and signed off by Mr Mark Decker, Geologist (BS. Geology), with over 34 years respective relevant experience within the oil and gas sector.

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Fausse Point Highlights

- Fausse Point is part of GGP's strategy to invest in low-cost, high impact, known hydrocarbon bearing areas which in the Company's view are moderately low risk in onshore Louisiana or Texas where its knowledge base and operational experience has been established from its other projects.
- The prospect is located on the flank of a producing salt dome where two high quality targets have been identified. The first target is shallow oil (7,000-8,000 ft) and the deeper target is gas (7,500-9,000 ft). Total well cost to complete the initial well is approximately US\$2.6 million.
- Salt domes in Louisiana have been proven to be highly prospective and prolific producers hence GGP views this as a particularly exciting exploration opportunity. The Fausse Point salt dome has already produced over 44 millions barrels of oil and 141 billion cubic feet of gas.
- The potential oil resource is estimated at 7.4 million barrels of recoverable oil at P50 level and potential gas resource of 24.2 billion cubic feet of gas. With potential upside in the event the anticipated pay zones are larger.
- The Fausse Point exploration project provides a high impact exploration opportunity with near term upside to its current planned Bowtie West project. These high impact exploration wells which are relatively low cost provide good upside for GGP when combined with the current strong cash flow from Bullseye.