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By fax: 1300 135 638

Attention: The Manager

Company Announcements
Australian Securities Exchange
Exchange Plaza
2 The Esplanade
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Sir

Notice of initial substantial holder - Northern Gulf Petroleum Holdings Limited

We now act for Northern Gulf Petroleum Holdings Limited (**Northern Gulf**).

We are instructed by Northern Gulf to lodge a copy of the attached Notice of Initial Substantial Holder (Form 603) in accordance with section 671B(1) of the *Corporations Act 2001*, in respect of Tap Oil Limited.

Yours faithfully

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Form 603

Corporations Act 2001

Section 671B

Notice of initial substantial holderTo Company Name/Scheme Tap Oil LimitedACN/ARSN 068 572 341**1. Details of substantial holder (1)**Name Northern Gulf Petroleum Holdings LimitedACN/ARSN (if applicable) N/AThe holder became a substantial holder on 14/10/2010**2. Details of voting power**

The total number of votes attached to all the voting shares in the company or voting interests in the scheme that the substantial holder or an associate (2) had a relevant interest (3) in on the date the substantial holder became a substantial holder are as follows:

Class of securities (4)	Number of securities	Person's votes (5)	Voting power (6)
Fully paid ordinary Shares	13,407,043	13,407,043	7.89%

3. Details of relevant interests

The nature of the relevant interest the substantial holder or an associate had in the following voting securities on the date the substantial holder became a substantial holder are as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Nature of relevant interest (7)	Class and number of securities
Northern Gulf Petroleum Holdings Limited	Registered holder and beneficial owner	13,407,043 fully paid ordinary shares

4. Details of present registered holders

The persons registered as holders of the securities referred to in paragraph 3 above are as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Registered holder of securities	Person entitled to be registered as holder (8)	Class and number of securities
Northern Gulf Petroleum Holdings Limited	Northern Gulf Petroleum Holdings Limited	N/A	13,407,043 fully paid ordinary shares

5. Consideration

The consideration paid for each relevant interest referred to in paragraph 3 above, and acquired in the four months prior to the day that the substantial holder became a substantial holder is as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Date of acquisition	Consideration (9)		Class and number of securities
		Cash	Non-cash	
Northern Gulf Petroleum Holdings Limited	14/10/2010		Part consideration for the acquisition of a 75%	13,407,043 fully paid ordinary shares

			interest in Northern Gulf Petroleum Pte Ltd, as announced to ASX by Tap Oil Limited on 14 October 2010	

6. Associates

The reasons the persons named in paragraph 3 above are associates of the substantial holder are as follows:

Name and ACN/ARSN (if applicable)	Nature of association
N/A	

7. Addresses

The addresses of persons named in this form are as follows:

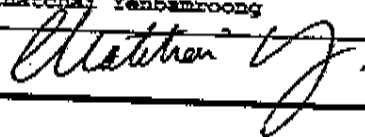
Name	Address
Northern Gulf Petroleum Holdings Limited	B205 2ND FLR SUNTOWERS BLDG B 123 VIBHAVADI-RANGSIT ROAD CHOMPON CHATUCHAR BANGKOK 10900

Signature

print name Chatchai Yenbamroong

capacity Director

sign here



date 28/10/2010

DIRECTIONS

- (1) If there are a number of substantial holders with similar or related relevant interests (eg. a corporation and its related corporations, or the manager and trustee of an equity trust), the names could be included in an annexure to the form. If the relevant interests of a group of persons are essentially similar, they may be referred to throughout the form as a specifically named group if the membership of each group, with the names and addresses of members is clearly set out in paragraph 7 of the form.
- (2) See the definition of "associate" in section 9 of the Corporations Act 2001.
- (3) See the definition of "relevant interest" in sections 608 and 671B(7) of the Corporations Act 2001.
- (4) The voting shares of a company constitute one class unless divided into separate classes.
- (5) The total number of votes attached to all the voting shares in the company or voting interests in the scheme (if any) that the person or an associate has a relevant interest in.
- (6) The person's votes divided by the total votes in the body corporate or scheme multiplied by 100.
- (7) Include details of:
 - (a) any relevant agreement or other circumstances by which the relevant interest was acquired. If subsection 671B(4) applies, a copy of any document setting out the terms of any relevant agreement, and a statement by the person giving full and accurate details of any contract, scheme or arrangement, must accompany this form, together with a written statement certifying this contract, scheme or arrangement; and
 - (b) any qualification of the power of a person to exercise, control the exercise of, or influence the exercise of, the voting powers or disposal of the securities to which the relevant interest relates (indicating clearly the particular securities to which the qualification applies).

See the definition of "relevant agreement" in section 9 of the Corporations Act 2001.

- (8) If the substantial holder is unable to determine the identity of the person (eg. if the relevant interest arises because of an option) write "unknown".
 - (9) Details of the consideration must include any and all benefits, money and other, that any person from whom a relevant interest was acquired has, or may, become entitled to receive in relation to that acquisition. Details must be included even if the benefit is conditional on the happening or not of a contingency. Details must be included of any benefit paid on behalf of the substantial holder or its associate in relation to the acquisitions, even if they are not paid directly to the person from whom the relevant interest was acquired.
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