

## Empire Pays \$2 Million AUD to Begin Tasmanian Seismic Survey

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LENEXA, KS--(MARKET WIRE)--Apr 5, 2006 -- Empire Energy Corporation International ("Empire") (OTC BB:EEGC.OB - News) is pleased to announce that the AUD\$6.4 Million oil and gas seismic survey is underway with pre-payments totaling AUD\$2 Million made to Terrex Seismic Pty Ltd. (Terrex), a Western Australian-based seismic company. On-ground exploration activity will begin this month on a 1,400 km (870 mile) program planned by our wholly owned subsidiary, Tasmanian oil and gas explorer Great South Land Minerals Limited (GSLM).

GSLM CEO, Dr. Clive Burrett, stated, "Field operations will commence after Easter and will be in full swing by the last week in April. GSLM commissioned the seismic program in September 2005, however activity was delayed due to the heavy demand for seismic services coupled with the shortage of skilled oil-field workers as a consequence of sustained high oil prices in excess of \$US60 a barrel."

Terrex Seismic's Managing Director Stephen Tobin said, "The company will employ a minimum of 20 people locally, out of a total workforce of about 30 people, to assist in traffic management and seismic operations. The seismic crew also spends approximately \$5,000 a day on products and services in local towns adjacent to the exploration areas and, depending on the success of the planned future drilling activity, additional training and employment opportunities may be created throughout the exploration program. Terrex Seismic is using large seismic vibrators, which are capable of imaging subsurface structures to a depth of 20 kilometres where oil or gas could accumulate. The economic basement for hydrocarbon production in Tasmania is expected to be maximum depth of approximately six kilometres."

This second phase seismic program follows a 660-kilometre program conducted in 2001 and is focused on locating exploration prospects and leads that the company intends to drill. The geologic and existing well data will then be used to rank the prospects in terms of drilling costs and probability of a discovery, enabling the development of a prioritised drilling program. Terrex Seismic and GSLM have been working closely with state and local government authorities including Mineral Resources Tasmania (MRT), the Environment and Main Roads Divisions and councils in the exploration area.

"Terrex Seismic strives to conduct seismic operations in a safe, environmentally sensitive and operationally efficient manner. Wherever possible, existing roads and tracks are being used to minimize disturbance to the environment and to local landowner's operations. Terrex Seismic is pleased to be involved in an onshore seismic exploration program with GSLM that has the potential to provide significant benefits and dividends for Tasmania. The successful exploration and development of Tasmania's petroleum resources could have a very positive impact on employment and training, as well as providing significant royalty payments to the State Government," Mr Tobin said.

"Under Empire's leadership, GSLM's exploration program is being accelerated, enhancing the prospect of developing a commercial oil and gas industry for the State. A four-year federally-funded study by the University of Tasmania found that more than three billion barrels of oil equivalent could be potentially recoverable from onshore Tasmania. Our seismic program and planned drilling activity represent the next step in developing a potentially valuable oil and gas resource for Tasmania," stated GSLM's CEO Dr. Burrett.

Malcolm Bendall, President of Empire said, "The commencement of the seismic program is good news for Tasmania, the State Government and for Empire Energy's Tasmanian shareholders who have supported the exploration program for many years. With current oil prices at approximately USD\$60 per barrel, that translates into a possible total of USD\$180 Billion worth of potentially producible

reserves if we are successful with our discovery drilling. This is the reason oil companies spend millions of dollars to explore in high risk frontier basins."

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## Seismic Trucks Arrive -- Drill Rigs on the Way

Thursday April 20, 8:00 am ET

LENEXA, KS--(MARKET WIRE)--Apr 20, 2006 -- Empire Energy Corporation International (Empire) (OTC BB:EEGC.OB - [News](#)) president Malcolm Bendall announced today that Great South Land Minerals Ltd (GSLM) secured a drill rig in July to spud in five 6 inch, 600 feet (200 metres) pre-collar wells on its SEL 13/98. These wells will then be used to cement in our 4 1/2 inch 5,000 PSI American Petroleum Industry (API) rated casing on which we intend to mount a 5,000 PSI API rated blow-out preventor. We then aim to drill 4 inch wells to the planned total depth (TD) of up to 6,000 feet (2,000 metres). Our five-well drilling campaign is designed to prove commercial accumulations of oil, gas and helium in the onshore Tasmania Basin. Mr. Bendall said, "We have contracted a local drilling company to pre-collar five discovery wells and we are requesting bids for the completion of the wells to TD. These wells are on seismically defined structures and have the real possibility of commercial oil, gas and helium discoveries. These wells will be testing petroleum plays in Tertiary, Triassic and Paleozoic sequences in the north and central parts of the Tasmania Basin. The drilling plan for the first well, Lachish #1, has been approved by the Mines Department and the other wells will spud in when our drilling applications are approved."

GSLM Managing Director, Dr. Clive Burrett, said, "These are exciting times with the onset of world record oil prices, currently at \$72 a barrel, coinciding with the arrival in Tasmania of our Terrex Seismic Vibroseis team and the launch of our discovery drilling program. This couldn't be better timed, with the start of the 1100km 2D seismic program on Monday along with the initiation of our 2006 drilling program, we expect a successful year for the company. Previously, we have drilled seven stratigraphic wells in the basin all with promising shows of wet gas and with helium in several of them. Joint research with the University of Tasmania, financed by a grant from the Australian Federal Government and GSLM, has confirmed the generative potential of the basin, and along with the documented oil seep in the south of the basin proves the existence of a working petroleum system. Because of our planned comprehensive drilling program, we are optimistic and expect to have a commercial oil and gas discovery this year."

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## Seismic Discovers Thunderbolt Anticline

Thursday June 22, 8:00 am ET

LENEXA, Kan.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--June 22, 2006--Empire Energy Corporation International's (Empire) (OTCBB: [EEGC](#) - [News](#)) Australian subsidiary, Great South Land Minerals Ltd (GSLM), today announced significant new seismic results from its \$2 million AUD, 150 km, survey completed onshore central Tasmania Basin, Australia. This was stage one of this year's planned \$6 million AUD, 2D seismic campaign. Winter conditions increased the cost per kilometer to more than two times that of our previous summer 2001 seismic survey; however, the quality and content of the results obtained have more than compensated for the lack of quantity.

Empire's President, Malcolm Bendall, stated: "This brings the total onshore seismic completed on SEL 13/98 to 809 km, and we expect to substantially add to this later in the year in support of our anticipated drilling program planned to start next month. The initial results look very impressive and exceeded our expectations considering the difficult terrain, geology and climatic conditions. We attribute this considerable improvement in data quality to Terrex Seismic's new digital geophone equipment and improved acquisition parameters which were defined as a result of our four-year, \$700,000 AUD joint study with the federal government, which is still ongoing. As a result, we have identified several new structures and can see a large southerly extension to the Bellevue Anticline that we had initially identified in the 2001 survey."

Dr. Clive Burrett, Managing Director of GSLM, said: "Our preliminary seismic interpretation indicates a large buried anticlinal structure in our older Larapintine Paleozoic petroleum system. This anticline is parallel to similar structures within exposed Ordovician carbonates on the floor of the Florentine Valley, which were also recorded in the current survey. We have named this discovery the Thunderbolt Anticline and estimate it is about 20 km across and, based on surface geology, is possibly 50 km long, potentially forming another domal structure. Therefore, it may be comparable in size and shape to our adjacent Bellevue Anticline (dome). We have also identified other attractive anticlinal structures within the seismic data that are evident north of Ouse, both within the older (Larapintine) and younger (Gondwana) petroleum systems."

Mr. Bendall, currently in London pursuing the AIMS listing of Zeehan Zinc Ltd (ZZ), explained: "If these structures, potentially over 1,000 sq km in size, are charged with oil or gas then we are looking at very substantial, undiscovered, potential resources. When our seismic trucks return, expected in the southern hemisphere spring (August/September 2006), we may add appreciably to our inventory of large, well defined targets that are listed for drilling. I am pleased that coincident with the preliminary interpretation of these exciting seismic results, Professor Zhang Waxin, from China, hosted by Empire director Tad Ballantyne (who has been spear-heading our Pacific Rim Food interests in China) is currently in Tasmania on his due diligence visit, detailed previously in our April 6, 2006, Press Release. Professor Zhang Waxin has reviewed the recent positive ZZ drilling results and has inspected the Comstock mill and open pit sites. He has also viewed the successful operation of our revolutionary Nano Key Ball Mill technology in Melbourne and has been briefed on its potential commercial applications. We look forward to the commercial opportunities that may be created by this visit and are pleased that Professor Zhang Waxin had the opportunity to review our projects and meet with the Deputy Premier of the Australian state of Tasmania, Brian Green, who, in addition, is the Minister of Mines and State Development in Tasmania."

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