

Gastar Exploration Announces Funding of Sale of East Texas Property

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HOUSTON, Oct. 2, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Gastar Exploration Ltd. (NYSE MKT: GST) ("Gastar") announced today that it has received the proceeds from the previously announced sale of its East Texas properties to Cubic Energy and released the closing documents dated September 30, 2013 from escrow. Gastar received \$39.2 million in cash proceeds in addition to the \$4.7 million cash deposit previously paid by Cubic Energy.

Commenting on the sale, J. Russell Porter, Gastar's President & CEO, remarked, "Finally!"

About Gastar Exploration

Gastar Exploration Ltd. is an independent energy company engaged in the exploration, development and production of oil, natural gas, condensate and natural gas liquids in the United States. Gastar's principal business activities include the identification, acquisition, and subsequent exploration and development of oil and natural gas properties with an emphasis on unconventional reserves such as shale resource plays. Gastar is currently pursuing the development of liquids-rich natural gas in the Marcellus Shale in West Virginia and is also in the early stages of exploring and developing the Hunton Limestone horizontal oil play in Oklahoma.

For more information, visit Gastar's website at

www.gastar.com

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