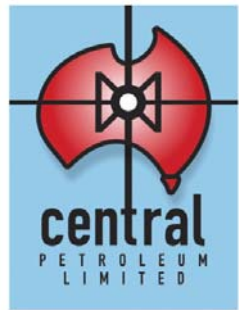


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**PLACEMENT STABILISES EQUITY REGISTER**

Central Petroleum Ltd (ASX: CTP) (“**Central**” or “**Company**”) today placed 100 million shares at \$0.10 per share, with 3 large domestic institutions taking over 80% of the placement, raising \$10 million representing around a 5% premium to the 5-day VWAP.

The proceeds from the Placement in conjunction with existing cash reserves will ensure the Company has the capital required to fund:

1. Surprise West into production;
2. Surprise East #1 well to production; and
3. projected Nett Cash Burn.

Provided Surprise West and Surprise East #1 perform according to prognosis, the Company expects to have free cash flow next calendar year of around \$20 million, sufficient to fund its share of Stage 1 of the Total Farmout. Additionally, the farmout discussions in relation to the Surprise project remain on track which, if consummated, would provide further funding for an expanded Surprise development.

“It is pleasing to have the Company appropriately capitalised and in a position to immediately undertake a comprehensive, fully-funded drilling campaign aimed at the creation of shareholder wealth. As important, our equity register now has our top 4 shareholders holding circa 15% of the Company providing the stability required to convert the potential of Central’s assets into shareholder value. Central now has a clear, funded way ahead,” said Richard Cottee, Managing Director, Central Petroleum Limited.

DJ Carmichael Pty Ltd acted as the Sole Lead Manager and Bookrunner to the Placement.

**Placement Details:**

The Company will issue 100,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares at an issue price of A\$0.10 per share. The Placement will be made available within the Company’s available 15% placement capacity as defined under ASX Listing Rule 7.1.

Settlement of the Placement is expected to occur on Wednesday 31 July 2013, with the new shares expected to be allotted and to commence trading on ASX on Thursday 1 August 2013. The new shares will rank pari passu with existing Central shares.

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