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Dear Elizabeth

SUBJECT: APPENDIX 3Z AND 3X NOTICES

In response to your query dated 10 December 2009, please see below responses;

1. Please explain why the Appendices were lodged late.

The Appendices were lodged late due to an administrative oversight in relation to the technical circumstances concerning Mr Brophy's retirement and re-appointment. Mr Brophy's retirement and re-appointment resulted from his initial appointment as a director occurring just prior to the company's AGM held on 30 November. Under the company's constitution a director appointed casually is only able to hold the position until the next AGM.

Mr Brophy was unable to be confirmed at the November AGM as the Notice of Meeting had been prepared and released prior to the decision to appoint him. He therefore was deemed to have retired at the time of the meeting and needed to be re-appointed. The company secretary initially overlooked the requirement that this retirement and re-appointment would also need to be announced to the ASX.

2. What arrangements does the Company have in place with its directors to ensure that it is able to meet its disclosure obligations under listing rule 3.19A?

The company has advised all directors of their notification requirements and is satisfied that the arrangements it has in place with the directors enable it to meet its disclosure requirements under listing rule 3.19A. The delay that occurred in this instance was the result of an administrative oversight.

3. If the current arrangements are inadequate or not being enforced, what additional steps does the Company intend to take to ensure compliance with listing rule 3.19B?

As explained above (per 2) the company is satisfied the current arrangements it has in place with its directors are adequate to ensure compliance.

Yours sincerely

Golden Gate Petroleum

Chris Bowyer
Company Secretary

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10 December 2009

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Dear Chris

**Golden Gate Petroleum Limited (the "Company")
 Appendices 3X and 3Z –Initial and Final Director's Interest Notices – Mr Frank Brophy**

We refer to the following;

1. The Appendix 3X lodged by the Company with ASX Limited ("ASX") on 9 December 2009 for Mr Frank Brophy;
2. The Appendix 3Z lodged by the Company with ASX Limited ("ASX") on 9 December 2009 for Mr Frank Brophy;
3. Listing rule 3.19A which requires an entity to tell ASX the following:

3.19A.1 The notifiable interests of a director of the entity (or in the case of a trust, a director of the responsible entity of the trust) at the following times.

- On the date that the entity is admitted to the official list.
- On the date that a director is appointed.

The entity must complete Appendix 3X and give it to ASX no more than 5 business days after the entity's admission or a director's appointment.

3.19A.2 A change to a notifiable interest of a director of the entity (or in the case of a trust, a director of the responsible entity of the trust). The entity must complete Appendix 3Y and give it to ASX no more than 5 business days after the change occurs.

3.19A.3 The notifiable interests of a director of the entity (or in the case of a trust, a director of the responsible entity of the trust) at the date that the director ceases to be a director. The

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entity must complete Appendix 3Z and give it to ASX no more than 5 business days after the director ceases to be a director.

4. Listing rule 3.19B which states as follows.

An entity must make such arrangements as are necessary with a director of the entity (or in the case of a trust, a director of the responsible entity of the trust) to ensure that the director discloses to the entity all the information required by the entity to give ASX completed Appendices 3X, 3Y and 3Z within the time period allowed by listing rule 3.19.A. The entity must enforce the arrangements with the director.

5. The Companies Update dated 27 June 2008, reminding listed entities of their obligation to notify ASX within 5 business days of the notifiable interests in securities held by each director and outlining the action that ASX would take in relation to breaches of listings rules 3.19A and 3.19B.

The Appendix 3X indicates that Mr Brophy was appointed a director on 30 November 2009 and the Appendix 3Z indicates that Mr Brophy resigned as a director on 30 November 2009. As the Appendices were lodged on 9 December 2009 it appears that the Company may be in breach of listing rules 3.19A and/or 3.19B.

Please note that ASX is required to record details of breaches of the listing rules by listed companies for its reporting requirements.

ASX reminds the Company of its contract with ASX to comply with the listing rules. In the circumstances ASX considers that it is appropriate that the Company make necessary arrangements to ensure there is not a reoccurrence of a breach of the listing rules.

Having regard to listing rules 3.19A and 3.19B and Guidance Note 22: "Director Disclosure of Interests and Transactions in Securities - Obligations of Listed Entities", we ask that you answer each of the following questions:

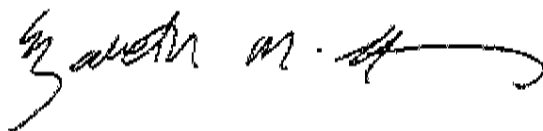
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3. If the current arrangements are inadequate or not being enforced, what additional steps does the Company intend to take to ensure compliance with listing rule 3.19B?

Your response should be sent to me email at Elizabeth.Harris@ASX.com.au or by facsimile on facsimile number (08) 9221 2020. It should not be sent to the Company Announcements Office.

A response is requested as soon as possible and, in any event, not later than **4:00pm WST on Tuesday 15 December 2009**.

Under listing rule 18.7A, a copy of this query and your response will be released to the market, so your response should be in a form suitable for release and should separately address each of the questions asked. If you have any queries or concerns, please contact me immediately

Yours sincerely,



Elizabeth Harris
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