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PEDEVCO CORP.

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October \_\_, 2016

Dear Stockholder:

The board of directors and officers of PEDEVCO Corp., a Texas corporation, join us in extending to you a cordial invitation to attend the 2016 annual meeting of our stockholders, which we refer to as the annual meeting. This meeting will be held on December 28, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. local time at PEDEVCO Corp.'s corporate office located at 4125 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Suite 201, Danville, California 94506.

Details regarding the business to be conducted are more fully described in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement.

As permitted by the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, we have provided access to our proxy materials over the Internet. Accordingly, we are sending a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, or E-proxy notice, on or about November \_\_, 2016 to our stockholders of record as of the close of business on November 8, 2016. The E-proxy notice contains instructions for your use of this process, including how to access our proxy statement and annual report and how to authorize your proxy to vote online. In addition, the E-proxy notice contains instructions on how you may receive a paper copy of the proxy statement and annual report or elect to receive your proxy statement and annual report over the Internet. We believe these rules allow us to provide you with the information you need while lowering the costs of delivery and reducing the environmental impact of the annual meeting.

If you are unable to attend the annual meeting in person, it is very important that your shares be represented and voted at the meeting. You may authorize your proxy to vote your shares over the Internet as described in the E-proxy notice. Alternatively, if you received a paper copy of the proxy card by mail, please complete, date, sign and promptly return the proxy card. You may also authorize your proxy to vote your shares by telephone or fax as described in your proxy card. If you authorize your proxy to vote your shares over the Internet, return your proxy card by mail or vote by telephone prior to the annual meeting, you may nevertheless revoke your proxy and cast your vote personally at the meeting.

We look forward to seeing you on December 28, 2016. Your vote and participation in our governance is very important to us.

Sincerely,  
Frank C. Ingriselli  
Chairman

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to Be Held on December 28, 2016.

Our proxy statement and annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 are available at the following cookies-free website that can be accessed anonymously: <https://www.iproxydirect.com/PED>.



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 28, 2016

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To the Stockholders of PEDEVCO Corp.:

We are pleased to provide you notice of, and to invite you to attend, the 2016 annual meeting of the stockholders of PEDEVCO Corp., a Texas corporation, which will be held on December 28, 2016 at 8:00 a.m., local time, at PEDEVCO Corp.'s corporate office located at 4125 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Suite 201, Danville, California 94506, for the following purposes:

1. To consider and vote upon a proposal to elect four directors to the board of directors, each to serve a term of one year and until their respective successors have been elected and qualified, or until their earlier resignation or removal, as named in, and set forth in greater detail in this proxy statement.
2. To consider and vote upon a proposal to approve and ratify, for purposes of Section 713 of the Company Guide of the NYSE MKT, LLC, which we refer to as the NYSE MKT, the issuance of more than 19.9% of our outstanding shares of common stock upon conversion of principal and accrued interest under an outstanding Convertible Promissory Note in the principal amount of \$4.925 million, held by MIE Jurassic Energy Corporation ("MIEJ"), as set forth in greater detail in this proxy statement, which we refer to as the Convertible Note proposal.
3. To consider and vote upon a proposal to approve an amendment to our 2012 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended, to increase by 5 million the number of shares of common stock reserved for issuance under the plan.
4. To authorize the board of directors of the Company to effect a reverse stock split of our outstanding common stock in a ratio of between one-for-two and one-for-ten. The board of directors recommends that you authorize the board of directors of the Company, in their sole discretion, without further stockholder approval, to amend the Company's Certificate of Formation, at any time prior to the earlier of (a) the one year anniversary of this annual meeting; and (b) the date of our 2017 annual meeting of stockholders, to effect a reverse stock split of our outstanding common stock in a ratio of between one-for-two and one-for-ten, provided that all fractional shares as a result of the split shall be automatically rounded up to the next whole share.
5. To consider and vote upon a proposal to ratify the appointment of GBH CPAs, PC, as our independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016.
6. To consider and vote upon a proposal to consider and vote on any proposal to authorize our board of directors, in its discretion, to adjourn the annual meeting to another place, or a later date or dates, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposals listed above at the time of the annual meeting.



7. To transact such other business as may properly come before the annual meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

THE BOARD, INCLUDING THE INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS, UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE "FOR" EACH OF THESE PROPOSALS.

We do not expect to transact any other business at the annual meeting. Our board of directors has fixed the close of business on November 8, 2016 as the record date for determining those stockholders entitled to vote at the annual meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof. Accordingly, only stockholders of record at the close of business on that date are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the annual meeting. A complete list of our stockholders will be available for examination at our offices in Danville, California, during ordinary business hours for a period of 10 days prior to the annual meeting.

We cordially invite you to attend the annual meeting in person. However, to ensure your representation at the annual meeting, please authorize the individuals named on your proxy card to vote your shares by calling the toll-free telephone number, faxing your proxy card or by using the Internet as described in the instructions included with your proxy card or voting instruction card. Alternatively, if you received a paper copy of the proxy card by mail, please complete, date, sign and promptly return the proxy card. This will not prevent you from voting in person, but will help to secure a quorum and avoid added solicitation costs. If your shares are held in "street name" by your broker or other nominee, only that holder can vote your shares and the vote cannot be cast unless you provide instructions to your broker. You should follow the directions provided by your broker regarding how to instruct your broker to vote your shares. Your proxy may be revoked at any time before it is voted. Please review the proxy statement accompanying this notice for more complete information regarding the matters to be voted on at the meeting.

The enclosed proxy statement, which is first being mailed to stockholders on November \_\_, 2016, is also available at <https://www.iproxydirect.com/PED>. This website also includes copies of the form of proxy, our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, which we refer to as the annual report. Stockholders may also request a copy of the proxy statement and our annual report by contacting our main office at (855) 733-3826.

Even if you plan to attend the annual meeting in person, we request that you submit a proxy by following the instructions on your proxy card as soon as possible and thus ensure that your shares will be represented at the annual meeting if you are unable to attend.

By Order of the Board of Directors  
Frank C. Ingriselli  
Chairman

Danville, California  
October \_\_, 2016

**IMPORTANT: WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING, WE ASK YOU TO VOTE BY TELEPHONE, MAIL, FAX OR ON THE INTERNET USING THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PROXY CARD.**







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PEDEVCO CORP.

PROXY STATEMENT  
FOR AN ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

GENERAL INFORMATION

PEDEVCO Corp. (“PEDEVCO,” “we,” “us,” “our” or the “Company”) has made these materials available to you on the Internet or, upon your request, has delivered printed versions of these materials to you by mail, in connection with the Company’s solicitation of proxies for use at our 2016 annual meeting of stockholders, which we refer to as our annual meeting, to be held on December 28, 2016 at 8:00 a.m., local time at PEDEVCO Corp.’s corporate office located at 4125 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Suite 201, Danville, California 94506, and at any postponement(s) or adjournment(s) thereof. These materials were first sent or given to stockholders on November \_\_, 2016. You are invited to attend the annual meeting and are requested to vote on the proposals described in this Proxy Statement.

Information Contained In This Proxy Statement

The information in this proxy statement relates to the proposals to be voted on at the annual meeting, the voting process, the compensation of our directors and executive officers, corporate governance, and certain other required information. Included with this proxy statement is a copy of the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, as filed with the SEC on March 29, 2016, which we refer to as the annual report. If you requested printed versions of these materials by mail, these materials also include the proxy card or vote instruction form for the annual meeting.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials

Pursuant to rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Company uses the Internet as the primary means of furnishing proxy materials to stockholders. Accordingly, the Company is sending a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, which we refer to as the notice, to the Company’s stockholders. All stockholders will have the ability to access the proxy materials (including the Company’s Form 10-K, which does not constitute a part of, and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into, this proxy statement or the enclosed form of proxy) via the Internet at <https://www.iproxydirect.com/PED> or request a printed set of the proxy materials. Instructions on how to access the proxy materials over the Internet or to request a printed copy may be found in the notice. The notice contains a control number that you will need to vote your shares. Please keep the notice for your reference through the meeting date. In addition, stockholders may request to receive proxy materials in printed form by mail or electronically by email on an ongoing basis. The Company encourages stockholders to take advantage of the availability of the proxy materials on the Internet to help reduce the environmental impact of its annual meetings.

Record Date and Shares Entitled to Vote

Our board of directors has fixed the close of business on November 8, 2016 as the record date for determining the holders of shares of our voting stock entitled to receive notice of and to vote at our annual meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof. Only holders of record of shares of common stock and Series A Preferred Stock at the close of business on that date will be entitled to vote at our annual meeting and at any adjournment or postponement of that meeting. As of the record date, there were 49,849,297 shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to vote at our annual meeting, held by approximately 911 holders of record and 66,625 shares of Series A Preferred Stock outstanding and entitled to vote at our annual meeting, held by one holder of record.





Each share of common stock and each share of Series A Preferred Stock is entitled to one vote on each proposal presented at our annual meeting and at any adjournment or postponement thereof, for 49,915,922 total voting shares, provided that the Series A Preferred Stock holder is the only stockholder who has a right to appoint the Series A Nominee, as defined and described in greater detail under “Proposal 1 - Election of Directors”, beginning on page 35. Stockholders do not have the right to cumulate their votes in the election of directors.

In order for us to satisfy our quorum requirements, the holders of at least 33 1/3% of our total number of outstanding voting shares entitled to vote at the meeting must be present. You will be deemed to be present if you attend the meeting or if you submit a proxy (including through the mail, by fax or by telephone or the Internet) that is received at or prior to the meeting (and not revoked).

If your proxy is properly executed and received by us in time to be voted at our annual meeting, the shares represented by your proxy (including those given through the mail, by fax or by telephone or the Internet) will be voted in accordance with your instructions. If you execute your proxy but do not provide us with any instructions, your shares will be voted “FOR” the proposals set forth in the notice of annual meeting.

The only matters that we expect to be presented at our annual meeting are set forth in the notice of annual meeting. If any other matters properly come before our annual meeting, the persons named in the proxy card will vote the shares represented by all properly executed proxies on such matters in their best judgment.

#### Voting Process

If you are a stockholder of record, there are five ways to vote:

In person. You may vote in person at the annual meeting. The Company will give you a ballot when you arrive.

Via the Internet. You may vote by proxy via the Internet by following the instructions provided in the notice.

By Telephone. If you request printed copies of the proxy materials by mail, you may vote by proxy by calling the toll free number found on the proxy card.

By Fax. If you request printed copies of the proxy materials by mail, you may vote by proxy by faxing your proxy to the number found on the proxy card.

By Mail. If you request printed copies of the proxy materials by mail, you may vote by proxy by filling out the proxy card and returning it in the envelope provided.

#### Revocability of Proxies

The presence of a stockholder at our annual meeting will not automatically revoke that stockholder's proxy. However, a stockholder may revoke a proxy at any time prior to its exercise by:

submitting a written revocation prior to the annual meeting to the Corporate Secretary, PEDEVCO Corp., 4125 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Suite 201, Danville, California 94506;

submitting another signed and later dated proxy card and returning it by mail in time to be received before our annual meeting or by submitting a later dated proxy by the Internet or telephone prior to the annual meeting; or

attending our annual meeting and voting in person.





### Attendance at the Annual Meeting

Attendance at the annual meeting is limited to holders of record of our common stock and Series A Preferred Stock at the close of business on the record date, November 8, 2016 and our guests. Admission will be on a first-come, first-served basis. You will be asked to present valid government-issued picture identification, such as a driver's license or passport, in order to be admitted into the annual meeting. If your shares are held in the name of a bank, broker or other nominee and you plan to attend the annual meeting, you must present proof of your ownership of common or preferred stock, such as a bank or brokerage account statement indicating that you owned shares of common or preferred stock at the close of business on the record date, in order to be admitted. For safety and security reasons, no cameras, recording equipment or other electronic devices will be permitted in the annual meeting.

### Conduct at the Meeting

The Chairman of the meeting has broad responsibility and legal authority to conduct the annual meeting in an orderly and timely manner. This authority includes establishing rules for stockholders who wish to address the meeting. Only stockholders or their valid proxy holders may address the meeting. The Chairman may exercise broad discretion in recognizing stockholders who wish to speak and in determining the extent of discussion on each item of business. In light of the number of business items on this year's agenda and the need to conclude the meeting within a reasonable period of time, we cannot ensure you that every stockholder who wishes to speak on an item of business will be able to do so.

### Quorum

If you vote in person or by proxy at our annual meeting, you will be counted for purposes of determining whether there is a quorum at the meeting. Shares of our capital stock present in person or by proxy at our annual meeting that are entitled to vote will be counted for the purpose of determining whether there is a quorum for the transaction of business at our annual meeting. Our bylaws, as amended, provide that 33 1/3% of the outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote at the meeting, represented in person or by proxy, constitutes a quorum at a meeting of our stockholders.

### Votes Required To Approve Each Proposal

Appointment of directors. With respect to the election of directors (proposal 1), under plurality voting, the three non-Series A Nominees (defined below under "Proposal 1 - Election of Directors", beginning on page 35) receiving the highest number of affirmative votes of our common stock and the one Series A Nominee (defined below under "Proposal 1 - Election of Directors", beginning on page 35), receiving the highest number of affirmative votes of our Series A Preferred Stock, will be elected as directors to serve until the next annual meeting of stockholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Approval of issuance of shares of common stock exceeding 19.9% of our outstanding common stock upon conversion of the MIEJ Note (defined below). With respect to the proposal to approve and ratify, for purposes of Section 713 of the Company Guide of the NYSE MKT, the issuance of shares of common stock exceeding 19.9% of our outstanding common stock upon conversion of principal and interest owed under an Amended and Restated Secured Subordinated Promissory Note, dated February 19, 2015 and with an effective date of January 1, 2015 (the "MIEJ Note"), provided by us to MIE Jurassic Energy Corporation ("MIEJ")(proposal 2), a majority of the shares present in person or represented by proxy at the annual meeting and entitled to vote on, and who voted for, against, or expressly abstained with respect to, the proposal, must be voted "FOR" approval and adoption of such proposal in order for such proposal to be approved and adopted.

Amendment of 2012 Equity Incentive Plan. The approval of the amendment to our 2012 Equity Incentive Plan to increase by 5 million shares the total number of shares available for awards under such plan (proposal 3), requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present in person or represented by proxy at the annual meeting and entitled to vote on, and who voted for, against, or expressly abstained with respect to, the proposal, assuming a quorum is present at the annual meeting.





Authorization for the Board of Directors of the Company to effect a reverse stock split of our outstanding common stock in a ratio of between one-for-two and one-for-ten. The approval and authorization of our board of directors of the Company to effect a reverse stock split of our outstanding common stock in a ratio of between one-for-two and one-for-ten (proposal 4) requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of common stock and shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock entitled to vote at the annual meeting.

Ratification of independent auditor. For the approval of the proposal to ratify the appointment of GBH CPAs, PC as our independent auditors for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 (proposal 5), a majority of the shares present in person or represented by proxy at the annual meeting and entitled to vote on, and who voted for, against, or expressly abstained with respect to, the proposal, must be voted “FOR” approval and adoption of such proposal in order for such proposal to be approved and adopted, assuming a quorum is present at the annual meeting.

Approval to adjourn the annual meeting. Authority to adjourn the annual meeting (proposal 6) to another place, or a later date or dates, if deemed necessary or appropriate, in the discretion of the board of directors, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposals listed above at the time of the annual meeting, requires the vote of a majority of the shares of stock entitled to vote which are present, in person or by proxy at the annual meeting.

#### Broker Non-Votes and Abstentions

A broker “non-vote” occurs when a nominee holding shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular proposal because the nominee does not have discretionary voting power with respect to that item, and the broker has not received voting instructions from the beneficial owner. If a broker indicates on the proxy that it does not have discretionary authority as to certain shares to vote on a particular matter, those shares will not be considered as present and entitled to vote with respect to that matter or proposal.

A broker is entitled to vote shares held for a beneficial owner on “routine” matters, such as the ratification of the appointment of GBH CPAs, PC as our independent registered public accounting firm (proposal 5), without instructions from the beneficial owner of those shares. On the other hand, absent instructions from the beneficial owner of such shares, a broker is not entitled to vote shares held for a beneficial owner on certain “non-routine” matters, which include all of the other proposals up for vote at the annual meeting.

With respect to the election of directors (proposal 1), under plurality voting, broker non-votes and abstentions have no effect on determining the nominees elected, except to the extent that they affect the total votes received by any particular candidate. In the past, if you held your shares in street name and you did not indicate how you wanted your shares voted in the election of directors, your broker was allowed to vote those shares on your behalf in the election of directors as they felt appropriate. Recent regulatory changes were made to take away the ability of your broker to vote your uninstructed shares in the election of directors on a discretionary basis. Thus, if you hold your shares in street name and you do not instruct your broker how to vote in the election of directors, the broker will not vote your shares in the director election.

With respect to the proposal to approve and adopt the MIEJ Note proposal (proposal 2), the proposal to approve an amendment to our 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (proposal 3), and the proposal to authorize our board of directors, in its discretion, to adjourn the annual meeting to another place, or a later date or dates, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposals listed above (proposal 6), broker non-votes and abstentions could prevent the proposals from receiving the required affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present in person or represented by proxy at the annual meeting and entitled to vote on, and who voted for, against, or expressly abstained with respect to, each proposal. Similarly, with respect to the reverse split proposal (proposal 4), broker non-votes and abstentions could prevent the proposal from receiving the required affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of common stock and Series A Convertible Preferred Stock entitled to vote at the annual meeting.

Abstaining shares will be considered present at the annual meeting and “entitled to vote” on the applicable provisions so that the effect of abstentions will be the equivalent of a vote “AGAINST” each applicable proposal. With respect to broker non-votes, the shares subject to a broker non-vote will not be considered present at the annual meeting for each proposal, since they are not “entitled to vote” on such proposals, so broker non-votes will have the practical effect of reducing the number of affirmative votes required to achieve a majority vote of the shares present in person or represented by proxy at the annual meeting and entitled to vote on such applicable proposals, by reducing the total number of shares from which the majority is calculated. Broker non-votes will have the same effect as a vote “AGAINST” the reverse stock split proposal.



## Board of Directors Voting Recommendations

Our board of directors recommends that you vote your shares:

“FOR” election of all four director nominees to the board of directors, each to serve a term of one year and until their respective successors have been elected and qualified, or until their earlier resignation or removal (proposal 1);

“FOR” Approval and ratification, for purposes of Section 713 of the Company Guide of the NYSE MKT, of the issuance of shares of common stock exceeding 19.9% of our outstanding common stock upon conversion of the MIEJ Note (proposal 2);

“FOR” approval of an amendment to our 2012 Equity Incentive Plan, to increase by 5 million shares the number of shares of common stock reserved for issuance under the plan (proposal 3);

“FOR” approval of the board of directors of the Company to effect a reverse stock split of our outstanding common stock in a ratio of between one-for-two and one-for-ten (proposal 4);

“FOR” ratification of the appointment of GBH CPAs, PC, as our independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016 (proposal 5); and

“FOR” authorization of our board of directors, in its discretion, to adjourn the annual meeting to another place, or a later date or dates, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies in favor of the proposals listed above at the time of the annual meeting (proposal 6).

## Mailing Costs and Solicitation of Proxies

In addition to solicitation by use of the mails, certain of our officers and employees may solicit the return of proxies personally or by telephone, electronic mail or facsimile. We have not and do not anticipate retaining a third-party proxy solicitation firm to solicit proxies on behalf of the board of directors. The cost of any solicitation of proxies will be borne by us. Arrangements may also be made with brokerage firms and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for the forwarding of material to, and solicitation of proxies from, the beneficial owners of our securities held of record at the close of business on the record date by such persons. We will reimburse such brokerage firms, custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for the reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them in connection with any such activities.

## Inspector of Voting

Representatives of Issuer Direct Corporation will tabulate the votes and act as inspector of election at the annual meeting.

## Stockholders Entitled to Vote at the Meeting

A complete list of stockholders entitled to vote at the annual meeting will be available to view during the annual meeting. You may also access this list at our principal executive offices, for any purpose germane to the annual meeting, during ordinary business hours, for a period of ten days prior to the annual meeting.



## Voting Instructions

Your vote is very important. Whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting, we encourage you to read this proxy statement and submit your proxy or voting instructions as soon as possible. For specific instructions on how to vote your shares, please refer to the instructions on the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials you received in the mail, or, if you requested to receive printed proxy materials, your enclosed proxy card.

## Stockholder of Record and Shares Held in Brokerage Accounts

If on the record date your shares were registered in your name with our transfer agent, then you are a stockholder of record and you may vote in person at the meeting, by proxy or by any other means supported by us. If on the record date your shares were held in an account at a brokerage firm, bank, dealer, or other similar organization, then you are the beneficial owner of shares held in “street name” and the proxy statement is required to be forwarded to you by that organization. The organization holding your account is considered the stockholder of record for purposes of voting at the annual meeting. As a beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker or other agent on how to vote the shares in your account. You are also invited to attend the annual meeting. However, since you are not the stockholder of record, you may not vote your shares in person at the meeting unless you request and obtain a valid proxy from your broker or other agent.

## Multiple Stockholders Sharing the Same Address

In some cases, one copy of this proxy statement and the accompanying notice of annual meeting of stockholders, and 2015 annual report, is being delivered to multiple stockholders sharing an address, at the request of such stockholders. We will deliver promptly, upon written or oral request, a separate copy of this proxy statement or the accompanying notice of annual meeting of stockholders, and 2015 annual report, to such a stockholder at a shared address to which a single copy of the document was delivered. Stockholders sharing an address may also submit requests for delivery of a single copy of this proxy statement or the accompanying notice of annual meeting of stockholders, and 2015 annual report, but in such event will still receive separate forms of proxy for each account. To request separate or single delivery of these materials now or in the future, a stockholder may submit a written request to our Corporate Secretary, Clark R. Moore, at our principal executive offices at 4125 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Suite 201, Danville, California 94506, or a stockholder may make a request by calling our Corporate Secretary, Clark R. Moore at (855) 733-3826.

If you receive more than one notice, it means that your shares are registered differently and are held in more than one account. To ensure that all shares are voted, please either vote each account as discussed above under “Voting Process”, or sign and return by mail all proxy cards or voting instruction forms.

## Voting Results

The final voting results will be tallied by the inspector of voting and published in our Current Report on Form 8-K, which we are required to file with the SEC within four business days following the annual meeting.

## Company Mailing Address

The mailing address of our principal executive offices is 4125 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Suite 201, Danville, California 94506.

## VOTING RIGHTS AND PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS

Holders of record of our common stock and Series A Preferred Stock at the close of business on the record date, November 8, 2016, will be entitled to one vote per share on all matters properly presented at the annual meeting and at any adjournment or postponement thereof (provided that the Series A Preferred Stock holder is the only stockholder who has a right to appoint the Series A Nominee, as defined and described in greater detail under “Proposal 1 - Election of Directors”, beginning on page 35). As of the record date, there were 49,849,297 shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to vote at the annual meeting and at any adjournment or postponement thereof, held by approximately 911 holders of record and 66,625 shares of Series A Preferred Stock outstanding and entitled to vote at our annual meeting, held by one holder of record. Each share of common stock and each share of Series A Preferred Stock is entitled to one vote on each proposal presented at our annual meeting, for 49,915,922 total voting shares, provided that the Series A Preferred Stock holder is the only stockholder who has a right to appoint the Series A Nominee.





Our stockholders do not have dissenters' rights or similar rights of appraisal with respect to the proposals described herein and, moreover, do not have cumulative voting rights with respect to the election of directors.

#### Security Ownership of Management and Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

The following table sets forth, as of the record date, November 8, 2016, the number and percentage of outstanding shares of our common stock beneficially owned by: (a) each person who is known by us to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of our outstanding shares of common stock; (b) each of our directors and our director nominee; (c) our executive officers; and (d) all current directors, our director nominee and executive officers, as a group. As of the record date, there were 49,849,297 shares of common stock and 66,625 shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock issued and outstanding.

Beneficial ownership has been determined in accordance with Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which we refer to as the Exchange Act. Under this rule, certain shares may be deemed to be beneficially owned by more than one person (if, for example, persons share the power to vote or the power to dispose of the shares). In addition, shares are deemed to be beneficially owned by a person if the person has the right to acquire shares (for example, upon exercise of an option or warrant or upon conversion of a convertible security) within 60 days of the date as of which the information is provided. In computing the percentage ownership of any person, the amount of shares is deemed to include the amount of shares beneficially owned by such person by reason of such acquisition rights. As a result, the percentage of outstanding shares of any person as shown in the following table does not necessarily reflect the person's actual voting power at any particular date.

To our knowledge, except as indicated in the footnotes to this table and pursuant to applicable community property laws, the persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of common stock shown as beneficially owned by them.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner Current Named Executive Officers and Directors (including Director Nominees)	Number of Common Stock Shares (1)	Percent of Common Stock	Number of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock Shares (2)	Percent of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock	Total Voting Shares	Percent of Total Voting Shares (3)
Frank C. Ingriselli	3,143,856	(4) 6.2%	--	--	3,143,856	6.2%
Michael L. Peterson	2,134,663	(5) 4.2%	--	--	2,134,663	4.2%
Clark R. Moore	1,809,576	(6) 3.6%	--	--	1,809,576	3.6%
Elizabeth P. Smith	391,062	(7) *	--	--	391,062	*
David C. Crikelair#	324,395	(8) *	--	--	324,395	*
David Z. Steinberg	214,286	(9) *	--	--	214,286	*
Adam McAfee#	313	(10) *	--	--	313	*
Gregory Overholtzer	383,583	(11) *	--	--	383,583	*
	8,401,734	16.0%	--	--	8,401,734	15.9%

All Named  
Executive Officers  
and Directors  
(including Director  
Nominees) as a  
group (eight  
persons)  
Greater than 5%  
Shareholders

B Asset Manager, LP (12)	5,530,000	(13)	9.9%	--	--	5,530,000	9.9%
Golden Globe Energy (US), LLC (14)	5,009,445	(15)	9.7%	66,625	(16) 100%	5,074,470	(17) 9.9%
Yao Hang Finance (Hong Kong) Limited (18)	3,333,334	(19)	6.7%	--	--	3,333,334	6.7%
RBC Dominion Securities Inc. (20)	2,571,200		5.2 %	--	--	2,571,200	5.2%

\* Less than 1%.

# David C. Crikelair, a current member of the board of directors, is not standing for re-election at the annual meeting. Adam McAfee is not currently a member of the board of directors, but is a director nominee at the annual meeting.

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The address of each executive officer, director and director nominee, is c/o PEDEVCO Corp., 4125 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Suite 201, Danville, CA 94506

(1)

Ownership voting percentages are based on 49,849,297 total shares of common stock which were outstanding as of the record date, November 8, 2016. Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC and includes voting and/or investing power with respect to securities. We believe that, except as otherwise noted and subject to applicable community property laws, each person named in the following table has sole investment and voting power with respect to the securities shown as beneficially owned by such person. Additionally, shares of common stock subject to options, warrants or other convertible securities that are currently exercisable or convertible, or exercisable or convertible within 60 days of the applicable date below, are deemed to be outstanding and to be beneficially owned by the person or group holding such options, warrants or other convertible securities for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of such person or group, but are not treated as outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person or group.

(2)

Ownership voting percentages are based on 66,625 total shares of Series A preferred stock which were outstanding as of the record date. Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC and includes voting and/or investing power with respect to securities. The holders of our Series A preferred stock vote together with the holders of our common stock, with one (1) vote per share of Series A preferred stock.

(3)

Ownership voting percentages are based on 49,915,922 total voting shares, including (i) 49,849,297 total shares of common stock outstanding as of November 8, 2016, and (ii) 66,625 total shares of Series A preferred stock which vote on a one-for-one basis on all stockholder matters, provided that shares of common stock subject to options, warrants or other convertible securities (including the Series A preferred stock) that are currently exercisable or convertible, or exercisable or convertible within 60 days of the applicable date of determination, are deemed to be outstanding and to be beneficially owned by the person or group holding such options, warrants or other convertible securities for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of such person or group, but are not treated as outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person or group.

(4)

Representing: (a) 429,412 fully-vested shares of common stock held by Mr. Ingriselli; (b) 400,000 fully-vested shares of common stock held by Mr. Ingriselli's spouse, which securities Mr. Ingriselli is deemed to beneficially own; (c) 1,496,500 fully-vested shares of common stock held by Global Venture Investments LLC, a limited liability company owned and controlled by Mr. Ingriselli ("GVEST"), which securities Mr. Ingriselli is deemed to beneficially own; (d) options to purchase 390,800 shares of common stock exercisable by Mr. Ingriselli at an exercise price of \$0.51 per share; (e) options to purchase 370,000 shares of common stock exercisable by Mr. Ingriselli at an exercise price of \$0.37 per share; (f) warrants exercisable for 38,096 shares of common stock at \$2.34 per share held by GVEST, which expire on December 16, 2017, and which securities Mr. Ingriselli is deemed to beneficially own; and (g) warrants exercisable for 19,048 shares of common stock at \$5.25 per share held by GVEST which expire on March 22, 2017, which securities Mr. Ingriselli is deemed to beneficially own.

(5)

Consisting of the following: (a) 36,668 fully-vested shares of common stock held by Mr. Peterson's minor children, which securities Mr. Peterson is deemed to beneficially own; (b) 624,737 fully-vested shares of common stock (including shares held by a family trust which Mr. Peterson is deemed to beneficially own); (c) 504,000 unvested shares of common stock held by Mr. Peterson, which vest on various dates through October 8, 2017, provided that Mr. Peterson remains employed by us, or is a consultant to us, on such vesting dates; (d) options to purchase 100,000 shares of common stock exercisable by Mr. Peterson at an exercise price of \$0.24 per share; (e) options to purchase 333,334 shares of common stock exercisable by Mr. Peterson at an exercise price of \$0.51 per share; (f) 3,424 shares of common stock underlying currently exercisable options, of which options to purchase 2,977 shares are exercisable at \$30.24 per share and options to purchase 447 shares are exercisable at \$67.20 per share; (g) options to purchase 292,500 shares of common stock exercisable by Mr. Peterson at an exercise price of \$0.37 per share; and (h) options to purchase 240,000 shares of common stock at \$0.22 per share. Does not include (i) options to purchase 32,500 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$0.37 per share, and (ii) options to purchase 60,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$0.22 per share, which have not vested as of the record date and do not vest within 60 days of the record date. Mr. Peterson has voting control over his unvested shares of common stock.

(6)

Representing: (a) 650,049 fully-vested shares of common stock; (b) 28,667 fully-vested shares of common stock held by each of Mr. Moore's two minor children, which he is deemed to beneficially own; (c) 399,000 unvested shares of common stock held by Mr. Moore, which vest on various dates through July 7, 2017, provided that Mr. Moore remains employed by us, or is a consultant to us, on such vesting dates; (d) options to purchase 233,334 shares of common stock exercisable by Mr. Moore at an exercise price of \$0.51 per share; (e) options to purchase 243,000 shares of common stock exercisable by Mr. Moore at an exercise price of \$0.37 per share; (f) options to purchase 224,000 shares of common stock exercisable by Mr. Moore at an exercise price of \$0.22 per share; (g) warrants exercisable for 1,906 shares of common stock at \$2.34 per share held by Mr. Moore which expire on December 16, 2017; and (h) warrants exercisable for 953 shares of common stock at \$5.25 per share held by Mr. Moore which expire on March 22, 2017. Does not include (i) options to purchase 27,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$0.37 per share, and (ii) options to purchase 56,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$0.22 per share, which have not vested as of the record date and do not vest within 60 days of the record date. Mr. Moore has voting control over his unvested shares of common stock.

(7)

Representing: (i) 66,667 shares of common stock held by Ms. Smith; (ii) 13,334 shares of restricted stock held by Ms. Smith which vested in full on September 10, 2014; (iii) 96,775 shares of restricted stock held by Ms. Smith which vested in full on September 10, 2015; and (iv) 214,286 shares of restricted stock held by Ms. Smith which vested in full on September 10, 2016.

(8)

Representing: (i) 13,334 shares of restricted stock held by Mr. Crikelair which vested in full on September 10, 2014; (ii) 96,775 shares of restricted stock held by Mr. Crikelair which vested in full on September 10, 2015; and (iii) 214,286 shares of restricted stock held by Mr. Crikelair which vested in full on September 10, 2016.

(9)

Representing 214,286 shares of restricted stock held by Mr. Steinberg which vest in full on July 15, 2017. Mr. Steinberg has voting control over his unvested shares of common stock.

(10)

Representing: (i) 298 shares of common stock held jointly by Mr. McAfee and his spouse; and (ii) 15 shares of common stock held by Park Capital Management LLC, an entity owned and controlled by Mr. McAfee, which shares he is deemed to beneficially own.

(11)

Representing: (a) 65,416 fully-vested shares of common stock; (b) 25,500 unvested shares of common stock held by Mr. Overholtzer, which vest on various dates through July 1, 2017, provided that Mr. Overholtzer remains employed by us, or is a consultant to us, on such vesting dates; (c) options to purchase 116,667 shares of common stock exercisable by Mr. Overholtzer at an exercise price of \$0.51 per share; (d) options to purchase 45,000 shares of common stock exercisable by Mr. Overholtzer at an exercise price of \$0.37 per share; (e) options to purchase 120,000 shares of common stock exercisable by Mr. Overholtzer at an exercise price of \$0.22 per share; and (f) options to purchase 11,000 shares of common stock exercisable by Mr. Overholtzer at an exercise price of \$0.30 per share. Does not include (i) options to purchase 45,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$0.37 per share, and (ii) options to purchase 30,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$0.22 per share, which have not vested as of the record date and do not vest within 60 days of the record date. Mr. Overholtzer has voting control over his unvested shares of common stock.

(12)

Address: 1370 Avenue of the Americas, 32nd Floor, New York, New York 10019. Includes beneficial holdings of Senior Health Insurance Company of Pennsylvania (“SHIP”), 550 Congressional Blvd., Suite 200, Carmel, IN 46032, and BRE BCLIC Sub, BRE WNIC 2013 LTC Primary, BRE WNIC 2013 Sub, BBLN-PEDCO Corp., BHLN-PEDCO Corp., and B Asset Manager, LP (the “BAM Parties”), 1370 Avenue of the Americas, 32nd Floor, New York, New York 10019. B Asset Manager, LP (“BAM”) is the investment manager, directly or indirectly, of the securities owned by SHIP and the BAM Parties. Mark Feuer and Dhruv Narain, through other entities, are the controlling principals of BAM, and share sole voting and investment power over such securities. Each of BAM, Mark Feuer and Dhruv Narain disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities held by SHIP and the BAM Parties. The information set forth in this footnote is based solely on information filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Schedule 13G by SHIP and the BAM Parties on May 12, 2016. SHIP and the BAM Parties reported in the Schedule 13G that SHIP and the BAM Parties share voting and dispositive power of 4,971,824 shares of common stock. We make no representation as to the accuracy or completeness of the information reported.

(13)

Representing shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of warrants to purchase common stock of the Company held by SHIP and the BAM Parties. SHIP and the BAM Parties hold warrants exercisable for an aggregate of 6,822,242 shares of common stock as follows: (i) warrants exercisable for 52,378 shares of common stock at \$1.50 per share and warrants exercisable for 348,964 shares of common stock at \$0.75 per share held by SHIP, each expiring on September 10, 2018; and (ii) warrants exercisable for 59,786 shares of common stock at \$1.50 per share and warrants exercisable for 398,314 shares of common stock at \$0.75 per share, each expiring on September 10, 2018, and warrants exercisable for 5,962,800 shares of common stock at \$0.25 per share, expiring on May 12, 2019, all held by the BAM Parties. The warrants held by SHIP and the BAM Parties contain an issuance limitation prohibiting each holder from exercising or converting those securities to the extent that such exercise would result in beneficial ownership by such holder and its affiliates of more than 9.99% of the Company’s shares then issued and outstanding (the “Issuance Limitation”). The Issuance Limitation for the warrants may be revoked by the holder upon at least 61

days prior written notice to the Company which notice shall only be effective if delivered at a time when no indebtedness of the Company is outstanding, of which the holder or any of its affiliates was, at any time, the owner, directly or indirectly. The “Number of Voting Shares Beneficially Owned” figure presented assumes exercise of approximately such number of warrants which would provide SHIP and the BAM Parties with shares of common stock only up to the Issuance Limitation.

(14)

Address: c/o Platinum Partners, 250 West 55th Street, 14th Floor, New York, New York 10019. Includes beneficial holdings of Golden Globe Energy (US), LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“GGE”), Platinum Partners Value Arbitrage Fund L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership (“PPVA”), Platinum Management (NY) LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“Platinum Management”), Platinum Partners Credit Opportunities Fund LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“PPCO”), Platinum Credit Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (“Credit Holdings”), and Mark Nordlicht (collectively, the “GGE Parties”). GGE is a wholly-owned subsidiary of PPVA. Platinum Management is the investment manager and general partner of PPVA. Credit Holdings is the managing member of PPCO. Mark Nordlicht is the Chief Investment Officer of each of Platinum Management and Credit Holdings. By virtue of these relationships, each of PPVA, Platinum Management and Mark Nordlicht may be deemed to beneficially own the shares owned directly and beneficially by GGE. By virtue of these relationships, each of Credit Holdings and Mark Nordlicht may be deemed to beneficially own the shares owned directly by PPCO. The information set forth in this footnote and footnotes 15 and 16 below is based solely on information filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Schedule 13D by the GGE Parties on March 6, 2015. The GGE Parties reported in the Schedule 13D that GGE, PPVA and Platinum Management, share voting and dispositive power of 3,375,000 shares of common stock and 66,625 shares of Series A Preferred, and PPCO and Credit Holdings share voting and dispositive power over 34,445 shares of common stock, and Mr. Nordlicht shares voting power over 3,409,445 shares of common stock and 66,625 shares of Series A Preferred. Pursuant to the terms of the Amended NPA, described below under “Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions” - “Agreements with Related Persons” - “Senior Debt Restructuring”, beginning on page 30, the Company is entitled to cancel and forfeit 7,500 shares of the Company’s Series A Convertible Preferred Stock held by GGE (convertible into 7,500,000 shares of Company common stock) pursuant to the terms of the GGE Pledge Agreement (described below under “Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions” - “Agreements with Related Persons” - “Senior Debt Restructuring”, beginning on page 30), which shares have not been cancelled as of the date of this proxy and are still eligible to be voted by GGE at the annual meeting and included in its beneficial ownership.

(15)

Representing: (i) 3,375,000 shares of common stock held by GGE; (ii) 34,445 shares of common stock held by Platinum Partners Credit Opportunities Fund LLC; and (iii) 1,600,000 shares of common stock which could be issuable upon conversion of 1,600 shares of Series A preferred stock, conversion of which shares, together with GGE’s current holdings of common stock, would give GGE ownership of 9.9% of our outstanding voting stock on an as-converted to common stock basis. See footnotes 14 and 16.

(16)

Representing 66,625 shares of Series A preferred stock held by GGE. See footnote 14 above. The Series A preferred stock are convertible into common stock subject to certain requirements and restrictions.

(17)

Representing: (i) 3,375,000 shares of common stock held by GGE; (ii) 34,445 shares of common stock held by Platinum Partners Credit Opportunities Fund LLC; (iii) 1,600,000 shares of common stock which could be issuable upon conversion of 1,600 shares of Series A preferred stock, conversion of which shares, together with GGE’s current holdings of common stock, would give GGE ownership of 9.9% of our outstanding common stock or voting stock on an as-converted to common stock basis; and (iv) 65,025 shares of Series A preferred stock remaining outstanding following conversion of 1,600 shares of Series A preferred stock into 1,600,000 shares of common stock. See footnotes 14 and 15 above. Each share of Series A preferred stock is currently convertible into shares of common

stock on a 1,000:1 basis, provided that no conversion is allowed in the event the holder thereof would beneficially own more than 9.9% of our outstanding common stock or voting stock (the “Beneficial Ownership Limitation”). Accordingly, based on GGE’s current beneficial holdings of common stock (excluding shares issuable upon conversion of Series A preferred stock), GGE is deemed to beneficially own an additional approximately 1,600,000 shares of common stock which could be issuable upon conversion of 1,600 shares of Series A preferred stock, subject to the Beneficial Ownership Limitation.

(18)

Address: Room 5, 27/F, Richmond Comm. Bldg., 109 Argyle Street, Mongkok, Kowloon Hong Kong. Beneficial ownership information has not been provided to the Company despite multiple requests and the Company is not aware of the beneficial owners of the shares held by Yao Hang Finance (Hong Kong) Limited.

(19)

Representing 3,333,334 shares of common stock.

(20)

Address: 277 Front St W., 5th Floor, Toronto A6 M5V2X4. Includes beneficial holdings of RBC Dominion Securities Inc. (“RBCD”) and RBC Private Counsel (USA) Inc., 155 Wellington Street West, 17th Floor, Toronto A6 M5V 3K7 (“RBCP,” and together with RBCD, the “RBC Parties”). The information set forth in this footnote is based solely on information filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Schedule 13G by the RBC Parties on February 16, 2016. The RBC Parties reported in the Schedule 13G that RBCD and RBCP share voting and dispositive power of 2,571,200 shares of common stock. We make no representation as to the accuracy or completeness of the information reported.



## Changes in Control

Except as contemplated by the GOM Merger defined, discussed and described in greater detail below under “Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions” - “Agreements with Related Persons” - “GOM Holdings Reorganization Agreement”, beginning on page 25, the Company is not aware of any arrangements which may at a subsequent date result in a change of control of the Company. The GOM Merger contemplates us acquiring 100% of the limited liability company membership units of GOM Holdings, LLC (“GOM”), in exchange for (a) the issuance to the owners of GOM of an aggregate of 1,551,552 shares of the Company’s restricted common stock and 698,448 restricted shares of the Company’s to-be-designated Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (the “Series B Preferred”), and (b) our assumption of approximately \$125 million of subordinated debt from GOM’s existing lenders and a \$30 million undrawn letter of credit backing certain offshore asset retirement obligations. If closed, the GOM Merger will constitute a change in control of the Company. The closing of the GOM Merger is subject to various closing conditions, described in greater detail below under “Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions” - “Agreements with Related Persons” - “GOM Holdings Reorganization Agreement”, beginning on page 25.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

We promote accountability for adherence to honest and ethical conduct; endeavor to provide full, fair, accurate, timely and understandable disclosure in reports and documents that we file with the SEC and in other public communications made by us; and strive to be compliant with applicable governmental laws, rules and regulations.

Information regarding the members of and biographical information of our board of directors is provided below under “Proposal 1- Election of Directors”, beginning on page 35.

## Board Leadership Structure

Our board of directors has the responsibility for selecting our appropriate leadership structure. In making leadership structure determinations, the board of directors considers many factors, including the specific needs of our business and what is in the best interests of our stockholders. Our current leadership structure is comprised of a separate Chairman of the board of directors and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Mr. Frank C. Ingriselli serves as Chairman and Mr. Michael L. Peterson serves as Chief Executive Officer. The board of directors does not have a policy as to whether the Chairman should be an independent director, an affiliated director, or a member of management. Our board of directors believes that the Company’s current leadership structure is appropriate because it effectively allocates authority, responsibility, and oversight between management (the Company’s Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Peterson) and the members of our board of directors. It does this by giving primary responsibility for the operational leadership and strategic direction of the Company to its Chief Executive Officer, while enabling our Chairman to facilitate our board of directors’ oversight of management, promote communication between management and our board of directors, and support our board of directors’ consideration of key governance matters. The board of directors believes that its programs for overseeing risk, as described below, would be effective under a variety of leadership frameworks and therefore do not materially affect its choice of structure.

## Risk Oversight

Effective risk oversight is an important priority of the board of directors. Because risks are considered in virtually every business decision, the board of directors discusses risk throughout the year generally or in connection with specific proposed actions. The board of directors’ approach to risk oversight includes understanding the critical risks in the Company’s business and strategy, evaluating the Company’s risk management processes, allocating responsibilities for risk oversight among the full board of directors, and fostering an appropriate culture of integrity

and compliance with legal responsibilities.

The board of directors exercises direct oversight of strategic risks to us. Our Audit Committee reviews and assesses our processes to manage business and financial risk and financial reporting risk. It also reviews our policies for risk assessment and assesses steps management has taken to control significant risks. Our Compensation Committee oversees risks relating to compensation programs and policies. In each case management periodically reports to our board of directors or the relevant committee, which provides the relevant oversight on risk assessment and mitigation (the Company's committees are described in greater detail below (beginning on page 12)).

#### Family Relationships

None of our directors are related by blood, marriage, or adoption to any other director, executive officer, or other key employees.

#### Arrangements Between Officers and Directors

There is no arrangement or understanding between our directors and executive officers and any other person pursuant to which any director or officer was or is to be selected as a director or officer, except as described below under "Series A Preferred Stock Appointment Rights", and there is no arrangement, plan or understanding as to whether non-management stockholders will exercise their voting rights to continue to elect the current board of directors. There are also no arrangements, agreements or understandings to our knowledge between non-management stockholders that may directly or indirectly participate in or influence the management of our affairs.



### Series A Preferred Stock Appointment Rights

Golden Globe Energy (US), LLC, which we refer to as GGE, the sole holder of our Series A Preferred stock, has the right pursuant to the purchase agreement with GGE and the certificate of designation designating the Series A Preferred (each described in greater detail below under “Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions” - “Agreements with Related Persons” - “Golden Globe Energy (US), LLC”, beginning on page 25), upon notice to us, voting separately as a single class, to appoint designees to fill two (2) seats on our board of directors, one of which must be an independent director as defined by applicable rules and the exclusive right, voting the Series A Preferred Stock as sole stockholder thereof, separately as a single class, to elect such two (2) nominees to the board of directors. On July 15, 2015, at the request of GGE the board of directors of the Company increased the number of members of the board of directors from three to four, pursuant to the power provided to the board of directors in the Company's Bylaws, and appointed David Z. Steinberg as a member of the board of directors to fill the newly created vacancy, also pursuant to the power provided to the board of directors in the Company's Bylaws. At the time of appointment, the board of directors made the affirmative determination that Mr. Steinberg was independent pursuant to applicable NYSE MKT and Securities and Exchange Commission rules and regulations. Mr. Steinberg serves as one of GGE's representatives on the Company's board of directors. The board of directors appointment rights continue until GGE no longer holds any of the Tranche One Shares (defined and described in greater detail below under “Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions” - “Agreements with Related Persons” - “Golden Globe Energy (US), LLC”, beginning on page 25). To date, GGE has not provided notice to PEDEVCO regarding the appointment of the second member to the board of directors, other than Mr. Steinberg.

As described below under “Proposal 1 - Election of Directors” beginning on page 35, Mr. Steinberg is the Series A Preferred Stock holder's nominee for appointment on the board of directors at the annual meeting and GGE has the sole right to appoint Mr. Steinberg to the board of directors at the annual meeting.

All Series A Preferred Stock nominee members on our board of directors are required to immediately resign at the option of the other members of our board of directors upon such time as the rights of the Series A Preferred Stock holder to appoint members to our board of directors expires. For so long as the board appointment rights remain in effect, if for any reason a Series A Preferred Stock nominee on our board of directors resigns or is otherwise removed from the board of directors, then his or her replacement shall be a person elected by the remaining Series A Preferred Stock nominee or the holder of the Series A Preferred Stock.

### Other Directorships

No directors of the Company are also directors of issuers with a class of securities registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act (or which otherwise are required to file periodic reports under the Exchange Act).

### Involvement in Certain Legal Proceedings

To the best of our knowledge, during the past ten years, none of our directors or executive officers were involved in any of the following: (1) any bankruptcy petition filed by or against any business of which such person was a general partner or executive officer either at the time of the bankruptcy or within two years prior to that time; (2) any conviction in a criminal proceeding or being a named subject to a pending criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations and other minor offenses); (3) being subject to any order, judgment, or decree, not subsequently reversed, suspended or vacated, of any court of competent jurisdiction, permanently or temporarily enjoining, barring, suspending or otherwise limiting his involvement in any type of business, securities or banking activities; (4) being found by a court of competent jurisdiction (in a civil action), the SEC or the Commodities Futures Trading Commission to have violated a federal or state securities or commodities law; (5) being the subject of, or a party to, any Federal or State judicial or administrative order, judgment, decree, or finding, not subsequently reversed,

suspended or vacated, relating to an alleged violation of (i) any Federal or State securities or commodities law or regulation; (ii) any law or regulation respecting financial institutions or insurance companies including, but not limited to, a temporary or permanent injunction, order of disgorgement or restitution, civil money penalty or temporary or permanent cease-and-desist order, or removal or prohibition order; or (iii) any law or regulation prohibiting mail or wire fraud or fraud in connection with any business entity; or (6) being the subject of, or a party to, any sanction or order, not subsequently reversed, suspended or vacated, of any self-regulatory organization (as defined in Section 3(a)(26) of the Exchange Act), any registered entity (as defined in Section 1(a)(29) of the Commodity Exchange Act), or any equivalent exchange, association, entity or organization that has disciplinary authority over its members or persons associated with a member.

#### Board of Directors Meetings

During the fiscal year that ended on December 31, 2015, the Board held five meetings and took various other actions via the unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors and the various committees described above. All directors attended all of the Board of Directors meetings and committee meetings relating to the committees on which each director served during fiscal year 2015. The Company did not hold an annual shareholders meeting in 2012 or 2013, but did hold an annual shareholders meeting on June 26, 2014 and October 7, 2015, at which meetings all directors were present. Each director of the Company is expected to be present at annual meetings of shareholders, absent exigent circumstances that prevent their attendance. Where a director is unable to attend an annual meeting in person but is able to do so by electronic conferencing, the Company will arrange for the director's participation by means where the director can hear, and be heard, by those present at the meeting.



## COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

## Board Committee Membership

We currently maintain a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, Compensation Committee and Audit Committee which have the following committee members:

Director	Audit Committee	Compensation Committee	Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee	Independent
Frank C. Ingriselli (1)				
David C. Crikelair (2)	C	M	M	X
Elizabeth P. Smith	M	C	C	X
David Z. Steinberg (3)				X

C - Chairman of Committee.

M - Member.

(1) Chairman of the board of directors.

(2) Mr. Crikelair is not standing for re-election at the annual meeting. Instead Mr. Adam McAfee has been nominated by the board of directors to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Crikelair's decision not to stand for re-election. It is also anticipated that the board of directors will appoint Mr. McAfee to each committee that Mr. Crikelair served on, and as Chairman of the Audit Committee, provided that he is appointed as a member of the board of directors at the annual meeting.

(3) Series A Preferred Stock holder nominee.

Each of these committees has the duties described below and operates under a charter that has been approved by our board of directors and is posted on our website. Our website address is <http://www.pacificenergydevelopment.com>. Information contained on our website is expressly not incorporated by reference into this proxy statement.

## Audit Committee

The audit committee selects, on behalf of our board of directors, an independent public accounting firm to audit our financial statements, discusses with the independent auditors their independence, reviews and discusses the audited financial statements with the independent auditors and management, and recommends to the board of directors whether the audited financial statements should be included in our annual reports to be filed with the SEC. Mr. Crikelair serves as Chair of the Audit Committee and our board of directors has determined that Mr. Crikelair is an "audit committee financial expert" as defined under Item 407(d)(5) of Regulation S-K of the Exchange Act, provided that Mr. Crikelair is not standing for re-election at the annual meeting, and the Company contemplates Mr. McAfee being the "audit committee financial expert" following the annual meeting and providing that he is appointed as a member of the board of directors at the annual meeting.

During the year ended December 31, 2015 the audit committee held four meetings.

#### Compensation Committee

The compensation committee reviews and approves (a) the annual salaries and other compensation of our executive officers, and (b) individual stock and stock option grants. The compensation committee also provides assistance and recommendations with respect to our compensation policies and practices and assists with the administration of our compensation plans. Ms. Smith serves as Chair of the compensation committee.

During the year ended December 31, 2015, the compensation committee held three meetings.

#### Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The nominating and corporate governance committee assists our board of directors in fulfilling its responsibilities by: identifying and approving individuals qualified to serve as members of our board of directors, selecting director nominees for our annual meetings of stockholders, evaluating the performance of our board of directors, and developing and recommending to our board of directors corporate governance guidelines and oversight procedures with respect to corporate governance and ethical conduct. Ms. Smith serves as Chair of the nominating and corporate governance committee.





The nominating and governance committee of the board of directors considers nominees for director based upon a number of qualifications, including their personal and professional integrity, ability, judgment, and effectiveness in serving the long-term interests of our stockholders. There are no specific, minimum or absolute criteria for membership on the board of directors. The committee makes every effort to ensure that the board of directors and its committees include at least the required number of independent directors, as that term is defined by applicable standards promulgated by the NYSE MKT and/or the SEC.

The nominating and governance committee may use its network of contacts to compile a list of potential candidates. The nominating and governance committee has not in the past relied upon professional search firms to identify director nominees, but may engage such firms if so desired. The nominating and governance committee may meet to discuss and consider candidates' qualifications and then choose a candidate by majority vote.

The nominating and governance committee will consider qualified director candidates recommended in good faith by stockholders, provided those nominees meet the requirements of NYSE MKT and applicable federal securities law. The nominating and governance committee's evaluation of candidates recommended by stockholders does not differ materially from its evaluation of candidates recommended from other sources. The Committee will consider candidates recommended by stockholders if the information relating to such candidates are properly submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Company in accordance with the manner described for stockholder proposals under "Stockholders Proposals" on page 60 below. Individuals recommended by stockholders in accordance with these procedures will receive the same consideration received by individuals identified to the Committee through other means.

During the year ended December 31, 2015, the nominating and corporate governance committee held two meetings.

#### Stockholder Communications with the Board of Directors

Our stockholders and other interested parties may communicate with members of the board of directors by submitting such communications in writing to our Corporate Secretary, 4125 Blackhawk Plaza Circle, Suite 201, Danville, California 94506, who, upon receipt of any communication other than one that is clearly marked "Confidential," will note the date the communication was received, open the communication, make a copy of it for our files and promptly forward the communication to the director(s) to whom it is addressed. Upon receipt of any communication that is clearly marked "Confidential," our Corporate Secretary will not open the communication, but will note the date the communication was received and promptly forward the communication to the director(s) to whom it is addressed. If the correspondence is not addressed to any particular board member or members, the communication will be forwarded to a board member to bring to the attention of the board of directors.

#### Executive Sessions of the Board of Directors

The independent members of our board of directors meet in executive session (with no management directors or management present) from time to time. The executive sessions include whatever topics the independent directors deem appropriate.

#### Director Independence

Our board of directors has determined that each of Ms. Smith, Mr. Crikelair and Mr. Steinberg is an independent director as defined in the NYSE MKT rules governing members of boards of directors or as defined under Rule 10A-3 of the Exchange Act and that our director nominee, Mr. Adam McAfee, will be deemed independent. Accordingly, a majority of the members of our board of directors are independent as defined in the NYSE MKT rules governing members of boards of directors and as defined under Rule 10A-3 of the Exchange Act and will continue to be

independent assuming Mr. McAfee is appointed as a director to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Crikelair's decision not to stand for re-election.

#### Code of Ethics

In 2012, in accordance with SEC rules, our board of directors adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for our directors, officers and employees. Our board of directors believes that these individuals must set an exemplary standard of conduct. This code sets forth ethical standards to which these persons must adhere and other aspects of accounting, auditing and financial compliance, as applicable. The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is available on our website at [www.pacificenergydevelopment.com](http://www.pacificenergydevelopment.com). Please note that the information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference in, or considered to be a part of, this proxy statement. Additionally, the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics was filed as an exhibit to our Form 8-K/A filed with the SEC on August 8, 2012 as Exhibit 14.1 thereto.

We intend to disclose any amendments to our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and any waivers with respect to our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics granted to our principal executive officer, our principal financial officer, or any of our other employees performing similar functions on our website at [www.pacificenergydevelopment.com](http://www.pacificenergydevelopment.com), within four business days after the amendment or waiver. In such case, the disclosure regarding the amendment or waiver will remain available on our website for at least 12 months after the initial disclosure. There have been no waivers granted with respect to our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics to any such officers or employees to date.

#### Report of Audit Committee

The following report of the Audit Committee does not constitute soliciting materials and should not be deemed filed or incorporated by reference into any other Company filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except to the extent we specifically incorporate such report by reference therein.



## AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Audit Committee represents and assists the Board of Directors in fulfilling its responsibilities for general oversight of the integrity of the Company's financial statements, the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, the independent registered public accounting firm's qualifications and independence, the performance of the Company's internal audit function and independent registered public accounting firm, and risk assessment and risk management. The Audit Committee manages the Company's relationship with its independent registered public accounting firm (which reports directly to the Audit Committee). The Audit Committee has the authority to obtain advice and assistance from outside legal, accounting or other advisors as the Audit Committee deems necessary to carry out its duties and receives appropriate funding, as determined by the Audit Committee, from the Company for such advice and assistance.

In connection with the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2015, the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company (1) reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements with the Company's management; (2) discussed with the Company's independent auditors the matters required to be discussed by the Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, as amended (Codification of Statements on Auditing Standards, AU 380), as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB") in Rule 3200T and Exchange Act Regulation S-X, Rule 2-07; (3) received the written disclosures and the letter from the independent auditors required by the applicable requirements of the PCAOB regarding the independent auditors' communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence; (4) discussed with the independent auditors the independent auditors' independence; and (5) considered whether the provision of non-audit services by the Company's principal auditors is compatible with maintaining auditor independence.

Based upon these reviews and discussions, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors approved, that the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015 be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The undersigned members of the Audit Committee have submitted this Report to the Board of Directors.

Audit Committee

/s/ David C. Crikelair (Chairman)

/s/ Elizabeth P. Smith



## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to our executive officers (ages are as of the record date).

Name	Age	Executive Position
Michael L. Peterson	54	Chief Executive Officer and President
Gregory Overholtzer	60	Chief Financial Officer, Vice President, Finance and Controller
Clark R. Moore	43	Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

## Michael L. Peterson, Chief Executive Officer and President

Mr. Peterson has served as our Chief Executive Officer since May 2016, served as our Chief Financial Officer from our acquisition of Pacific Energy Development in July 2012 to May 2016, as our Executive Vice President from our acquisition of Pacific Energy Development in July 2012 to October 2014, and has served as our President since October 2014. Mr. Peterson joined Pacific Energy Development as its Executive Vice President in September 2011, assumed the additional office of Chief Financial Officer in June 2012, and served as a member of our board of directors from July 2012 to September 2013. Mr. Peterson formerly served as Interim President and CEO (from June 2009 to December 2011) and as director (from May 2008 to December 2011) of us, as a director (from May 2006 to July 2012) of Aemetis, Inc. (formerly AE Biofuels Inc.), a Cupertino, California-based global advanced biofuels and renewable commodity chemicals company (AMTX), and as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Nevo Energy, Inc. (NEVE) (formerly Solargen Energy, Inc.), a Cupertino, California-based developer of utility-scale solar farms which he helped form in December 2008 (from December 2008 to July 2012). In addition, since February 2006, Mr. Peterson has served as founder and managing partner of California-based Pascal Management, a manager of hedge and private equity investments, and since August 2016, Mr. Peterson has served as an independent director on the board of TrxAde Group, Inc. (OTCQB: TRXD), a web-based pharmaceutical market platform headquartered in Florida, each of which we believe requires only an immaterial amount of Mr. Peterson's time and does not conflict with his roles or responsibilities with us. From 2005 to 2006, Mr. Peterson co-founded and became a managing partner of American Institutional Partners, a venture investment fund based in Salt Lake City. From 2000 to 2004, he served as a First Vice President at Merrill Lynch, where he helped establish a new private client services division to work exclusively with high net worth investors. From September 1989 to January 2000, Mr. Peterson was employed by Goldman Sachs & Co. in a variety of positions and roles, including as a Vice President with the responsibility for a team of professionals that advised and managed over \$7 billion in assets. Mr. Peterson speaks Mandarin Chinese.

Mr. Peterson received his MBA at the Marriott School of Management and a BS in statistics/computer science from Brigham Young University.

## Gregory Overholtzer, Chief Financial Officer, Vice President, Finance and Controller

Mr. Overholtzer has served as the Chief Financial Officer of the Company since May 2016, as the Company's Corporate Controller since January 2012, and has served as the Company's Vice President, Finance and Corporate Controller since June of 2012. Mr. Overholtzer began his career in 1982 as a senior financial analyst at British Oxygen Corporation located in Fairfield, California. In 1994, Mr. Overholtzer joined Giga-tronics as their Chief Financial Officer. Between 1997 and 2011, Mr. Overholtzer served as the Chief Financial Officer or Corporate Controller for five different companies engaged in various hi-tech and bio-tech industries, including Accretive Solutions, Omni ID and Genitope Corp., all located in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Mr. Overholtzer received his MBA in Finance from the University of California at Berkeley and his B.A. from UC Berkeley.

Clark R. Moore, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Mr. Moore has served as our Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary since our acquisition of Pacific Energy Development in July 2012 and has served as the Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary of Pacific Energy Development since its inception in February 2011. Mr. Moore began his career in 2000 as a corporate attorney at the law firm of Venture Law Group located in Menlo Park, California, which later merged into Heller Ehrman LLP in 2003. In 2004, Mr. Moore left Heller Ehrman LLP and launched a legal consulting practice focused on representation of private and public company clients in the energy and high-tech industries. In September 2006, Mr. Moore joined Erin Energy Corporation (NYSE: ERN) (formerly CAMAC Energy, Inc.), an independent energy company headquartered in Houston, Texas, as its acting General Counsel and continued to serve in that role through June 2011.

Mr. Moore received his J.D. with Distinction from Stanford Law School and his B.A. with Honors from the University of Washington.





## EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The following table sets forth the compensation for services paid in all capacities for the two fiscal years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 to (a) Frank C. Ingriselli, our Chairman and former Chief Executive Officer (Mr. Ingriselli stepped down as Chief Executive Officer in May 2016), and (b) Michael L. Peterson and Clark R. Moore, who were the next two most highly compensated executive officers at fiscal year-end 2015 and 2014 (collectively, the “Named Executive Officers”). There were no other executive officers who received compensation in excess of \$100,000 in either 2015 or 2014.

## Summary Compensation Table

Name and Principal Position	Fiscal Year Ended December 31	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Option Awards (\$)(1)	Stock Awards (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Frank C. Ingriselli* Former Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board (#)	2015	338,000	25,000	-	136,900	(3) -	499,900
	2014	370,000	28,000	-	1,048,000	(2) -	1,446,000
Michael L. Peterson Chief Executive Officer and President, Former Chief Financial Officer (#)	2015	303,000	25,000	-	120,250	(5) -	448,250
	2014	303,000	22,000	-	1,048,000	(4) -	1,373,000
Clark R. Moore Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary	2015	253,000	25,000	-	99,900	(7) -	377,900
	2014	270,000	20,000	-	679,000	(6) -	969,000

Does not include perquisites and other personal benefits or property, unless the aggregate amount of such compensation is more than \$10,000. No executive officer earned any non-equity incentive plan compensation or nonqualified deferred compensation during the periods reported above.

\* Mr. Ingriselli stepped down as Chief Executive Officer in May 2016, at which time Mr. Peterson was appointed as Chief Executive Officer and stepped down as Chief Financial Officer, and Mr. Overholtzer was appointed as Chief Financial Officer.

Amounts in this column represent the aggregate grant date fair value of awards computed in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standard Codification Topic 718. For additional information (1) on the valuation assumptions with respect to the option grants, refer to Note 13 of our financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015 included in our 2015 Annual Report, which is included herewith. These amounts do not correspond to the actual value that will be recognized by the named individuals from these awards.

(2) Consists of the value of 540,000 shares of restricted common stock granted in July 2014 at \$1.94 per share.

(3) Consists of the value of 370,000 shares of restricted common stock granted in January 2015 at \$0.37 per share.

- (4) Consists of the value of 395,000 shares of restricted common stock granted in July 2014 at \$1.94 per share and 200,000 shares of restricted common stock granted in October 2014 at \$1.41 per share.



(5) Consists of the value of 325,000 shares of restricted common stock granted in January 2015 at \$0.37 per share.

(6) Consists of the value of 350,000 shares of restricted common stock granted in July 2014 at \$1.94 per share.

(7) Consists of the value of 270,000 shares of restricted common stock granted in January 2015 at \$0.37 per share.

Outstanding Equity Awards at Year Ended December 31, 2015

The following table sets forth information as of December 31, 2015 concerning outstanding equity awards for the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table.

Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

Name	Option Awards			Stock Awards		
	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#) exercisable	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#) unexercisable	Option Exercise price(\$)	Option expiration date	Number of shares or units of stock that have not vested (#)	Market value of shares or units of stock that have not vested (\$)
Frank C. Ingriselli	348,267	-	\$0.51	6/18/2022	202,500 (1)	\$58,725
	42,534	-	\$0.51	6/18/2022	324,000 (2)	\$93,960
	259,000	111,000	\$0.37	1/7/2020	370,000 (3)	\$107,300
Michael L. Peterson	447	-	\$67.20	5/28/2018	146,250 (1)	\$42,412
	2,977	-	\$30.24	2/2/2021	237,000 (2)	\$68,730
	100,000	-	\$0.24	10/7/2021	160,000 (4)	\$46,400
	269,534	-	\$0.51	6/18/2022	325,000 (3)	\$94,250
	63,800	-	\$0.51	6/18/2022		
	227,500	97,500	\$0.37	1/7/2020		
	188,867	-	\$0.51	6/18/2022	130,500 (1)	\$37,845

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44,467	-	\$0.51	6/18/2022	210,000	(2)	\$60,900
189,000	81,000	\$0.37	1/7/2020	270,000	(3)	\$78,300

(1) Vesting of 2/3 of shares delayed pursuant to Vesting Agreement, dated December 29, 2015 as amended January 6, 2016, until the 2nd trading day following the Company’s public announcement of the “Vesting Event” as defined therein, upon which Vesting Event all vesting with respect to such shares shall be accelerated and all such shares shall be fully vested. Balance 1/3 of the stock award vests on August 8, 2016, subject to the holder remaining an employee of or consultant to the Company on such vesting date.

(2) Vesting of 2/3 of shares delayed pursuant to Vesting Agreement, dated December 29, 2015 as amended January 6, 2016, until the 2nd trading day following the Company’s public announcement of the “Vesting Event” as defined therein, upon which Vesting Event all vesting with respect to such shares shall be accelerated and all such shares shall be fully vested. Balance 1/3 of the stocks award vests on January 1, 2017 and 50% on July 1, 2017, subject to the holder remaining an employee of or consultant to the Company on such vesting date.

(3) Vesting of 2/3 of shares delayed pursuant to Vesting Agreement, dated December 29, 2015, as amended January 6, 2016, until the 2nd trading day following the Company’s public announcement of the “Vesting Event,” as defined therein, upon which Vesting Event all vesting with respect to such shares shall be accelerated and all such shares shall be fully vested. Balance 1/3 of the stock award vests 50% on January 1, 2017 and 50% on July 1, 2017, subject to the holder remaining an employee of or consultant to the Company on such vesting date.

(4) Vesting of 60% shares delayed pursuant to Vesting Agreement, dated December 29, 2015, as amended January 6, 2016, until the 2nd trading day following the Company’s public announcement of the “Vesting Event,” as defined therein, upon which Vesting Event all vesting with respect to such shares shall be accelerated and all such shares shall be fully vested. Balance 40% of the stock award vests 50% on July 7, 2016 and 50% on January 7, 2017, subject to the holder remaining an employee of or consultant to the Company on such vesting date.



## Recent Issuances of Equity to Executive Officers and Directors

On January 7, 2016, the Company granted options to purchase shares of common stock to its executive officers at an exercise price of \$0.22 per share, pursuant to the Company's 2012 Amended and Restated Equity Incentive Plan and in connection with the Company's 2015 annual equity incentive compensation review process, as follows: (i) an option to purchase 280,000 shares to Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Frank C. Ingriselli; (ii) an option to purchase 300,000 shares to President and Chief Financial Officer Michael L. Peterson; and (iii) an option to purchase 280,000 shares to Executive Vice President and General Counsel Clark R. Moore. The options have terms of five years and fully vest in July 2017. 50% vest six months from the date of grant, 30% vest one year from the date of grant, and 20% vest eighteen months from the date of grant, all contingent upon the recipient's continued service with the Company.

On January 7, 2016, the Company granted shares of its restricted common stock to its executive officers pursuant to the Company's 2012 Amended and Restated Equity Incentive Plan and in connection with the Company's 2015 annual equity incentive compensation review process as follows: (i) 600,000 shares to Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Frank C. Ingriselli; (ii) 600,000 shares to President and Chief Financial Officer Michael L. Peterson; and (iii) 550,000 shares to Executive Vice President and General Counsel Clark R. Moore. 50% of the shares vest on the six month anniversary of the grant date, 30% vest on the twelve month anniversary of the grant date, and 20% vest on the eighteen month anniversary of the grant date, all contingent upon the recipient's continued service with the Company.

## Compensation of Directors

The following table sets forth compensation information with respect to our non-executive directors during our fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)*	Stock Awards (\$)(1)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
David C. Crikelair	\$20,000	\$30,968	\$-	\$50,968
Elizabeth P. Smith	\$20,000	\$30,968	\$-	\$50,968
David Z. Steinberg	\$5,000	\$-	\$-	\$5,000

\* The table above does not include the amount of any expense reimbursements paid to the above directors. No directors received any Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation or Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings during the period presented. Includes quarterly cash compensation earned, but not yet paid, in the amount of \$5,000 each. Does not include perquisites and other personal benefits, or property, unless the aggregate amount of such compensation is more than \$10,000.

(1) Amounts in this column represent the aggregate grant date fair value of awards computed in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standard Codification Topic 718. For additional information on the valuation assumptions with respect to the restricted stock grants, refer to Note 12 of our financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015 included in our 2015 Annual Report, which is included herewith. These amounts do not correspond to the actual value that will be recognized by the named individuals from these awards. Mr. Crikelair and Ms. Smith each received a grant of 96,775 shares of restricted stock on February 6, 2015, which vested in full on September 10, 2015 (at a fair market value of \$0.32 per share for total value of \$30,968). Mr. Crikelair and Ms. Smith also each received a grant of 214,286 shares of restricted stock on October 7, 2015, each



with an aggregate grant date fair value as computed in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standard Codification Topic 718 of approximately \$60,000, which vested in full on September 10, 2016. Mr. Steinberg also received a grant of 214,286 shares of restricted stock on October 7, 2015, with an aggregate grant date fair value as computed in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standard Codification Topic 718 of approximately \$60,000, which vested in full on July 15, 2016. All shares vesting in 2016 have not been included in the table above as there was no compensation recognized in the year ended December 31, 2015.



Our board has adopted a compensation program that, effective for periods after 2012, provides each of our “independent” directors as defined in NYSE MKT rules or under Rule 10A-3 of the Exchange Act with compensation consisting of (a) a quarterly cash payment of \$5,000, and (b) an annual equity award consisting of shares of restricted stock valued at \$60,000, vesting on the date that is one year following the date of grant.

## Equity Compensation Plan Information

### 2012 Plan

**General.** On June 26, 2012, our board of directors adopted the Blast Energy Services, Inc. 2012 Equity Incentive Plan, which was approved by our stockholders on July 30, 2012 and subsequently renamed the PEDEVCO Corp. 2012 Equity Incentive Plan in connection with our name change from Blast Energy Services, Inc. to PEDEVCO Corp. The 2012 Equity Incentive Plan provides for awards of incentive stock options, non-statutory stock options, rights to acquire restricted stock, stock appreciation rights, or SARs, and performance units and performance shares. Subject to the provisions of the 2012 Equity Incentive Plan relating to adjustments upon changes in our common stock, an aggregate of two million shares of common stock were reserved for issuance under the 2012 Equity Incentive Plan. On April 23, 2014, the board of directors adopted an amended and restated 2012 Equity Incentive Plan, to increase by five million shares, the number of awards available for issuance under the plan, which was approved by stockholders on June 27, 2014. On July 27, 2015, the board of directors adopted an amended and restated 2012 Equity Incentive Plan, to increase by three million shares, the number of awards available for issuance under the plan, which was approved by stockholders on October 7, 2015. We refer to the 2012 Amended and Restated Incentive Plan as the 2012 Plan. Pursuant to proposal 3, beginning on page 45, we are seeking stockholder approval at the annual meeting to increase by five million shares the number of awards available for issuance under the 2012 Plan.

**Purpose.** Our board of directors adopted the 2012 Plan to provide a means by which our employees, directors and consultants may be given an opportunity to benefit from increases in the value of our common stock, to assist in attracting and retaining the services of such persons, to bind the interests of eligible recipients more closely to our interests by offering them opportunities to acquire shares of our common stock and to afford such persons stock-based compensation opportunities that are competitive with those afforded by similar businesses.

**Administration.** Unless it delegates administration to a committee, our board of directors administers the 2012 Plan. Subject to the provisions of the 2012 Plan, our board of directors has the power to construe and interpret the 2012 Plan, and to determine: (a) the fair value of common stock subject to awards issued under the 2012 Plan; (b) the persons to whom and the dates on which awards will be granted; (c) what types or combinations of types of awards will be granted; (d) the number of shares of common stock to be subject to each award; (e) the time or times during the term of each award within which all or a portion of such award may be exercised; (f) the exercise price or purchase price of each award; and (g) the types of consideration permitted to exercise or purchase each award and other terms of the awards.

**Eligibility.** Incentive stock options may be granted under the 2012 Plan only to employees of us and our affiliates. Employees, directors and consultants of us and our affiliates are eligible to receive all other types of awards under the 2012 Plan.

**Terms of Options and SARs.** The exercise price of incentive stock options may not be less than the fair market value of the common stock subject to the option on the date of the grant and, in some cases, may not be less than 110% of such fair market value. The exercise price of nonstatutory options also may not be less than the fair market value of the common stock on the date of grant.

Options granted under the 2012 Plan may be exercisable in cumulative increments, or “vest,” as determined by our board of directors. Our board of directors has the power to accelerate the time as of which an option may vest or be exercised. The maximum term of options, SARs and performance shares and units under the 2012 Plan is ten years, except that in certain cases, the maximum term is five years. Options, SARs and performance shares and units awarded under the 2012 Plan generally will terminate three months after termination of the participant’s service, subject to certain exceptions.



A recipient may not transfer an incentive stock option otherwise than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. During the lifetime of the recipient, only the recipient may exercise an option, SAR or performance share or unit. Our board of directors may grant nonstatutory stock options, SARs and performance shares and units that are transferable to the extent provided in the applicable written agreement.

**Terms of Restricted Stock Awards.** Our board of directors may issue shares of restricted stock under the 2012 Plan as a grant or for such consideration, including services, and, subject to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, promissory notes, as determined in its sole discretion.

Shares of restricted stock acquired under a restricted stock purchase or grant agreement may, but need not, be subject to forfeiture to us or other restrictions that will lapse in accordance with a vesting schedule to be determined by our board of directors. In the event a recipient's employment or service with us terminates, any or all of the shares of common stock held by such recipient that have not vested as of the date of termination under the terms of the restricted stock agreement may be forfeited to us in accordance with such restricted stock agreement.

Rights to acquire shares of common stock under the restricted stock purchase or grant agreement shall be transferable by the recipient only upon such terms and conditions as are set forth in the restricted stock agreement, as our board of directors shall determine in its discretion, so long as shares of common stock awarded under the restricted stock agreement remain subject to the terms of such agreement.

**Adjustment Provisions.** If any change is made to our outstanding shares of common stock without our receipt of consideration (whether through reorganization, stock dividend or stock split, or other specified change in our capital structure), appropriate adjustments may be made in the class and maximum number of shares of common stock subject to the 2012 Plan and outstanding awards. In that event, the 2012 Plan will be appropriately adjusted in the class and maximum number of shares of common stock subject to the 2012 Plan, and outstanding awards may be adjusted in the class, number of shares and price per share of common stock subject to such awards.

**Effect of Certain Corporate Events.** In the event of (a) a liquidation or dissolution of the Company; (b) a merger or consolidation of the Company with or into another corporation or entity (other than a merger with a wholly-owned subsidiary); (c) a sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company; or (d) a purchase or other acquisition of more than 50% of the outstanding stock of the Company by one person or by more than one person acting in concert, any surviving or acquiring corporation may assume awards outstanding under the 2012 Plan or may substitute similar awards. Unless the stock award agreement otherwise provides, in the event any surviving or acquiring corporation does not assume such awards or substitute similar awards, then the awards will terminate if not exercised at or prior to such event.

**Duration, Amendment and Termination.** Our board of directors may suspend or terminate the 2012 Plan without stockholder approval or ratification at any time or from time to time. Unless sooner terminated, the 2012 Plan will terminate ten years from the date of its adoption by our board of directors, i.e., in March 2022.

Our board of directors may also amend the 2012 Plan at any time, and from time to time. However, except as it relates to adjustments upon changes in common stock, no amendment will be effective unless approved by our stockholders to the extent stockholder approval is necessary to preserve incentive stock option treatment for federal income tax purposes. Our board of directors may submit any other amendment to the 2012 Plan for stockholder approval if it concludes that stockholder approval is otherwise advisable, such as the amendment described in proposal 3, beginning on page 45.

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As of the date of this proxy statement, options to purchase 3,067,000 shares of common stock and 6,139,170 shares of restricted stock have been issued under the 2012 Plan, with 793,830 shares of common stock remaining available for issuance under the 2012 Plan. The options have a weighted average exercise price of \$0.57 per share, and have expiration dates ranging from 2018 to 2022.





## 2012 Pacific Energy Development (Pre-Merger) Plan

On February 9, 2012, prior to the Pacific Energy Development merger, Pacific Energy Development adopted the Pacific Energy Development 2012 Equity Incentive Plan, which we refer to as the 2012 Pre-Merger Plan. We assumed the obligations of the 2012 Pre-Merger Plan pursuant to the Pacific Energy Development merger, though the 2012 Pre-Merger Plan has been superseded by the 2012 Plan (described above).

The 2012 Pre-Merger Plan provides for awards of incentive stock options, non-statutory stock options, rights to acquire restricted stock, stock appreciation rights, or SARs, and performance units and performance shares. Subject to the provisions of the 2012 Pre-Merger Plan relating to adjustments upon changes in our common stock, an aggregate of 1,000,000 shares of common stock have been reserved for issuance under the 2012 Pre-Merger Plan.

The board of directors of Pacific Energy Development adopted the 2012 Pre-Merger Plan to provide a means by which its employees, directors and consultants may be given an opportunity to benefit from increases in the value of its common stock, to assist in attracting and retaining the services of such persons, to bind the interests of eligible recipients more closely to our interests by offering them opportunities to acquire shares of our common stock and to afford such persons stock-based compensation opportunities that are competitive with those afforded by similar businesses.

The exercise price of incentive stock options may not be less than the fair market value of the common stock subject to the option on the date of the grant and, in some cases, may not be less than 110% of such fair market value. The exercise price of nonstatutory options also may not be less than the fair market value of the common stock on the date of grant. Options granted under the 2012 Pre-Merger Plan may be exercisable in cumulative increments, or “vest,” as determined by the board of directors of Pacific Energy Development at the time of grant.

Shares of restricted stock could be issued under the 2012 Pre-Merger Plan as a grant or for such consideration, including services, and, subject to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, promissory notes, as determined in the sole discretion of the Pacific Energy Development board of directors. Shares of restricted stock acquired under a restricted stock purchase or grant agreement could, but need not, be subject to forfeiture or other restrictions that will lapse in accordance with a vesting schedule determined by the board of directors of Pacific Energy Development at the time of grant. In the event a recipient’s employment or service with the Company terminates, any or all of the shares of common stock held by such recipient that have not vested as of the date of termination under the terms of the restricted stock agreement may be forfeited to the Company in accordance with such restricted stock agreement.

Appropriate adjustments may be made to outstanding awards in the event of changes in our outstanding shares of common stock, whether through reorganization, stock dividend or stock split, or other specified change in capital structure of the Company. In the event of liquidation, merger or consolidation, sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, or other change in control, any surviving or acquiring corporation may assume awards outstanding under the 2012 Pre-Merger Plan or may substitute similar awards. Unless the stock award agreement otherwise provides, in the event any surviving or acquiring corporation does not assume such awards or substitute similar awards, then the awards will terminate if not exercised at or prior to such event.

As of the date of this proxy statement, 310,137 options and 551,670 shares of restricted stock remain outstanding under the 2012 Pre-Merger Plan. These options have a weighted average exercise price of \$0.49 per share, and have expiration dates ranging from February 8, 2022 to June 18, 2022.

## 2009 Stock Incentive Plan

Effective July 30, 2012, our 2009 Stock Incentive Plan, which we refer to as the 2009 Plan was replaced by the 2012 Plan. The 2009 Plan was intended to secure for us the benefits arising from ownership of our common stock by the employees, officers, directors and consultants of the Company. The 2009 Plan was designed to help attract and retain for the Company and its affiliates personnel of superior ability for positions of exceptional responsibility, to reward employees, officers, directors and consultants for their services and to motivate such individuals through added incentives to further contribute to the success of the Company and its affiliates.



Pursuant to the 2009 Plan, our board of directors (or a committee thereof) had the ability to award grants of incentive or non-qualified options, restricted stock awards, performance shares and other securities as described in greater detail in the 2009 Plan to our employees, officers, directors and consultants. The number of securities issuable pursuant to the 2009 Plan was initially 14,881, provided that the number of shares available for issuance under the 2009 Plan would be increased on the first day of each fiscal year beginning with our 2011 fiscal year, in an amount equal to the greater of (a) 5,953 shares; or (b) three percent (3%) of the number of issued and outstanding shares of the Company on the first day of such fiscal year. The 2009 Plan was to expire in April 2019.

As of the date of this proxy statement, 3,422 options remain outstanding under the 2009 Plan. These options have a weighted average exercise price of \$35.07 per share, and have an expiration date ranging from May 28, 2018 to February 2, 2021.

### 2003 Stock Option Plan

Effective April 1, 2009, our 2003 Stock Option Plan was replaced by the 2009 Plan. The number of securities originally grantable pursuant to the 2003 Stock Option Plan was 23,810. Any options granted pursuant to the 2003 Stock Option Plan remain in effect until they otherwise expire or are terminated according to their terms. As of the date of this proxy statement, no options remain outstanding under the 2003 Plan.

### Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans

The following table sets forth information, as of December 31, 2015, with respect to our compensation plans under which common stock is authorized for issuance.

### EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (A)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (B)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in Column A) (C)
Equity compensation plans approved by shareholders (1)	2,130,560	\$0.94	3,425,340(2)
Equity compensation plans not approved by shareholders (3)	8,731,617	\$1.64	-
Total	10,862,177	\$1.50	3,425,340

- (1) Consists of (i) options to purchase 310,136 shares of common stock issued and outstanding under the Pacific Energy Development Corp. 2012 Amended and Restated Equity Incentive Plan, (ii) options to purchase 3,424 shares of common stock issued and outstanding under the Blast Energy Services, Inc. 2009 Incentive Plan, and (iii) options to purchase 1,817,000 shares of common stock issued and outstanding under the PEDEVCO Corp.

2012 Amended and Restated Equity Incentive Plan.

- (2) Consists of 3,425,340 shares of common stock reserved and available for issuance under the PEDEVCO Corp. 2012 Amended and Restated Equity Incentive Plan.

- (3) Consists of (i) options to purchase 928,335 shares of common stock granted by Pacific Energy Development Corp. to employees and consultants of the company in October 2011 and June 2012, and (ii) warrants to purchase 7,803,282 shares of common stock granted by PEDEVCO Corp. to placement agents, investors and consultants between March 2013 and September 2015.



## 2014 Say on Pay Vote

At the annual meeting of our stockowners held on June 27, 2014, stockholders holding 39.7% of the total shares eligible to be voted at the annual meeting, 67.3% of the shares voted at the annual meeting and 85.4% of the total votes cast on the proposal, voted in favor of our named executive officers' 2013 compensation. The board of directors and the Compensation Committee considered these favorable results and did not make significant changes to our executive compensation program because it believes this advisory stockholder vote indicates strong support for our current compensation policies. The board of directors currently plans to hold the next non-binding, advisory vote on executive compensation at our 2017 annual meeting of stockholders.

## Executive Employment Agreements

Michael L. Peterson. On September 1, 2011, Pacific Energy Development, our wholly-owned subsidiary, entered into a Consulting Agreement engaging Michael L. Peterson to serve as Executive Vice President of Pacific Energy Development. This Consulting Agreement was superseded by an employment offer letter dated February 1, 2012, which employment offer letter was later amended and restated in full on June 16, 2012 and further amended on April 25, 2016 in connection with his promotion to the office of Chief Executive Officer of the Company. Pursuant to Mr. Peterson's current employment offer letter, Mr. Peterson serves as our company's Chief Executive Officer and President at a current annual base salary of \$300,000, and a target annual cash bonus of between 20% and 40% of his base salary, awardable by the board of directors in its discretion. Mr. Peterson previously served as a member of the board of directors and as the Interim President and Chief Executive Officer of Blast, and formerly as the Executive Vice President of the Company until his promotion to the office of President in October 2014. Prior to April 30, 2016, Mr. Peterson served as the Chief Financial Officer of the Company.

In addition, on January 11, 2013, Mr. Peterson's employment offer letter was amended to revise the termination and severance provisions to parallel those of Mr. Clark Moore, our Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel, as described below. Mr. Peterson's employment offer letter amendment provides for, among other things, severance payment provisions that would require the Company to make lump sum payments equal to 18 months' salary and target bonus to Mr. Peterson in the event his employment is terminated due to his death or disability, terminated without "Cause" or if he voluntarily resigns for "Good Reason" (36 months in connection with a "Change of Control"), and continuation of benefits for up to 36 months (48 months in connection with a "Change of Control"), as such terms are defined in the employment offer letter amendment.

For purposes of Mr. Peterson's employment agreement, the term "Cause" means his (1) conviction of, or plea of nolo contendere to, a felony or any other crime involving moral turpitude; (2) fraud on or misappropriation of any funds or property of our company or any of its affiliates, customers or vendors; (3) act of material dishonesty, willful misconduct, willful violation of any law, rule or regulation, or breach of fiduciary duty involving personal profit, in each case made in connection with his responsibilities as an employee, officer or director of our company and which has, or could reasonably be deemed to result in, a Material Adverse Effect upon our company; (4) illegal use or distribution of drugs; (5) material violation of any policy or code of conduct of our company; or (6) material breach of any provision of the employment agreement or any other employment, non-disclosure, non-competition, non-solicitation or other similar agreement executed by him for the benefit of our company or any of its affiliates, all as reasonably determined in good faith by the board of directors of our company. However, an event that is or would constitute "Cause" shall cease to be "Cause" if he reverses the action or cures the default that constitutes "Cause" within 10 days after our company notifies him in writing that Cause exists. No act or failure to act on Mr. Peterson's part will be considered "willful" unless it is done, or omitted to be done, by him in bad faith or without reasonable belief that such action or omission was in the best interests of our company. Any act or failure to act that is based on authority given pursuant to a resolution duly passed by the board of directors, or the advice of counsel to our company, shall be

conclusively presumed to be done, or omitted to be done, in good faith and in the best interests of our company.

For purposes of the employment agreement, “Material Adverse Effect” means any event, change or effect that is materially adverse to the condition (financial or otherwise), properties, assets, liabilities, business, operations or results of operations of our company or its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.





For purposes of Mr. Peterson's employment agreement, "Good Reason" means the occurrence of any of the following without his written consent: (a) the assignment to him of duties substantially inconsistent with this employment agreement or a material adverse change in his titles or authority; (b) any failure by our company to comply with the compensation provisions of the agreement in any material way; (c) any material breach of the employment agreement by our company; or (d) the relocation of him by more than fifty (50) miles from the location of our company's principal office located in Danville, California. However, an event that is or would constitute "Good Reason" shall cease to be "Good Reason" if: (i) he does not terminate employment within 45 days after the event occurs; (ii) before he terminates employment, we reverse the action or cure the default that constitutes "Good Reason" within 10 days after he notifies us in writing that Good Reason exists; or (iii) he was a primary instigator of the "Good Reason" event and the circumstances make it inappropriate for him to receive "Good Reason" termination benefits under the employment agreement (e.g., he agrees temporarily to relinquish his position on the occurrence of a merger transaction he assists in negotiating).

For purposes of Mr. Peterson's employment agreement, "Change of Control" means: (i) a merger, consolidation or sale of capital stock by existing holders of capital stock of our company that results in more than 50% of the combined voting power of the then outstanding capital stock of our company or its successor changing ownership; (ii) the sale, or exclusive license, of all or substantially all of our company's assets; or (iii) the individuals constituting our company's board of directors as of the date of the employment agreement (the "Incumbent Board of Directors") cease for any reason to constitute at least 1/2 of the members of the board of directors; provided, however, that if the election, or nomination for election by our stockholders, of any new director was approved by a vote of the Incumbent Board of Directors, such new director shall be considered a member of the Incumbent Board of Directors. Notwithstanding the foregoing and for purposes of clarity, a transaction shall not constitute a Change in Control if: (w) its sole purpose is to change the state of our company's incorporation; (x) its sole purpose is to create a holding company that will be owned in substantially the same proportions by the persons who held our company's securities immediately before such transaction; or (y) it is a transaction effected primarily for the purpose of financing our company with cash (as determined by the board of directors in its discretion and without regard to whether such transaction is effectuated by a merger, equity financing or otherwise).

Gregory Overholtzer. Effective May 1, 2016, in connection with Mr. Overholtzer's appointment as Chief Financial Officer of the Company, the Company entered into an Amendment No. 1 to Employment Agreement on April 25, 2016 with Mr. Overholtzer (the "Amended Overholtzer Employment Agreement"), which amended that certain Employment Letter Agreement dated June 16, 2012, entered into by and between the Company as successor-in-interest to Pacific Energy Development Corp. and Mr. Overholtzer in connection with his original employment with the Company (the "Overholtzer Employment Agreement"). Mr. Overholtzer has a current annual base salary of \$190,000, and is eligible for a discretionary cash performance bonus each year of up to 30% of his then-current annual base salary. In addition, the Company may not terminate Mr. Overholtzer's employment other than for "Cause" (defined below) prior to November 1, 2016, and thereafter for any reason with thirty (30) days prior written notice. In the event the Company terminates his employment without "Cause" prior to November 1, 2016, the Company must continue to pay his then-current base salary through October 31, 2016, and immediately accelerate by six (6) months the vesting of all outstanding Company restricted stock and options exercisable for Company capital stock held by Mr. Overholtzer, with all vested Company options remaining exercisable for a period of twelve (12) months, in exchange for a full and complete release of claims against the Company in a form reasonably acceptable to the Company.

For purposes of Mr. Overholtzer's employment agreement, "Cause" means Mr. Overholtzer's: (1) conviction of, or plea of nolo contendere to, a felony or any other crime involving moral turpitude; (2) fraud on or misappropriation of any funds or property of the Company or any of its affiliates, customers or vendors; (3) act of material dishonesty, willful misconduct, willful violation of any law, rule or regulation, or breach of fiduciary duty involving personal profit, in

each case made in connection with his responsibilities as an employee, officer or director of the Company and which has, or could reasonably be deemed to result in, a Material Adverse Effect upon the Company (defined below); (4) illegal use or distribution of drugs; (5) willful material violation of any policy or code of conduct of the Company; or (6) material breach of any provision of his employment agreement or any other employment, non-disclosure, non-competition, non-solicitation or other similar agreement executed by him for the benefit of the Company or any of its affiliates, all as reasonably determined in good faith by the Board of Directors of the Company. However, an event that is or would constitute "Cause" shall cease to be "Cause" if Mr. Overholtzer reverses the action or cures the default that constitutes "Cause" within 10 days after the Company notifies him in writing that Cause exists. No act or failure to act on Mr. Overholtzer's part will be considered "willful" unless it is done, or omitted to be done, by him in bad faith or without reasonable belief that such action or omission was in the best interests of the Company. Any act or failure to act that is based on authority given pursuant to a resolution duly passed by the Board, or the advice of counsel to the Company, shall be conclusively presumed to be done, or omitted to be done, in good faith and in the best interests of the Company. For purposes of his employment agreement, "Material Adverse Effect" means any event, change or effect that is materially adverse to the condition (financial or otherwise), properties, assets, liabilities, business, operations or results of operations of the Company or its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.



Clark Moore. Pacific Energy Development, our wholly-owned subsidiary, has entered into an employment agreement, dated June 10, 2011, as amended January 11, 2013, with Clark Moore, its Executive Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel, pursuant to which, effective June 1, 2011, Mr. Moore has been employed by Pacific Energy Development, and since the Pacific Energy Development merger, with a current annual base salary of \$250,000, and a target annual cash bonus of between 20% and 40% of his base salary, awardable by the board of directors in its discretion. In addition, Mr. Moore's employment agreement includes, among other things, severance payment provisions that would require the Company to make lump sum payments equal to 18 months' salary and target bonus to Mr. Moore in the event his employment is terminated due to his death or disability, terminated without "Cause" or if he voluntarily resigns for "Good Reason" (36 months in connection with a "Change of Control"), and continuation of benefits for up to 36 months (48 months in connection with a "Change of Control"), as such terms are defined in the employment agreement. The employment agreement also prohibits Mr. Moore from engaging in competitive activities during and following termination of his employment that would result in disclosure of our confidential information, but does not contain a general restriction on engaging in competitive activities.

The definitions of "Cause" (including the applicable cure provisions associated therewith), "Material Adverse Effect", "Good Reason" and "Change of Control" in Mr. Moore's employment agreement are substantially the same as in Mr. Peterson's employment agreement as discussed above.

#### CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Except as discussed below, referenced below, or otherwise disclosed above under "Executive Compensation" and "Executive Employment Agreements", beginning on pages 16 and 23, respectively, and as described in proposal 2, relating to the MIEJ Settlement Agreement and related transactions, beginning on page 40, there have been no transactions since January 1, 2013, and there is not currently any proposed transaction, in which the Company was or is to be a participant, where the amount involved exceeds \$120,000, and in which any officer, director, or any stockholder owning greater than five percent (5%) of our outstanding voting shares, nor any member of the above referenced individual's immediate family, had or will have a direct or indirect material interest.

#### Agreements with Related Persons

##### MIE Holdings Corporation

MIE Holdings Corporation, which we refer to as MIE Holdings, an independent upstream onshore oil company operating in China and abroad, may have formerly been deemed to be an affiliate of us due to its 80% interest held in Condor Energy Technology, LLC, which we refer to as Condor, a limited liability company in which we held a 20% interest until we divested our full interest in Condor to MIE Holdings in February 2015, and because MIE Holdings previously held a 50% interest in White Hawk Petroleum, LLC, which we refer to as White Hawk, which we acquired from MIE Holdings in December 2013 and then divested in full in February 2014. MIE Holdings also currently holds 1,333,334 shares of our common stock.

##### MIEJ Warrants

On June 30, 2014, we re-issued two warrants to MIE Jurassic Energy Corporation ("MIEJ"), which we refer to as MIEJ (a subsidiary of MIE Holdings), in order to extend their exercise terms through June 30, 2015 (the "Warrants"). The Warrants were originally issued on May 23, 2012 to MIEJ and expired unexercised pursuant to their terms on May 23, 2014. These two re-issued Warrants had the same terms and conditions as the originally issued warrants, including being exercisable on a cash-only basis for 166,667 shares of common stock of the Company at \$3.75 per share and for 166,667 shares of common stock of the Company at \$4.50 per share. The Warrants were re-issued in consideration of

the Company's continued relationship with, and financial support from, MIEJ, and had no net effect on the Company's fully-diluted capital stock (after taking into account the extension) as they simply extended the exercise term of the previously issued warrants. These Warrants expired unexercised on June 30, 2015.



## MIEJ Settlement Agreement

As described below in greater detail under proposal 2, beginning on page 40, on February 19, 2015, we and Pacific Energy Development Corp., which we refer to as PEDCO, entered into a Settlement Agreement and related agreements with MIEJ, and undertook various transactions, which, in summary, had the net effect of reducing approximately \$9.4 million in aggregate liabilities due from PEDCO to MIEJ and Condor to \$4.925 million.

## Golden Globe Energy (US), LLC

On February 23, 2015, we entered into several transactions with Golden Globe Energy (US), LLC, which we refer to as GGE, which beneficially owns more than 5% of our outstanding voting stock due to its beneficial ownership of 3,409,445 shares of our common stock and 66,625 shares of our Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, as described below.

On March 7, 2014, in connection with our acquisition of certain oil and gas interests in the Wattenberg and Wattenberg Extension in the Denver-Julesberg Basin (“D-J Basin”), which we acquired from Continental Resources, Inc., which we refer to as Continental and the Continental Acquisition, we entered into a \$50 million 3-year term debt facility with and issued those certain promissory notes in favor of BRe BcLIC Primary, Bre BCLIC Sub, BRe WINIC 2013 LTC Primary, BRe WNIC 2013 LTC Sub, and RJC, as investors (the “Senior Loan Investors”), and BAM Administrative Services LLC, as agent for the investors, and any related collateral documents (collectively, the “Senior Loan”). On March 19, 2015, BRe WNIC 2013 LTC Primary transferred a portion of its Senior Loan to HEARTLAND Bank, and effective April 1, 2015, BRe BCLIC Primary transferred its Senior Loan to Senior Health Insurance Company of Pennsylvania (“SHIP”), with each of HEARTLAND Bank and SHIP becoming a “Senior Loan Investor” upon such dates. As part of the transaction, GGE (formerly Golden Globe Energy Corp.) (an affiliate of RJ Credit LLC) acquired an equal 13,995 net acre position in the assets the Company acquired from Continental (the “GGE Assets”), thereby making GGE an equal working interest partner with us in the development of these newly acquired assets, and allowing us to undertake a more aggressive drilling and development program. On February 23, 2015, we completed the acquisition of the GGE Assets from GGE pursuant to the GGE Acquisition, thereby reunifying the assets we originally acquired in the Continental Acquisition, and we assumed approximately \$8.35 million of junior subordinated debt from GGE that GGE incurred to develop the GGE Assets subsequent to GGE’s acquisition of them from us in March 2014 and owed to RJ Credit LLC.

On February 23, 2015, we entered into and closed the transactions contemplated by a Purchase and Sale Agreement (the “Purchase Agreement”) with GGE, pursuant to which the Company, through Red Hawk, acquired from GGE all of its rights, title and interest in approximately 12,977 net acres in the D-J Basin located almost entirely within Weld County, Colorado, including acreage located in the prolific Wattenberg core area, and interests in 53 gross (7.8 net) wells with an estimated current net daily production of approximately 500 barrels of oil equivalent per day as of February 7, 2015, which we refer to as the GGE Assets, and which acquisition we refer to as the GGE Acquisition. All of GGE’s leases and related rights, oil and gas and other wells, equipment, easements, contract rights, and production are included in the purchase, the majority of which assets were originally conveyed to GGE’s predecessor-in-interest, RJ Resources Corp., by us in March 2014 in connection with the Continental Acquisition.

As consideration for the acquisition of the GGE Assets, the Company (i) issued to GGE 3,375,000 restricted shares of common stock and 66,625 restricted shares of the Company’s then newly-designated Amended and Restated Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (the “Series A Preferred”), (ii) assumed approximately \$8.35 million of junior subordinated debt from GGE (the “Junior Debt”) pursuant to an Assumption and Consent Agreement and an Amendment to Note and Security Agreement, and (iii) provided GGE with a one-year option to acquire the Company’s interest in its Kazakhstan opportunity for \$100,000 pursuant to a Call Option Agreement, which expired unexercised.







The Purchase Agreement contained customary representations, warranties, covenants and indemnities by the parties thereto. In addition, the Company provided GGE, as the sole stockholder of our Series A Preferred Stock, the right pursuant to the Purchase Agreement and the certificate of designation designating the Series A Preferred, upon notice to the Company, to appoint designees to fill two (2) seats on the board of directors, one of which must be an independent director as defined by applicable rules, and the exclusive right, voting the Series A Preferred Stock as sole stockholder thereof, separately as a single class, to elect such two (2) nominees to the board of directors. On July 15, 2015, at the request of GGE the board of directors of the Company increased the number of members of the board of directors from three to four, pursuant to the power provided to the board of directors in the Company's Bylaws, and appointed David Z. Steinberg as a member of the board of directors to fill the newly created vacancy, also pursuant to the power provided to the board of directors in the Company's Bylaws. At the time of appointment, the board of directors made the affirmative determination that Mr. Steinberg was 'independent' pursuant to applicable NYSE MKT and Securities and Exchange Commission rules and regulations. The board of directors appointment rights continue until GGE no longer holds any of the Tranche One Shares.

The Series A Preferred stock can be converted into shares of the Company's common stock on a 1,000:1 basis, subject to a 9.9% ownership blocker. GGE, as the sole holder of the Company's Series A Preferred, has the right to appoint two designees to the Company's board of directors for as long as GGE continues to hold 15,000 shares of Series A Preferred designated as "Tranche One Shares" under the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Designations of PEDEVCO Corp. Establishing the Designations, Preferences, Limitations, and Relative Rights of its Series A Convertible Preferred Stock. Mr. Steinberg is one of the Series A Preferred shareholder designees to the board of directors in connection with such right, provided that GGE has not designated any further members of the board of directors at this time.

The Assumption and Consent Agreement provides that, as of the effective date of the acquisition, the Company assumed all of GGE's rights, obligations and liabilities under that certain Note and Security Agreement, dated April 10, 2014 (the "GGE Note"), as amended by that certain Amendment to Note and Security Agreement, dated as of the Effective Date (the GGE Note, as amended, the "Amended GGE Note"). The lender under the Amended GGE Note is RJ Credit LLC ("RJC"), and the Amended GGE Note has an aggregate principal balance of \$8,353,000. The Amended GGE Note is due and payable on December 31, 2017, and bears interest at the per annum rate of twelve percent (12%) (24% upon an event of default), which interest is payable monthly in cash by the Company. The Amended GGE Note is subordinate and subject to the terms and conditions of the Senior Loan, as well as any future secured indebtedness of the Company from a lender with an aggregate principal amount of at least \$20,000,000 ("Future PEDEVCO Loan"). Should the Company repay the Senior Loan and replace such indebtedness with a Future PEDEVCO Loan, then, upon the reasonable request of such senior lender, RJC agreed to further amend the Amended GGE Note to adjust the frequency of interest payments or to eliminate such payments and replace the same with the accrued interest to be paid at maturity.

The GGE Note contains customary representations, warranties, covenants and requirements for the Company to indemnify RJC and its affiliates, related parties and assigns. The GGE Note also includes various covenants (positive and negative) binding the Company, including requiring that the Company provide RJC with quarterly (unaudited) and annual (audited) financial statements, restricting the Company's creation of liens and encumbrances, or sell or otherwise disposing, the Collateral (as defined therein). RJC is one of the lenders under the Senior Loan, and is an affiliate of GGE.

On April 7, 2016, we entered into a Letter Agreement, dated April 1, 2016 (the "Letter Agreement"), with the Senior Loan Investors. The Letter Agreement extended by one (1) month, through April 30, 2016, the deferral of the payment of interest and principal due under the promissory notes evidencing the Senior Loan (the "Senior Notes") and the Note and Security Agreement, dated April 10, 2014, as amended on February 23, 2015, issued by the Company to RJ Credit

LLC (the “RJC Junior Note,” and together with the Senior Notes, the “Notes”)(the “Deferral Extension”), entered into with the Lenders on August 28, 2015, as amended on January 29, 2016 and March 7, 2016 (the “Original Deferral Agreements”).



Specifically, pursuant to the Letter Agreement, all the Lenders agreed to: (i) further defer until the maturity date of their Senior Notes the mandatory principal payments that would otherwise be due and payable by the Company to them on payment dates occurring through April 30, 2016; (ii) defer until the maturity date of their Senior Notes and the RJC Junior Note all of the interest payments that would otherwise be due and payable by the Company to them in April 2016, with all interest amounts deferred being added to principal on the first business day of the month following the month in which such deferred interest is accrued; and (iii) delay the issuance of any “Subsequent Warrants” (as defined in the Original Deferral Agreements) issuable pursuant thereto to within 30 days of May 1, 2016, subject to NYSE MKT additional listing approval.

#### Vesting Agreements with Management

In connection with our entry into a reorganization agreement with Dome Energy AB and a subsidiary thereto (together, “Dome Energy”), which reorganization agreement and related transaction were terminated on December 29, 2015, each of Mr. Ingriselli, Mr. Peterson, and Mr. Moore, our then executive officers, entered into Vesting Agreements on May 21, 2015 (the “2015 Vesting Agreements”) which delayed the vesting of all of our restricted common stock they held which was subject to vesting prior to the Dome Energy reorganization being consummated (the “2015 Delayed Vesting”) until the earlier of (A) the 2nd business day following either (x) the closing of the transactions contemplated by the reorganization agreement with Dome, or (y) our public disclosure of the termination of the reorganization, or, (B) if the Dome Energy reorganization did not close on or before December 29, 2015, then January 7, 2016. Because the contemplated merger with Dome Energy did not close on or before December 29, 2015, the vesting of shares of restricted common stock held by Messrs. Ingriselli, Peterson and Moore subject to the 2015 Delayed Vesting was scheduled to occur on January 7, 2016 in accordance with the terms of such 2015 Vesting Agreements. However, in connection with our entry into the GOM Merger Agreement (defined below), on December 29, 2015, as amended on January 6, 2016, each of Messrs. Ingriselli, Peterson and Moore entered into new Vesting Agreements with the Company (as amended, the “Vesting Agreements”), pursuant to which they each individually agreed that the future vesting of restricted common stock held by such officers from January 1, 2016 through June 1, 2016 (the “Delay Period”), including all restricted common stock that was subject to vesting on January 7, 2016 pursuant to the terms of Prior Vesting Agreements, shall be delayed until the 2nd trading day following the Company’s public announcement of the “Vesting Event,” defined as the later to occur of the receipt of (x) shareholder approval for the issuance of the securities issuable to Dome Energy pursuant to the Dome Energy reorganization and (y) the approval by the NYSE MKT of the listing of our common stock on the NYSE MKT following the closing of the Dome Energy reorganization, upon which Vesting Event all vesting with respect to such shares shall be accelerated and all such shares shall be fully vested (the “Acceleration”) (each as defined in the Vesting Agreements). The aggregate number of shares of restricted common stock subject to the Delay Period is 1,354,000 shares, 519,000 of which are held by Mr. Ingriselli, 481,000 of which are held by Mr. Peterson, and 354,000 of which are held by Mr. Moore (collectively, the “Subject Shares”). The Acceleration will occur even if the executives are not then employees or directors of the Company on such date. Notwithstanding the above, in the event the GOM Merger Agreement is terminated or the GOM Merger is not consummated by June 1, 2016 (unless otherwise agreed upon in writing by the parties to the GOM Merger Agreement), all the Subject Shares will vest on the 2nd trading day following the Company’s public disclosure of the termination of the GOM Merger (in the event the GOM Merger Agreement is terminated prior to June 1, 2016), or, in the event the GOM Merger is not terminated by, or consummated by, June 1, 2016, on June 1, 2016, and the original vesting terms for all future unvested stock will be reinstated to the terms in effect prior to the parties’ entry into the Vesting Agreements. Notwithstanding the above, nothing in the Vesting Agreements amends or waives any acceleration of vesting of unvested restricted stock or options currently provided under any executive officer’s current employment agreement with the Company, which provides for acceleration upon termination of such executive’s employment under certain circumstances detailed therein.

On April 25, 2016 the Company and each of Mr. Peterson and Mr. Moore, entered into Amended and Restated Vesting Agreements (the “Amended Vesting Agreements”), which amend and restate in their entirety those certain Vesting Agreements entered into by the Company and each of Messrs. Peterson and Moore on December 29, 2015, as amended January 6, 2016 (the “December Vesting Agreements”). Pursuant to the Amended Vesting Agreements, the Company agreed, effective April 28, 2016, to fully accelerate the vesting of all unvested restricted Company common stock which each of Messrs. Peterson and Moore had delayed pursuant to the December Vesting Agreements, which vesting had been voluntarily delayed for the benefit of the Company by each executive since May 2015, and reinstate the original remaining vesting schedules with respect to all other stock grants received by the Company going forward. As a result of the Amended Vesting Agreements, on April 28, 2016, Mr. Peterson vested an aggregate of 481,000 shares of restricted Company common stock, and Mr. Moore vested an aggregate of 354,000 shares of restricted Company common stock, the vesting of which had previously been voluntarily delayed pursuant to the December Vesting Agreements.





On August 9, 2016, the Company entered into a Vesting Agreement with David Z. Steinberg, a member of the Company's Board of Directors, pursuant to which, effective July 15, 2016, the Company and Mr. Steinberg agreed to delay the vesting with respect to 214,286 shares of unvested Company restricted common stock held by Mr. Steinberg for a period of one year, with the new vesting date being July 15, 2017.

#### GOM Holdings Reorganization Agreement

On December 29, 2015, the Company entered into an Agreement and Plan of Reorganization (as amended to date, the "GOM Merger Agreement") with White Hawk Energy, LLC ("White Hawk") and GOM Holdings, LLC ("GOM"), a Delaware limited liability company. The GOM Merger Agreement provides for the Company's acquisition of GOM through an exchange of certain of the shares of the Company's common and preferred stock (the "Consideration Shares"), for 100% of the limited liability company membership units of GOM (the "GOM Units"), with the GOM Units being received by White Hawk and GOM receiving the Consideration Shares from the Company (the "GOM Merger" or "Merger").

The Merger is subject to various closing conditions as described below and as set forth in greater detail in the GOM Merger Agreement. At the closing of the Merger, (i) GOM will transfer the GOM Units to White Hawk, solely in exchange for the Consideration Shares, and (ii) White Hawk will continue as a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company and will continue to carry on the business of GOM. In exchange for the transfer of GOM Units to White Hawk, the Company will issue to the members of GOM, the Consideration Shares as follows: (x) an aggregate of 1,551,552 shares of the Company's restricted common stock (the "Common Stock") and 698,448 restricted shares of the Company's to-be-designated Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series B Preferred" (described in greater detail below)), and (y) will assume approximately \$125 million of subordinated debt from GOM's existing lenders and a \$30 million undrawn letter of credit backing certain offshore asset retirement obligations (the "GOM Debt"), which GOM Debt is anticipated to be restructured on terms and conditions mutually acceptable to the Company and GOM prior to the closing of the Merger.

At or prior to the closing of the Merger, we will file and cause to be effective a new Certificate of Designations of PEDEVCO Corp. Establishing the Designations, Preferences, Limitations, and Relative Rights of its Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Certificate of Designation"), which will create 698,448 shares of newly-designated Series B Preferred, all of which will be issued to the members of GOM at closing pro rata with their ownership of GOM. The Series B Preferred will (i) have a liquidation preference senior to all of the Company's common stock and Series A Convertible Preferred Stock equal to \$250 per share (the "Liquidation Preference"), (ii) accrue an annual dividend equal to 10% of the Liquidation Preference, payable annually from the date of issuance (the "Dividend"), (iii) vote together with the common stock on all shareholder matters, with each share having one (1) vote, and (iv) not be convertible into common stock of the Company until both the shareholder approval for the issuances ("Shareholder Approval") and NYSE MKT approval for the continued listing of our common stock on the NYSE MKT following the closing are received ("NYSE MKT Approval"). Upon the Company's receipt of the Shareholder Approval and NYSE MKT Approval, (x) the Series B Preferred shall automatically cease accruing Dividends and all accrued and unpaid Dividends are automatically forfeited and forgiven in their entirety, (y) the Liquidation Preference of the Series B Preferred is reduced to \$0.001 per share from \$250 per share, and (z) each share of Series B Preferred shall be convertible into common stock on a 1,000:1 basis (the "Series B Conversion"), either (A) automatically upon the determination of the Company's Board of Directors in its sole discretion ("Company Conversion"), or (B) at the option of the holder at any time ("Holder Conversion"), provided that no Holder Conversion is allowed to the extent the holder thereof would beneficially own more than 9.99% of the Company's Common Stock or voting stock.

The Merger is subject to customary closing conditions, including (1) approval of the Agreement by the Board of Directors of the Company, the sole Manager and member of White Hawk, the Board of Managers of GOM, and the

members of GOM, (2) receipt of required regulatory approvals, (3) the absence of any law or order prohibiting the consummation of the Merger, (4) approval of the NYSE MKT for the issuance of the common stock and shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of the Series B Preferred to the members of GOM at closing, and (5) the effectiveness of the Certificate of Designation. Each party's obligation to complete the Exchange is also subject to certain additional customary conditions, including (a) subject to certain exceptions, the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the other party, (b) performance in all material respects by the other party of its obligations under the GOM Merger Agreement, (c) completion of the restructuring of each of the Company's and GOM's existing debt, respectively, to the other party's satisfaction, and (d) each of the Company and GOM furnishing the other with evidence that each has entered into amended employment agreements with certain of each party's employees as required and in forms acceptable to the other party. In addition, each of the Company and GOM agreed to pay all costs and expenses incurred by them in connection with the GOM Merger Agreement.



The GOM Merger Agreement also includes customary termination provisions for both the Company and GOM. Specifically, and subject to the terms of the GOM Merger Agreement, the agreement can be terminated by either party in the event the Closing has not occurred by February 29, 2016, or if any representation or warranty of the other party contained in the GOM Merger Agreement shall not be true in all material respects, subject to a right to cure by the breaching party.

GOM is majority owned and controlled by Platinum Partners, an affiliate of Platinum Management (NY) LLC (“PM LLC”), a New York based investment firm which is the employer of Mr. David Z. Steinberg, who serves as one of the members of the Company’s Board of Directors and is nominated to be re-appointed as a member of the Board of Directors at the annual meeting. PM LLC is also an advisor to the entity which owns RJ Credit LLC (“RJC”), who has loaned the Company approximately \$5.9 million to date in principal in connection with the Company’s March 2014 senior note funding. In connection with the March 2014 funding the Company also has the right, from time to time, subject to the terms and conditions of the Note Purchase Agreement relating to the March 2014 senior funding, to request additional loans from RJC, of up to an additional \$13.5 million in funding.

PM LLC is also an advisor to the entity that owns GGE, a greater than 5% stockholder of the Company, from whom the Company acquired approximately 12,977 net acres of oil and gas properties and interests in 53 gross wells located in the Denver-Julesburg Basin, Colorado in February 2015, in connection with which the Company assumed approximately \$8.35 million of subordinated notes payable owed by GGE to RJC, issued to GGE 3,375,000 restricted shares of the Company’s common stock (representing approximately 9.9% of our then outstanding shares of common stock), and issued to GGE 66,625 restricted shares of the Company’s then newly-designated Amended and Restated Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (the “Series A Preferred”), which can be converted into shares of the Company’s common stock on a 1,000:1 basis, subject to a 9.99% ownership blocker. GGE, as the sole holder of the Company’s Series A Preferred, has the right to appoint two designees to the Company’s Board of Directors for as long as GGE continues to hold 15,000 shares of Series A Preferred designated as “Tranche One Shares” under the Company’s Amended and Restated Certificate of Designations of PEDEVCO Corp. Establishing the Designations, Preferences, Limitations, and Relative Rights of its Series A Convertible Preferred Stock. Mr. Steinberg is one of the Series A Preferred’s designees to the Board of Directors in connection with such right, provided that GGE has not designated any further members of the Board of Directors at this time.

On February 29, 2016, the parties entered into an amendment to the GOM Merger Agreement, which amended the merger agreement in order to provide GOM additional time to meet certain closing conditions contemplated by the GOM Merger Agreement. The parties entered into the Amendment to extend the deadline for closing the merger and the date after which either party could terminate the GOM Merger Agreement if the merger had not yet been consummated, from February 29, 2016 to no later than April 15, 2016. On April 25, 2016, the parties further amended the GOM Merger Agreement to eliminate the April 15, 2016, closing deadline.

#### Senior Debt Restructuring

On May 12, 2016, we entered into an Amended and Restated Note Purchase Agreement (the “Amended NPA”), with SHIP (as successor-in-interest to BRe BCLIC Primary), BRe BCLIC Sub, BRe WINIC 2013 LTC Primary, BRe WINIC 2013 LTC Sub, Heartland Bank, BHLN-Pedco Corp. (“BHLN”), BBLN-Pedco Corp. (“BBLN”), and RJ Credit LLC (“RJC” and together with BHLN and BBLN, the “Tranche A Investors”) (collectively, the “Lenders”), and BAM Administrative Services LLC (the “Agent”), as agent for the Lenders. The Amended APA amended and restated that certain Note Purchase Agreement, dated March 7, 2014 (as amended and modified to date, the “Original NPA”), pursuant to which the Company issued Senior Secured Promissory Notes to each of the Lenders (collectively, the “Tranche B Notes”). RJC is also a party to that certain Note and Security Agreement, dated April 10, 2014, as amended on February 23, 2015, issued by the Company to RJC (the “RJC Junior Note”).





Pursuant to the Amended NPA, the Lenders and the Agent agreed to amend and restate the Original NPA to, among other things:

Create new “Tranche A Notes,” in substantially the same form and with similar terms as the Tranche B Notes, except as discussed below consisting of a term loan issuable in tranches with a maximum aggregate principal amount of \$25,960,000, with borrowed funds accruing interest at 15% per annum, and maturing May 11, 2019 (the “Tranche A Maturity Date”) (the “Tranche A Notes,” and together with the Tranche B Notes, the “Senior Notes”);

Capitalize all accrued and unpaid interest under the Tranche B Notes as a term loan with a current aggregate outstanding principal balance of \$39,064,530.36, maturing June 11, 2019 (July 11, 2019, with respect to the Tranche B Note issued to RJC) (the “New Tranche B Maturity Date ”), compared to the original maturity dates of the notes sold under the Original NPA being March 7, 2017;

Remove the provisions of the notes issued in connection with the Original NPA (which were amended and restated in the form of the Tranche B Notes) which required us to make mandatory prepayments from our revenues, replacing them with a Net Revenue Sweep as described below; and

Provide that interest on the Tranche B Notes will continue to accrue at the rate of fifteen percent (15%) per annum, but through December 31, 2017 shall be deferred, due and payable on the New Tranche B Maturity Date, with all interest amounts deferred being added to principal on the first business day of the month following the month in which such deferred interest is accrued on the Tranche B Notes and added to principal, provided that following December 31, 2017, all interest accrues and is paid monthly in arrears in cash under the Tranche B Notes.

The Tranche A Notes are substantially similar to the Tranche B Notes, except that such notes are senior to the Tranche B Notes, accrue interest until maturity (compared to the Tranche B Notes which provide for interest to be paid monthly beginning on January 1, 2018), and have priority to the payment of Monthly Net Revenues as defined and discussed below.

On the Closing Date, the Tranche A Investors loaned the Company their pro rata share of an aggregate of \$6,422,124 (the “Initial Tranche A Funding”). The Initial Tranche A Funding net proceeds are to be used by the Company to (i) fund up to \$5.1 million due to a third party operator for drilling and completion expenses related to interests in eight (8) wells acquired by the Company in the Wattenberg Area of Weld County, Colorado, (ii) pay up to \$750,000 of the Company’s past due payables, (iii) pay \$444,681 of unpaid interest payments due to Heartland Bank under its Tranche B Note through February 29, 2016, and (iv) pay fees and expenses incurred in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Amended NPA and related documents.

Subject to the terms and conditions of the Amended NPA, the Company may request each Tranche A Investor, from time to time prior to the Tranche A Maturity Date, to advance to the Company additional amounts of funding (each such advance, a “Subsequent Tranche A Funding”; the Initial Tranche A Funding and the Subsequent Tranche A Fundings, collectively, the “Investor Tranche A Fundings” and each, individually, an “Investor Tranche A Funding”), provided that: (i) the Company may not request a Subsequent Tranche A Funding more than one time in any calendar month; (ii) Agent shall have received a written request from the Company at least fifteen (15) business days prior to the requested date of such advance (the “Advance Request”); (iii) no Event of Default (as defined in the Senior Notes) or event that with the passage of time or the giving of notice, or both, would become an Event of Default (a “Default”)

shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom; and (iv) the Company shall provide to Agent such documents, instruments, certificates and other writings as Agent shall reasonably require in its sole and absolute discretion. The advancement of all or any portion of the Subsequent Tranche A Funding is in the sole and absolute discretion of Agent and the Investors and no Investor is obligated to fund all or any part of the Subsequent Tranche A Funding. Each Subsequent Tranche A Funding shall be in a minimum amount of \$500,000 and integral multiples of \$100,000 in excess thereof. The aggregate amount of Subsequent Tranche A Fundings made by the Investors under the Amended NPA shall not exceed \$18,577,876 and any Subsequent Tranche A Funding repaid may not be reborrowed.





In addition, subject to the terms and conditions of the Amended NPA, RJC has agreed to loan to the Company \$240,000, within thirty (30) days of the Closing Date and within thirty (30) days of each of July 1, 2016, October 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017 (collectively, the “RJC Fundings” and each, individually, an “RJC Funding” and collectively with the Investor Tranche A Fundings, the “Fundings”), provided that no Event of Default or Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom. The aggregate amount of the RJC Fundings made by RJC under the Amended NPA shall not exceed \$960,000 and any Funding repaid may not be reborrowed. To guarantee RJC’s obligation in connection with the RJC Fundings as required under the Amended NPA, Golden Globe Energy (US), LLC (“GGE”), an affiliate of RJC, entered into a Share Pledge Agreement with the Company, dated May 12, 2016 (the “GGE Pledge Agreement”), pursuant to which GGE agreed to pledge an aggregate of 10,000 shares of Company Series A Convertible Preferred Stock held by GGE (convertible into 10,000,000 shares of Company common stock), which pledged shares are subject to automatic cancellation and forfeiture based on a schedule set forth in the GGE Share Pledge Agreement, in the event RJC fails to meet each of its RJC Funding obligations pursuant to the Amended NPA, subject to the terms and conditions of the GGE Pledge Agreement. To date, RJC has not met its RJC Funding obligations under the Amended NPA and the Company is entitled to cancel and forfeit 7,500 shares of the Company’s Series A Convertible Preferred Stock held by GGE (convertible into 7,500,000 shares of Company common stock) pursuant to the terms of the GGE Pledge Agreement, which shares have not been cancelled as of the date of this proxy and are still eligible to be voted by GGE at the annual meeting. GGE also currently holds approximately 9.9% of our issued and outstanding common stock, all of our issued and outstanding Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (which is convertible into 66.6 million shares of our common stock in aggregate, subject to certain restrictions and beneficial ownership limitations), and has the right to appoint two (2) designees to our Board of Directors, one of which must be an independent director as defined by applicable rules, and one of which directors, David Z. Steinberg, was appointed to the Board of Directors in July 2015, as GGE’s designee.

As additional consideration for the entry into the Amended NPA and transactions related thereto, the Company has granted to BHLN and BBLN, warrants exercisable for an aggregate of 5,962,800 shares of common stock of the Company (warrants exercisable for 2,981,400 shares of common stock each)(the “Investor Warrants”), which warrants have a three (3) year term, are transferrable, and are exercisable on a cashless basis at any time for cash at \$0.25 per share, subject to receipt of additional listing approval of such underlying shares of common stock from the NYSE MKT. The Investor Warrants include a beneficial ownership limitation that prohibits the exercise of the Investor Warrants to the extent such exercise would result in the holder thereof, together with its affiliates, holding more than 9.9% of the Company’s outstanding voting stock (the “Blocker Provision”). Other than the Investor Warrants, no additional warrants exercisable for common stock of the Company are due, owing, or shall be granted to the Lenders pursuant to the Original NPA, as amended to date. In addition, warrants exercisable for an aggregate of 349,111 shares of the Company’s common stock at an exercise price of \$1.50 per share and warrants exercisable for an aggregate of 1,201,004 shares of the Company’s common stock at an exercise price of \$0.75 per share previously granted by the Company to certain of the Lenders on September 10, 2015 in connection with prior interest payment deferrals have been amended and restated to provide that all such warrants are exercisable on a cashless basis and to include a Blocker Provision (the “Amended and Restated Warrants”).

Pursuant to the terms of the Amended NPA, the Company also agreed to (A) provide to the Agent and the Investors a monthly projected general and administrative expense report (the “Projected G&A”) and a monthly comparison report of the Projected G&A provided for the preceding month, with an explanation of any variances, provided that in no event shall such variances exceed \$150,000, and (B) pay to the Agent within two (2) business days following the end of each calendar month all of the Company’s oil and gas revenue received by the Company during such month (the “Net Revenue Sweep”), less (i) lease operating expenses, (ii) interest payments due to Investors under the Senior Notes, (iii) general and administrative expenses not to exceed \$150,000 per month unless preapproved by the Agent (the “G&A Cap”), and (iv) preapproved extraordinary expenses (“Monthly Net Revenues”). Revenues paid to the Agent through the Net Revenue Sweep are applied first to the repayment of amounts due under the Tranche A Notes until such notes are

paid in full and then to the repayment of amounts due under the Tranche B Notes.

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The amount outstanding under the Senior Notes is secured by a first priority security interest in all of the Company's and its subsidiaries' assets, property, real property, intellectual property, securities and proceeds therefrom, granted in favor of the Agent for the benefit of the Lenders, pursuant to a Security Agreement and a Patent Security Agreement, each entered into as of March 7, 2014, as subsequently amended on May 12, 2016 through entry into a First Amendment to Security Agreement and First Amendment to Patent Security Agreement (the "First Amendment to Security Agreement" and "First Amendment to Patent Security Agreement," respectively). Additionally, the Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders, was granted a mortgage and security interest in all of the Company's and its subsidiaries real property as located in the State of Colorado and the State of Texas pursuant to (i) a Leasehold Deed of Trust, Fixture Filing, Assignment of Rents and Leases, and Security Agreements, dated March 7, 2014, as amended May 12, 2016, filed in Weld County and Morgan County, Colorado; and (ii) a Mortgage, Deed of Trust, Security Agreement, Financing Statement and Assignment of Production to be filed in Matagorda County, Texas (collectively, the "Amended Mortgages").

Additionally, the Company's obligations under the Notes, Amended NPA and related agreements were guaranteed by the Company's direct and indirect subsidiaries, Pacific Energy Development Corp., White Hawk Petroleum, LLC ("White Hawk"), Pacific Energy & Rare Earth Limited, Blackhawk Energy Limited, Pacific Energy Development MSL, LLC and Red Hawk Petroleum, LLC pursuant to a Guaranty Agreement, entered into on March 7, 2014, as subsequently amended on May 12, 2016 through entry into a First Amendment to Guaranty Agreement (the "First Amendment to Guaranty Agreement").

Other than as described above, the terms of the Amended NPA (including the covenants and obligations thereunder) are substantially the same as the Original NPA, and the terms of the Tranche A Notes and Tranche B Notes (including the events of default, interest rates and conditions associated therewith) are substantially the same as the original notes sold pursuant to the terms of the Original NPA.

#### Junior Debt Restructuring

On May 12, 2016, the Company entered into an Amendment No. 2 to Note and Security Agreement with RJC (the "Second Amendment"), pursuant to which the Company and RJC agreed to amend the RJC Junior Note to (i) capitalize all accrued and unpaid interest under the RJC Junior Note as of the date of the parties entry into the Second Amendment, and add it to note principal, making the current outstanding principal amount of the RJC Junior Note \$9,379,432, (ii) extend the "Termination Date" thereunder (i.e., the maturity date) from December 31, 2017 to July 11, 2019, (iii) provide that all future interest accruing under the RJC Junior Note is deferred, due and payable on the Termination Date, with all future interest amounts deferred being added to principal on the first business day of the month following the month in which such deferred interest is accrued, and (iv) subordinate the RJC Junior Note to the Senior Notes.

As additional consideration for RJC's agreement to enter into the Second Amendment, the Company entered into a Call Option Agreement with GGE, an affiliate of RJC, dated May 12, 2016 (the "GGE Option Agreement"), pursuant to which the Company provided GGE an option to purchase 23,182,880 common shares of Caspian Energy Inc., a British Columbia corporation, held by the Company, upon payment of \$100,000 by GGE to the Company, which option expires on the "Termination Date" of the RJC Junior Note, as amended, as described above, currently July 11, 2019. The Company originally issued an option to GGE in February 2015 to acquire the Company's interest in these shares in connection with the Company's acquisition of certain producing oil and gas assets from GGE, which option expired unexercised in February 2016, as more fully described above under "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions" - "Agreements with Related Persons" - "Golden Globe Energy (US), LLC", beginning on page 25.

#### Consulting Agreement and Separation Agreement

In connection with the Company's pending merger with GOM as described above, and the Company's efforts to reduce its general and administrative expenses, the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Frank C. Ingriselli, agreed to retire from the Company and step down from the offices of Chief Executive Officer and Executive Chairman of the Company and all of its subsidiaries, effective April 30, 2016. Mr. Ingriselli continued as the non-executive Chairman of the Company's Board of Directors, and continued to work with the Company in a transitional consulting capacity for a period of three (3) months commencing May 1, 2016 (the "Transition Period") through his wholly-owned consulting firm, Global Ventures Investments Inc. ("GVEST"), pursuant to a Consulting Agreement dated April 25, 2016, entered into by and between the Company and GVEST (the "GVEST Consulting Agreement"). Pursuant to the Consulting Agreement, through GVEST Mr. Ingriselli provided the Company with oil and gas development and strategic consulting services through the Transition Period in exchange for a lump sum payment of \$150,000. In addition, the Company and Mr. Ingriselli entered into an Employee Separation and Release dated April 25, 2016 (the "Separation Agreement"), pursuant to which Mr. Ingriselli agreed to (i) waive all severance benefits to which he is entitled under his Executive Employment Agreement dated June 10, 2011, as amended to date (the "Ingriselli Employment Agreement"), including, but not limited to, waiver of any payments by the Company to Mr. Ingriselli of a lump sum payment equal to up to four (4) years' salary and 30% bonus, and continued medical benefits for up to four (4) years, in the event of Mr. Ingriselli's termination under certain circumstances, (ii) waive any and all accrued and unpaid vacation time, sick time and paid time off, equal in value to approximately \$58,000, and (iii) fully-release the Company from all claims, in exchange for the Company agreeing to (x) fully accelerate the vesting of all of Mr. Ingriselli's unvested options exercisable for 391,000 shares of Company common stock, (y) allow Mr. Ingriselli to transfer all 1,496,500 shares of his unvested restricted Company common stock to GVEST and then fully accelerate the vesting of the same, and (z) extend the exercise period for all of Mr. Ingriselli's options to purchase Company common stock for a period of five (5) years from the date of Mr. Ingriselli's termination of employment with the Company.



### Review and Approval of Related Party Transactions

We have not adopted formal policies and procedures for the review, approval or ratification of transactions, such as those described above, with our executive officer(s), director(s) and significant stockholders, provided that it is our policy that any and all such transactions are presented and approved by the board and future material transactions between us and members of management or their affiliates shall be on terms no less favorable than those available from unaffiliated third parties.

In addition, our Code of Ethics (described above under “Code of Ethics” on page 13), which is applicable to all of our employees, officers and directors, requires that all employees, officers and directors avoid any conflict, or the appearance of a conflict, between an individual’s personal interests and our interests.

### SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our executive officers and directors and persons who own more than 10% of a registered class of our equity securities to file with the SEC initial statements of beneficial ownership, reports of changes in ownership and annual reports concerning their ownership in our common stock and other equity securities, on Form 3, 4 and 5 respectively. Executive officers, directors and greater than 10% stockholders are required by the SEC regulations to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) reports they file.

Based solely on our review of the copies of such reports received by us and on written representation by our officers and directors regarding their compliance with the applicable reporting requirements under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act, we believe that with respect to the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, our directors, executive officers and 10% stockholders complied with all Section 16(a) filing requirements.

Pursuant to SEC rules, we are not required to disclose in this proxy statement any failure to timely file a Section 16(a) report that has been disclosed by us in a prior proxy statement.





**PROPOSAL 1  
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

At the annual meeting, four directors are to be elected to hold office until the 2017 annual meeting of stockholders and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified. The Nominating and Governance Committee has recommended, and the board of directors has selected, the following nominees for election: Frank C. Ingriselli, Adam McAfee and Elizabeth P. Smith, collectively, the “non-Series A Nominees” and David Z. Steinberg, who has been nominated by the holder of our Series A Preferred Stock (the “Series A Nominee”), all of whom, other than Mr. McAfee, are current members of the board of directors of the Company. David C. Crikelair, a current member of the board of directors, is not standing for re-election at the annual meeting. Instead Mr. Adam McAfee has been nominated by the board of directors to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Crikelair’s decision not to stand for re-election. It is also anticipated that the board of directors will appoint Mr. McAfee to each committee that Mr. Crikelair served on, and as Chairman of the Audit Committee, provided that he is appointed as a member of the board of directors at the annual meeting.

If any nominee for any reason is unable to serve or for good cause will not serve, the proxies may be voted for such substitute nominee as the proxy holder may determine. We are not aware of any nominee who will be unable to, or for good cause will not, serve as a director. The Series A Nominee was nominated by GGE, as the sole stockholder of our Series A Preferred Stock, who has the right pursuant to the Purchase Agreement and the certificate of designation designating the Series A Preferred Stock (as described in greater detail above under “Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions” - “Agreements with Related Persons” – “Golden Globe Energy (US), LLC”, beginning on page 25), upon notice to the Company, to appoint designees to fill two (2) seats on the board of directors, one of which must be an independent director as defined by applicable rules, and the exclusive right, voting the Series A Preferred Stock as sole stockholder thereof, separately as a single class, to elect such two (2) nominees to the board of directors. To date, GGE has nominated Mr. Steinberg as its sole nominee on the board of directors.

The Series A Nominee is required to immediately resign at the option of the other members of our board of directors upon such time as the rights of the Series A Preferred Stock holder to appoint members to our board of directors expires. For so long as the Series A Preferred Stock board appointment rights remain in effect, if for any reason the Series A Nominee resigns or is otherwise removed from the board of directors, then his or her replacement shall be a person elected by any remaining Series A Preferred Stock nominee or the holder of the Series A Preferred Stock.

The Company’s Nominating Committee has reviewed the qualifications of the director nominees and has recommended each of the nominees for election to the Board.

We believe that each of our directors possesses high standards of personal and professional ethics, character, integrity and values; an inquisitive and objective perspective; practical wisdom; mature judgment; diversity in professional experience, skills and background and a proven record of success in their respective fields; and valuable knowledge of our business and industry. Moreover, each of our directors is willing to devote sufficient time to carrying out his or her duties and responsibilities effectively and is committed to serving us and our stockholders. Set forth below is a brief description of the specific experiences, qualifications and skills attributable to each of our directors that led the board of directors, as of the date of this proxy statement, to its conclusion that such director should serve as a director of the Company. Director nominee ages set forth below are as of the record date.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS  
VOTING “FOR” EACH OF THE NOMINEES LISTED BELOW.**



FRANK C. INGRISELLI (Age 61)  
CHAIRMAN  
Director since July 2012

Mr. Ingriselli has served as the Chairman of the board of directors since our acquisition of Pacific Energy Development in July 2012, as our Chief Executive Officer from July 2012 to May 2016 and as our President from July 2012 to October 2014. Mr. Ingriselli also served as the President, Chief Executive Officer, and Director of Pacific Energy Development since its inception in February 2011 through its July 2012 acquisition by the Company. Mr. Ingriselli began his career at Texaco, Inc. in 1979 and held management positions in Texaco's Producing-Eastern Hemisphere Department, Middle East/Far East Division, and Texaco's International Exploration Company. While at Texaco, Mr. Ingriselli negotiated a successful foreign oil development investment contract in China in 1983. In 1992, Mr. Ingriselli was named President of Texaco International Operations Inc. and over the next several years directed Texaco's global initiatives in exploration and development. In 1996, he was appointed President and CEO of the Timan Pechora Company, a Houston, Texas headquartered company owned by affiliates of Texaco, Exxon, Amoco and Norsk Hydro, which was developing an investment in Russia. In 1998, Mr. Ingriselli returned to Texaco's Executive Department with responsibilities for Texaco's power and natural gas operations, merger and acquisition activities, pipeline operations and corporate development. In August 2000, Mr. Ingriselli was appointed President of Texaco Technology Ventures, which was responsible for all of Texaco's global technology initiatives and investments. In 2001, Mr. Ingriselli retired from Texaco after its merger with Chevron, and founded Global Venture Investments LLC, which we refer to as GVEST, an energy consulting firm, for which Mr. Ingriselli continues to serve as the President and Chief Executive Officer. In February 2016, Mr. Ingriselli founded Blackhawk Energy Ventures Inc., which we refer to as BEV, an energy consulting firm wholly-owned by him for which Mr. Ingriselli currently serves as President and Chief Executive Officer. We believe Mr. Ingriselli's positions with GVEST and BEV require only an immaterial amount of Mr. Ingriselli's time and do not conflict with his roles or responsibilities with our company. In 2005, Mr. Ingriselli co-founded Erin Energy Corporation (NYSE: ERN) (formerly CAMAC Energy, Inc.) an independent energy company headquartered in Houston, Texas, and served as its President, Chief Executive Officer and a member of its board of directors from 2005 to July 2010.

From 2000 to 2006, Mr. Ingriselli sat on the board of directors of the Electric Drive Transportation Association (where he was also Treasurer) and the Angelino Group, and was an officer of several subsidiaries of Energy Conversion Devices Inc., a U.S. public corporation engaged in the development and commercialization of environmental energy technologies. From 2001 to 2006, he was a Director and Officer of General Energy Technologies Inc., a "technology facilitator" to Chinese industry serving the need for advanced energy technology and the demand for low-cost high quality components, and Eletra Ltd, a Brazilian hybrid electric bus developer. Mr. Ingriselli currently sits on the Advisory Board of Directors of the Eurasia Foundation, a Washington D.C.-based non-profit that funds programs that build democratic and free market institutions in the new independent states of the former Soviet Union, and since May 2015, as a non-executive director and Chairman of the Board of Caspian Energy Inc., an oil and gas exploration company operating in Kazakhstan.

Mr. Ingriselli graduated from Boston University in 1975 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He also earned a Master of Business Administration degree from New York University in both Finance and International Finance in 1977 and a Juris Doctor degree from Fordham University School of Law in 1979.

Mr. Ingriselli brings to the board of directors over 37 year's experience in the energy industry. The board of directors believes that Mr. Ingriselli's experience with our acquired subsidiary Pacific Energy Development and the insights he has gained from these experiences will benefit our future plans to evaluate and acquire additional oil producing properties and that they qualify him to serve as our director.





ELIZABETH P. SMITH (Age 65)  
CHAIRWOMAN OF THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE  
CHAIRWOMAN OF THE NOMINATING AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE  
Director since September 2013

Ms. Smith joined our board of directors on September 10, 2013, immediately prior to the listing of our common stock on the NYSE MKT. Ms. Smith retired from Texaco Inc. as Vice President-Investor Relations and Shareholder Services in late 2001 following its merger with Chevron Corp. Ms. Smith was also the Corporate Compliance Officer for Texaco and was a member of the Board of Directors of The Texaco Foundation. Ms. Smith joined Texaco's Legal Department in 1976. As an attorney in the Legal Department, Ms. Smith handled administrative law matters and litigation. She served as Chairman of the American Petroleum Institute's Subcommittee on Department of Energy Law for the 1983-1985 term. Ms. Smith was appointed Director of Investor Relations for Texaco, Inc. in 1984, and was named Vice President of the Corporate Communications division in 1989. In 1992, Ms. Smith was elected a Vice President of Texaco Inc. and assumed additional responsibilities as head of that company's Shareholder Services Group. In 1999, Ms. Smith was named Corporate Compliance Officer for Texaco. Ms. Smith served as a Director of Pacific Asia Petroleum, Inc. until its merger with Erin Energy Corporation (formerly CAMAC Energy, Inc.) in April of 2010.

Ms. Smith was elected to the Board of Directors of Finance of Darien, Connecticut, in November 2007, and since November 2010, has been serving as the Chairman. In June of 2012, Ms. Smith was elected a Trustee of St. Luke's School in New Canaan, Connecticut, and in 2013, Ms. Smith was elected as Treasurer of the Board of Directors of Trustees. Ms. Smith also serves on the Financial Affairs Committee and the Investment Committee. From 2007 through 2010, Ms. Smith has also served as a Board of Directors Member of the Community Fund of Darien, Connecticut, and from 1996 through 2006, Ms. Smith served on the Board of directors of INROADS/Fairfield Westchester Counties, Inc. From 2002 through 2005, Ms. Smith served as a member of the Board of Directors of Families With Children From China-Greater New York, and from 2004 through 2005, she served as a member of the Board of Directors of The Chinese Language School of Connecticut. While at Texaco, Ms. Smith was an active member in NIRI (National Investor Relations Institute) and the NIRI Senior Roundtable. She has been a member and past President of both the Investor Relations Association and the Petroleum Investor Relations Association. Ms. Smith was a member of the Board of Directors of Trustees of Marymount College Tarrytown from 1993 until 2001. She was also a member of the Board of Directors of The Education and Learning Foundation of Westchester and Putnam Counties from 1993 to 2002.

Ms. Smith graduated from Bucknell University in 1971 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, cum laude, and received a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 1976.

The board of directors believes that Ms. Smith's over 30 years' experience in corporate compliance, investor relations, and law in the energy industry working at a major U.S. oil and gas company, and the insights she has gained from these experiences, will provide crucial guidance for our future operations and compliance efforts.





DAVID Z. STEINBERG (Age 33)

Director since July 2015

Mr. Steinberg joined our board of directors on July 15, 2015. Mr. Steinberg joined Platinum Management (NY) LLC (“PM LLC”), a New York based investment management firm, in May 2009, and currently serves as a portfolio manager at PM LLC and heads its structured products credit group. Mr. Steinberg received his Masters of Business Administration degree, with a concentration in finance, cum laude, from The New York Institute of Technology in 2009.

Mr. Steinberg serves on the board of directors as a designee appointed by GGE. The board of directors believes that Mr. Steinberg’s extensive knowledge and experience in corporate debt finance and banking in the energy industry, and the insights he has gained from these experiences, will provide crucial guidance for our future corporate finance efforts.

ADAM MCAFEE (Age 52)

Director Nominee

Mr. McAfee has over 30 years of experience as a financial analyst, controller and executive with leadership roles in mergers and acquisitions, financial planning and analysis, project finance, operations, audit and enterprise system implementations. Since August 2012, Mr. McAfee has served as Chief Executive Officer of, and between December 2008 and July 2012, Mr. McAfee served as Chief Financial Officer of, Nevo Energy, Inc., a solar utility and development company. Since October 2013, Mr. McAfee has served as the Vice President of Finance of, and between August 2011 and October 2013, Mr. McAfee served as Controller of, Aemetis, Inc. (NASDAQ: AMTX), a renewable fuels processing company. Since September 2005, he has served as Chief Executive Officer and Director of Navitas Corporation, an energy company, which merged with publicly traded Pacific Asia Petroleum (PAP) in July 2008 and then as Managing Director of Navitas Capital LLC, a spin-off company from Navitas Corporation, managing debt and equity investments in public and private companies. In 2003 Mr. McAfee founded Park Capital Management, LLC, a fund that manages assets acquired through PIPE and private equity investments in technology and renewable energy companies, which he has served as Managing Director of since November 2003. Mr. McAfee has served as the Managing General Partner of Orchard Yield Funds, which funds the investing in developing organic almonds in the Central Valley of California, since March 2016 and as the Managing Member of Organic Pastures Dairy Company, an organic raw milk dairy and creamery since June 1983.

Mr. McAfee spent more than eleven years in significant corporate finance roles at Apple Computer in the Worldwide Financial Planning and Analysis, Sales, Research and Development and Operations divisions. Mr. McAfee currently serves as the President and Chairman of McAfee Charitable Ventures, a private non-profit charitable organization, a position he has held since August 2006. Mr. McAfee is also the Managing Member of the California and Missouri Registered Investment Advisory Firm, Tilted Funds Group LLC, a position he has held since 2007.

Mr. McAfee is a Certified Management Accountant. He graduated with honors from California State University, Fresno with a Bachelor’s of Science in business administration and finance, and earned a Masters of Business Administration from the University of California, Irvine. He also completed the Harvard Business School Private Equity and Venture Capital Program. Mr. McAfee has been a Registered Investment Advisor in California since May 2007 and passed his Series 7 exam in March 1989, Series 63 exam in May 1991, and his Series 65 exam in May 2007.



## Director Qualifications

The board of directors believes that each of our director nominees is highly qualified to serve as a member of the board of directors. Each of the director nominees has contributed to the mix of skills, core competencies and qualifications of the board of directors. When evaluating candidates for election to the board of directors, the board of directors seeks candidates with certain qualities that it believes are important, including integrity, an objective perspective, good judgment, and leadership skills. Our director nominees are highly educated and have diverse backgrounds and talents and extensive track records of success in what we believe are highly relevant positions.

## Vote Required to Elect the Director Nominees

A plurality of the votes cast in person or by proxy by the holders of our common stock entitled to vote at the annual meeting are required to elect the three non-Series A Nominees. A plurality of the votes cast means (1) the director nominee with the most votes for a particular seat is elected for that seat; and (2) votes cast shall include votes to “withhold authority” (shown as “AGAINST” on the enclosed form of proxy) and exclude abstentions and broker non-votes with respect to that director’s election. Therefore, abstentions and broker non-votes (which occur if a broker or other nominee does not have discretionary authority and has not received instructions with respect to a particular director nominee within ten days of the annual meeting) will not be counted in determining the number of votes cast with respect to that director’s election. A plurality of the votes cast by the holder of our Series A Preferred Stock, in person or by proxy is required to elect the Series A Nominee. Votes cast by our common stock holders on the appointment of the Series A Nominee will be disregarded for purposes of determining whether such Series A Nominee has received the affirmative vote of a plurality of the Series A Preferred Stock shares outstanding as of the record date.

Properly executed proxies will be voted at the annual meeting in accordance with the instructions specified on the proxy; if no such instructions are given, the persons named as agents and proxies in the enclosed form of proxy will vote such proxy “FOR” the election of the nominees named herein. Should any nominee become unavailable for election, discretionary authority is conferred to the persons named as agents and proxies in the enclosed form of proxy to vote for a substitute.

Pursuant to the power provided to the board of directors in our Bylaws, the board of directors has set the number of directors that shall constitute the board of directors at four, with three non-Series A Nominees and one Series A Nominee, as described above. Proxies cannot be voted for a greater number of persons than the number of nominees named on the enclosed form of proxy, and stockholders may not cumulate their votes in the election of directors.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS  
VOTING “FOR” EACH OF THE NOMINEES LISTED ABOVE.**

## PROPOSAL 2

### APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE OF SHARES OF COMMON STOCK EXCEEDING 19.9% OF OUR OUTSTANDING COMMON STOCK UPON CONVERSION OF THE MIEJ CONVERTIBLE PROMISSORY NOTE

#### Background

#### Settlement Agreement

On February 19, 2015 (the “Closing Date”), we and Pacific Energy Development Corp., our wholly-owned subsidiary (“PEDCO”) entered into a Settlement Agreement (the “Settlement Agreement”) with MIE Jurassic Energy Corp. (“MIEJ”). MIEJ was PEDCO’s 80% partner in Condor Energy Technology, LLC (“Condor”), and was the lender to PEDCO under that certain Amended and Restated Secured Subordinated Promissory Note, dated March 25, 2013, in the principal amount of \$6,170,065, entered into by PEDCO and MIEJ (the “MIEJ-PEDCO Note”). Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, among other things, (i) MIEJ and PEDCO agreed to restructure the MIEJ-PEDCO Note through the entry into a new Amended and Restated Secured Subordinated Promissory Note, dated February 19, 2015 and with an effective date of January 1, 2015 (the “MIEJ Note”), (ii) PEDCO sold its (x) full 20% interest in Condor to MIEJ (the “Condor Interests”) pursuant to a Membership Interest Purchase Agreement entered into by and between PEDCO and MIEJ (the “Condor Purchase Agreement”); and (y) interests in approximately 945 net acres and interests in three (3) wells located in PEDCO’s legacy non-core Niobrara acreage located in Weld County, Colorado, that were directly held by PEDCO (the “PEDCO Direct Interests”) to Condor pursuant to an Assignment entered into by and between PEDCO and Condor (the “PEDCO Direct Interests Assignment”), effective January 1, 2015, and (iii) Condor forgave approximately \$1.8 million in previous working interest expenses related to the drilling and completion of certain wells operated by Condor that was due from PEDCO, which, in summary, had the net effect of reducing approximately \$9.4 million in aggregate liabilities due from PEDCO to MIEJ and Condor to \$4.925 million, which was the principal amount of the MIEJ Note. In addition, pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, (a) in consideration for the Senior Loan Investors (defined above) releasing their security interest on the Condor Interests and PEDCO Direct Interests, MIEJ paid \$500,000 to the investors who had loaned us funds under the Senior Loan (described and defined above under “Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions” - “Agreements with Related Persons” – “Golden Globe Energy (US), LLC”, beginning on page 25), as a principal reduction on the Senior Loan, which directly benefited the Company, (b) PEDCO paid \$100,000 as a principal reduction under the MIEJ-PEDCO Note, (c) each of MIEJ, Condor and the Company fully released each other, and their respective predecessors and successors in interest, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates and assigns, and their respective officers, directors, managers, members, agents, representatives, servants, employees and attorneys, from every claim, demand or cause of action arising on or before the Closing Date, and (d) MIEJ confirmed that the MIEJ-PEDCO Note was paid in full and that PEDCO owed no amounts to MIEJ or Condor other than the principal amount due as reflected in the MIEJ Note.

#### MIEJ Note

The MIEJ Note is effective January 1, 2015, bears an interest rate of 10.0% per annum with no interest due until Maturity (defined below) or except as detailed below, is secured by all of our current and after-acquired assets, and is subordinated in every way to the Senior Loan as well as to New Senior Lending (defined below); however, MIEJ has no control over the cash flow of the Company, nor is MIEJ’s consent required in connection with any disposition, sale, or use of any assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries at any time in the future, provided that the provisions of the MIEJ Note requiring the prepayment of interest, where applicable, as described below are followed. After the Closing Date, the Company may enter into a loan, or a series of new loans or any other new non-equity investment or assumption of indebtedness (a “New Senior Lending”) which will be senior to the MIEJ Note, without the prior consent of MIEJ, provided that, in addition to the approximately \$35 million principal balance of the Senior Loan, the New Senior Lending is subject to a cap of an additional \$60 million in the aggregate, such that the total lending, debt or

similar investment under such cap shall not exceed \$95 million in the aggregate (the “Senior Debt Cap”), with any portion of New Senior Lending in excess of the Senior Debt Cap advanced first to MIEJ until the MIEJ Note is paid in full. The MIEJ Note shall automatically, and without further consent from MIEJ, be subordinated in every way to any such New Senior Lending. Should the Company enter into any new financing transaction that results in raising New Senior Lending of at least \$20 million in excess of the balance of the Senior Loan, then MIEJ has a right to be paid all interest and fees that have accrued on the MIEJ Note each and every time that a new financing transaction reaches or exceeds the \$20 million threshold. The MIEJ Note is due and payable on March 8, 2017, subject to automatic extensions upon the occurrence of a Long-Term Financing or Senior Lending Restructuring (each as defined below) (the “Maturity”). After the Closing Date, on a one-time basis, the Senior Loan may be refinanced by a new loan (“Long-Term Financing”) by one or more third party replacement lenders (“Replacement Lenders”), and in such event the Company shall undertake commercially reasonable best efforts to cause the Replacement Lenders to simultaneously refinance both the Senior Loan and the MIEJ Note as part of such Long-Term Financing. Despite such efforts, should the Replacement Lenders be unable or unwilling to include the MIEJ Note in such financing, then the Long-Term Financing may proceed without including the MIEJ Note, and the MIEJ Note shall remain in place and shall be automatically subordinated, without further consent of MIEJ, to such Long-Term Financing. Furthermore, upon the occurrence of a Long-Term Financing, the Maturity of the MIEJ Note is automatically extended, without further consent of MIEJ, to the same maturity date of the Long-Term Financing (the “Extended Maturity Date”), provided that the Extended Maturity Date may not exceed March 8, 2020. Additionally, upon the closing of such Long-Term Financing: (a) the Long-Term Financing is required to be subject to the Senior Debt Cap, (b) we are required to make commercially reasonable best efforts for the Long-Term Financing to include adequate reserves or other payment provisions whereby MIEJ is paid all interest and fees accrued on the MIEJ Note commencing as of March 8, 2017 (and annually thereafter, until such time as the MIEJ Note is paid in full), but in any event the Replacement Lenders are required to agree to allow for quarterly interest payments (starting March 31, 2017) of not less than 5% per annum on the outstanding balance of the MIEJ Note, plus a one-time payment of accrued interest (not to exceed \$500,000) as of March 31, 2017 (the “Subordinated Interest Payments”), and the remaining 5% interest shall continue to accrue, and (c) MIEJ has the Right of Conversion (defined below) commencing as of March 8, 2017, the original maturity date of the MIEJ Note. If the Senior Loan and/or New Senior Lending is not refinanced by Replacement Lenders, but is instead refinanced, restructured or extended by the existing Senior Loan Investors (a “Senior Lending Restructuring”), the maturity of both the MIEJ Note and the Senior Loan may be extended to no later than March 8, 2019, without requiring the consent of MIEJ, provided that (i) any such extension of the maturity date of the MIEJ Note past March 8, 2017 shall give MIEJ the Right of Conversion (described below) commencing on March 8, 2017, and (ii) such extension agreement shall include payment provisions whereby MIEJ shall be paid all interest and fees accrued on the MIEJ Note as of March 8, 2018. The MIEJ Note may be prepaid any time without penalty. As a result of the Company’s May 2016 senior debt restructuring pursuant to the Amended NPA, the maturity date of the MIEJ Note has automatically been extended to March 8, 2019 and MIEJ has the Right of Conversion (described below) beginning on March 8, 2017.



The MIEJ Note has a conversion feature that provides, in the event that the final maturity of the MIEJ Note is extended beyond March 8, 2017 for whatever reason, MIEJ has the right, at its discretion, to have the outstanding balance of the MIEJ Note plus any accrued and unpaid interest thereon converted in whole or in part into common stock of the Company at a price (the "Conversion Price") equal to 80% of the average closing price per share of common stock over the then previous 60 days from the date MIEJ exercises its conversion right (subject to adjustment for stock splits, recapitalizations and the like)(such event, a "Right of Conversion"); provided, however, that in no event shall the Conversion Price be less than \$0.30 per share of common stock (as adjusted for any stock splits)(the "Floor Price"). Additionally, the MIEJ Note contains a provision preventing the conversion of the MIEJ Note to the extent that such conversion would result in more than 19.9% of our outstanding common stock or voting stock being issued in aggregate upon the conversion of such note, or otherwise require stockholder approval under the NYSE MKT rules. Notwithstanding that, the Company agreed to include a proposal in its proxy statement for its 2016 annual meeting of its stockholders (the "2016 Annual Meeting") for the approval of the issuance of the maximum number of shares of common stock issuable in connection with conversion of the MIEJ Note, assuming conversion at the Floor Price (the "Maximum Conversion Shares"), which proposal is set forth in this proposal 2. In the event that a vote in favor of the issuance by the Company of the Maximum Conversion Shares fails at the annual meeting, the Company is required to take all commercially reasonable action to procure such approval no later than the 2017 annual meeting of stockholders. We are also required to take all reasonable actions as may be necessary to procure any associated approvals from the NYSE MKT for the issuance of the shares.

#### Sale of Condor to MIE Holdings

Pursuant to the Condor Purchase Agreement and PEDCO Direct Interests Assignment, as described above, the Condor Interests and the PEDCO Direct Interests were conveyed to MIEJ and Condor, respectively, effective as of January 1, 2015, subject to customary adjustments for allocation of income, revenue, cost and expense attributable to the properties as of the Closing Date. In addition, under the Condor Purchase Agreement, effective January 1, 2015, PEDCO ceased to be a member of Condor, Mr. Frank C. Ingriselli was removed as a manager and officer of Condor, and all other employees of PEDCO who were officers of Condor were removed as officers and employees of Condor. PEDCO further agreed to provide assistance in the orderly transfer of the operational management, finance and accounting matters involving Condor to MIEJ, and upon the request of MIEJ, PEDCO agreed for a period of up to six (6) months (terminable upon fifteen (15) days' prior written notice from MIEJ to PEDCO), PEDCO shall continue to assist with Condor's accounting and audits and perform joint interest billing accounting on behalf of Condor for a monthly fee of \$55,000 for January 2015, \$0 for February 2015, \$10,000 for March 2015 and \$30,000 per month through August of 2015.

The description of the MIEJ Note above is only a summary of the actual terms of the MIEJ Note and is qualified in all respects to the actual MIEJ Note, a copy of which is attached hereto as Appendix A. You should carefully read and review the MIEJ Note prior to making any voting decision in connection with this proposal 2.

#### Shares Issuable Upon Conversion of MIEJ Note

As of the date of this proxy statement, the total principal balance of the MIEJ Note is \$4.925 million and a total of approximately \$902,916 of interest has accrued under the MIEJ Note through October 2016. As such, upon complete conversion thereof, subject to the terms thereof, which provide that such note is only convertible if we fail to repay the note by March 8, 2017, MIEJ could receive an aggregate of 19,426,387 shares of common stock based on the Floor Price (we note that the current trading price of the Company's common stock is below the Floor Price and as such, the Floor Price would apply to any conversions). The 19,426,387 shares of common stock would represent approximately 39.0% of our then outstanding common stock and approximately 28.0% of our outstanding common stock following their issuance, based on 49,849,297 shares of outstanding common stock as of the date of this proxy statement and without taking into account any shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of the Series A Convertible

Preferred Stock.

#### Risks Related to the MIEJ Note

We owe certain obligations to MIEJ under the MIEJ Note, which is secured by a subordinated security interest in substantially all of our assets and is convertible into shares of our common stock in the event we are unable to repay such note at maturity.

The MIEJ Note is subordinated in every way to the senior credit facility as well as to New Senior Lending (defined above); however, MIEJ has no control over our cash flow, nor is MIEJ's consent required in connection with any disposition, sale, or use of any of our assets, provided that the requirements of the MIEJ Note requiring the prepayment of interest, where applicable, as described below are followed. The MIEJ Note shall automatically, and without further consent from MIEJ, be subordinated in every way to any such New Senior Lending. Should we enter into any new financing transaction that results in raising New Senior Lending of at least \$20 million in excess of the balance of the Senior Loan, then MIEJ has a right to be paid all interest and fees that have accrued on the MIEJ Note each and every time that a new financing transaction reaches or exceeds the \$20 million threshold.

The MIEJ Note may be prepaid any time without penalty, and should we repay the MIEJ Note on or before December 31, 2015, 20% of the principal of the MIEJ Note amount is required to be forgiven by MIEJ, and should we repay the MIEJ Note on or before December 31, 2016, 15% of the principal of the MIEJ Note amount is required to be forgiven by MIEJ.

The MIEJ Note has a conversion feature that provides, in the event that the final maturity of the MIEJ Note is extended beyond March 8, 2017 for whatever reason, MIEJ has the right, at its discretion, to have the outstanding balance of the MIEJ Note plus any accrued and unpaid interest thereon converted in whole or in part into our common stock at a price equal to 80% of the average closing price per share of our common stock over the then previous 60 days from the date MIEJ exercises its conversion right (subject to adjustment for stock splits, recapitalizations and the like); provided, however, that in no event shall the Conversion Price be less than \$0.30 per share. Additionally, the MIEJ Note contains a provision preventing the conversion of the MIEJ Note to the extent that such conversion would result in more than 19.9% of our outstanding common stock or voting stock being issued in aggregate upon the conversion of such note, or otherwise require shareholder approval under the NYSE MKT rules. Notwithstanding that, we agreed to include a proposal in this proxy statement for the approval of the issuance of the maximum number of shares of common stock issuable in connection with conversion of the MIEJ Note, assuming conversion at the Floor Price. In the event the vote fails at the annual meeting, we are required to take all commercially reasonable actions to procure such approval no later than the 2017 annual meeting of shareholders.

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If an event of default occurs under the MIEJ Note, MIEJ may enforce their security interests over our assets (subject to the subordination rights in such note) which secure the repayment of such obligations, and we could be forced to curtail or abandon our current business plans and operations. If that were to happen, any investment in us could become worthless.

The required interest and principal payments due under the MIEJ Note may make it harder for us to refinance the MIEJ Note or raise funding in the future, or could materially decrease the amount of cash we receive for our operations upon any refinancing or funding.

If we are unable to repay the MIEJ Note prior to maturity, the issuance of common stock pursuant to the terms of the MIEJ Note could result in immediate and substantial dilution to the interests of other stockholders.

The issuance of common stock upon conversion of the MIEJ Note will cause immediate and substantial dilution.

If we do not repay the MIEJ Note in full on or before March 8, 2017, MIEJ has the right to convert the outstanding balance plus accrued and unpaid interest, into common stock of the Company at a price equal to 80% of the average closing price per share of common stock over the then previous 60 days from the date MIEJ exercises its conversion right, subject to a floor price of \$0.30 per share of common stock, receipt of additional listing approval for the shares of common stock to be issued from the NYSE MKT, and the requirement that the Company obtain shareholder approval of any issuances of common stock that would result in more than 19.9% of the Company's outstanding common stock or voting stock being issued in aggregate upon the conversion of such note which is being requested in connection with this proposal 2. Any such issuances of common stock will result in immediate and substantial dilution to the interests of other stockholders.

The issuance and sale of common stock upon conversion of the MIEJ Note may depress the market price of our common stock.

If sequential conversions of the MIEJ Note and sales of such converted shares take place, the price of our common stock may decline. The MIEJ Note may not be converted until or unless the stockholder approval is received and thereafter, only if we don't repay the MIEJ Note by March 8, 2017.

In addition, the common stock issuable upon conversion of the MIEJ Note may represent overhang that may also adversely affect the market price of our common stock. Overhang occurs when there is a greater supply of a company's stock in the market than there is demand for that stock. When this happens the price of the company's stock will decrease, and any additional shares which stockholders attempt to sell in the market will only further decrease the share price. If the share volume of our common stock cannot absorb converted shares sold by the MIEJ Note holder, then the value of our common stock will likely decrease.



If the MIEJ Note is converted in full, the holder thereof will become a significant shareholder, and may, therefore, take actions that are not in the interest of other shareholders.

As of the date of this proxy statement, the total principal balance of the MIEJ Note is \$4.925 million and a total of approximately \$902,916 of interest has accrued under the MIEJ Note through October 2016. As such, upon complete conversion thereof, subject to the terms thereof, which provide that such note is only convertible if we fail to repay the note by March 8, 2017, MIEJ could receive an aggregate of 19,426,387 shares of common stock based on the Floor Price (we note that the current trading price of the Company's common stock is below the Floor Price and as such, the Floor Price would apply to any conversions). The 19,426,387 shares of common stock would represent approximately 39.0% of our then outstanding common stock and approximately 28.0% of our outstanding common stock following their issuance, based on 49,849,297 shares of outstanding common stock as of the date of this proxy statement and without taking into account any shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock. As such, if converted in full, the MIEJ Note holder will exercise significant control in determining the outcome of corporate transactions or other matters, including the election of directors, mergers, consolidations, the sale of all or substantially all of our assets, and also the power to prevent or cause a change in control. The interests of the MIEJ Note holder may differ from the interests of the other stockholders and thus result in corporate decisions that are adverse to other shareholders.

#### Reasons for Stockholder Approval

Our common stock is listed on the NYSE MKT. Section 713(a) of the NYSE MKT rules requires stockholder approval in connection with a transaction involving the sale, issuance, or potential issuance by an issuer of common stock (or securities convertible into common stock) equal to 20% or more of the presently outstanding shares of common stock at a price less than the greater of book value or market value. Section 713(b) of the NYSE MKT rules requires stockholder approval in connection with a transaction involving the issuance or potential issuance of additional shares which would result in a change of control of the issuer.

Because the shares of our common stock issuable upon conversion of principal and interest under the MIEJ Note represent greater than 20% of our outstanding common stock shares and may constitute a change in control (as defined by NYSE MKT), we are asking our stockholders to approve the issuance of such number of shares of common stock exceeding 19.9% of our outstanding common stock, issuable upon conversion of principal and interest under the MIEJ Note.

Stockholder approval of this proposal is being sought solely to comply with Section 713 of the NYSE MKT rules governing the issuance of securities when any such issuances in the aggregate would exceed 20% of an issuer's outstanding capital stock or might be considered a change of control (as defined by NYSE MKT). Our stockholders are not being asked to approve or ratify the MIEJ Note.

#### What Are Stockholders Being Asked to Approve?

Pursuant to this proposal 2, stockholders are being asked to consider and vote upon a proposal to approve and ratify, for purposes of Section 713 of the Company Guide of the NYSE MKT, the issuance of shares of common stock to MIEJ (and its assigns) upon conversion of the MIEJ Note exceeding 20% of our outstanding common stock, which we refer to as the Convertible Note proposal. While 19,426,387 shares of common stock are currently issuable upon the conversion of the MIEJ Note when including principal and accrued interest thereon, the MIEJ Note will continue to accrue interest until paid in full or converted into common stock pursuant to its terms. As such, by approving this proposal 2, stockholders approve the issuance of all shares of common stock issuable upon the conversion of the MIEJ Note when including principal and accrued interest thereon, whether such shares are currently issuable upon conversion of the MIEJ Note or upon conversion of additional accrued interest on the MIEJ Note pursuant to the terms

of the MIEJ Note, summarized above.

What Will Happen if the Convertible Note proposal Is Approved?

In the event stockholders approve the Convertible Note proposal, MIEJ may, in the event we fail to repay the MIEJ Note by March 8, 2017 and subject to the Company's approval for the additional listing of the shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of the MIEJ Note with the NYSE MKT, immediately convert the full balance of the MIEJ Note into common stock after March 8, 2017.

What Will Happen if the Convertible Note proposal Is Not Approved?

In the event we do not repay the MIEJ Note by March 8, 2017, the MIEJ Note is convertible into not more than 19.9% of our outstanding shares of common stock as of the date of our entry into the MIEJ Note, February 19, 2015, or 6,590,385 shares of common stock, based on approximately 33,117,516 shares of common stock outstanding on such date, subject to the Company's approval for the additional listing of the shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of the MIEJ Note with the NYSE MKT. Additionally, we are required to take all commercially reasonable action to procure such approval no later than the 2017 annual meeting of stockholders.



### Vote Required

Approval of this proposal to approve and ratify, for purposes of Section 713 of the Company Guide of the NYSE MKT, the issuance of shares of common stock exceeding 19.9% of our outstanding common stock upon conversion of the MIEJ Note requires the affirmative vote by our stockholders of a majority of the shares present in person or represented by proxy at the annual meeting and entitled to vote on, and who voted for, against, or expressly abstained with respect to, this proposal 2, assuming a quorum is present at the annual meeting.

Abstentions will represent the equivalent of a vote "AGAINST" the proposal. Broker non-votes will have the practical effect of reducing the number of affirmative votes required to achieve a majority vote by reducing the total number of shares from which the majority is calculated.

Properly executed proxies will be voted at the annual meeting in accordance with the instructions specified on the proxy; if no such instructions are given, the persons named as agents and proxies in the enclosed form of proxy will vote such proxy "FOR" the approval of this proposal 2.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" THE APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE OF SHARES OF COMMON STOCK UPON THE CONVERSION OF THE MIEJ NOTE EXCEEDING 19.9% OF OUR OUTSTANDING COMMON STOCK.**





### PROPOSAL 3

#### AMENDMENT TO THE PEDEVCO CORP. 2012 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

At the annual meeting, stockholders are requested to approve an amendment to the Amended and Restated 2012 Equity Incentive Plan, which we refer to as the 2012 Plan, to increase by 5 million, the number of shares reserved for issuance under such plan. The amendment to the 2012 Plan has previously been approved by the board of directors. If this proposal 3 is not approved by our stockholders, we will continue to operate the 2012 Plan pursuant to its current provisions.

As of the date of this proxy statement filing, options to purchase 3,067,000 shares of restricted stock and 6,139,170 shares of restricted stock have been issued under the 2012 Plan, with 793,830 shares of common stock remaining available for issuance under the 2012 Plan. In the event proposal 3 is approved at the annual meeting, the 2012 Plan will have 5,793,830 shares available for future issuance.

The following is a summary of the principal features of the 2012 Plan. This summary does not purport to be a complete description of all of the provisions of the 2012 Plan. It is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the 2012 Plan, as proposed to be amended, which has been filed with the SEC with this proxy statement as Appendix B.

#### General

On June 26, 2012, our board of directors adopted the 2012 Plan, and recommended that the adoption of the 2012 Plan be submitted for approval by our stockholders, who approved the adoption of the 2012 Plan on July 27, 2012. Our board of directors adopted the 2012 Plan because there were a limited number of shares available for grants of awards under our prior stock option plan, the 2009 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Prior Plan"). In addition, the Prior Plan was to expire in April 2019. Our board of directors adopted the 2012 Plan to continue to provide a means by which employees, directors and consultants of us may be given an opportunity to benefit from increases in the value of our common stock, and to attract and retain the services of such persons. All of our employees, directors and consultants are eligible to participate in the 2012 Plan. On April 23, 2014, the board adopted an amended and restated 2012 Equity Incentive Plan, to increase by 5 million shares (i.e., to 7 million shares from 2 million shares pursuant to the terms of the original plan), the number of awards available for issuance under the plan, which was approved by shareholders on June 27, 2014. On July 27, 2015, the board of directors adopted an amended and restated 2012 Equity Incentive Plan, to increase by three million shares, the number of awards available for issuance under the plan, which was approved by stockholders on October 7, 2015 (i.e., to 10 million shares from 7 million shares pursuant to the terms of the plan as amended prior thereto).

The 2012 Plan provides for awards of incentive stock options, non-statutory stock options, rights to acquire restricted stock, stock appreciation rights, or SARs, and performance units and performance shares. Incentive stock options granted under the 2012 Plan are intended to qualify as "incentive stock options" within the meaning of Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Non-statutory stock options granted under the 2012 Plan are not intended to qualify as incentive stock options under the Code. See "Federal Income Tax Consequences" below beginning on page 48, for a discussion of the principal federal income tax consequences of awards under the 2012 Plan.

#### Purpose

Our board of directors adopted the 2012 Plan to provide a means by which our employees, directors and consultants may be given an opportunity to benefit from increases in the value of our common stock, to assist in attracting and retaining the services of such persons, to bind the interests of eligible recipients more closely to our interests by offering them opportunities to acquire shares of our common stock and to afford such persons stock-based

compensation opportunities that are competitive with those afforded by similar businesses. All of our employees, directors and consultants are eligible to participate in the 2012 Plan.

#### Administration

Unless it delegates administration to a committee as described below, our board of directors will administer the 2012 Plan. Subject to the provisions of the 2012 Plan, our board of directors has the power to construe and interpret the 2012 Plan, and to determine: (i) the fair value of common stock subject to awards issued under the 2012 Plan; (ii) the persons to whom and the dates on which awards will be granted; (iii) what types or combinations of types of awards will be granted; (iv) the number of shares of common stock to be subject to each award; (v) the time or times during the term of each award within which all or a portion of such award may be exercised; (vi) the exercise price or purchase price of each award; and (vii) the types of consideration permitted to exercise or purchase each award and other terms of the awards.

Our board of directors has the power to delegate administration of the 2012 Plan to a committee composed of one or more directors. In the discretion of our board of directors, a committee may consist solely of two or more “independent directors” or two or more “non-employee directors” (as such terms are defined in the 2012 Plan).

#### Stock Subject to the 2012 Plan

Subject to the provisions of the 2012 Plan relating to adjustments upon changes in our common stock, an aggregate of 10,000,000 shares of common stock are currently reserved for issuance under the 2012 Plan (provided we are seeking stockholder approval for the increase in such number of shares of common stock by 5 million shares pursuant to this proposal 3), with 793,830 shares of common stock remaining available for issuance under the 2012 Plan as of the date of this proxy statement.



If shares of common stock subject to an option, SAR or performance share or unit granted under the 2012 Plan expire or otherwise terminate without being exercised (or exercised in full), such shares shall become available again for grants under the 2012 Plan. If shares of restricted stock awarded under the 2012 Plan are forfeited to us or repurchased by us, the number of shares forfeited or repurchased shall again be available under the 2012 Plan. Where the exercise price of an option granted under the 2012 Plan is paid by means of the optionee's surrender of previously owned shares of common stock, or our withholding of shares otherwise issuable upon exercise of the option as may be permitted under the 2012 Plan, only the net number of shares issued and which remain outstanding in connection with such exercise shall be deemed "issued" and no longer available for issuance under the 2012 Plan.

#### Eligibility

Incentive stock options may be granted under the 2012 Plan only to employees of our company and its affiliates. Employees, directors and consultants of our company and its affiliates are eligible to receive all other types of awards under the 2012 Plan.

No incentive stock option may be granted under the 2012 Plan to any person who, at the time of the grant, owns (or is deemed to own) stock possessing more than 10% of the total combined voting power of our company or any affiliate of our company, unless the exercise price is at least 110% of the fair market value of the stock subject to the option on the date of grant and the term of the option does not exceed five years from the date of grant. In addition, no employee may be granted options under the 2012 Plan exercisable for more than four million shares of common stock during any twelve-month period.

#### Terms of Options and SARs

Options, SARs and performance shares and units may be granted under the 2012 Plan pursuant to stock option agreements, stock appreciation rights agreements and performance award agreements, respectively. The following is a description of the permissible terms of options, SARs and performance units under the 2012 Plan. Individual grants of options, SARs and performance shares and units may be more restrictive as to any or all of the permissible terms described below.

#### Exercise Price; Payment

The exercise price of incentive stock options may not be less than the fair market value of the common stock subject to the option on the date of the grant and, in some cases (see "Eligibility" above), may not be less than 110% of such fair market value. The exercise price of nonstatutory options also may not be less than the fair market value of the common stock on the date of grant. The base value of an SAR or performance share or unit may not be less than the fair market value of the common stock on the date of grant. The exercise price of options granted under the 2012 Plan must be paid either in cash at the time the option is exercised or, at the discretion of our board of directors, (i) by delivery of already-owned shares of our common stock, (ii) pursuant to a deferred payment arrangement, (iii) pursuant to a net exercise arrangement, or (iv) pursuant to a cashless exercise as permitted under applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

In addition, the holder of an SAR is entitled to receive upon exercise of such SAR only shares of our common stock at a fair market value equal to the benefit to be received by the exercise.

#### Vesting

Options granted under the 2012 Plan may be exercisable in cumulative increments, or “vest,” as determined by our board of directors. Our board of directors has the power to accelerate the time as of which an option may vest or be exercised.

#### Tax Withholding

To the extent provided by the terms of an option, SAR or performance share or unit, a participant may satisfy any federal, state or local tax withholding obligation relating to the exercise of such option, SAR or performance share or unit by a cash payment upon exercise, or in the discretion of our board of directors, by authorizing us to withhold a portion of the stock otherwise issuable to the participant, by delivering already-owned shares of our common stock or by a combination of these means.



## Term

The maximum term of options, SARs and performance shares and units under the 2012 Plan is ten years, except that in certain cases (see “Eligibility” above) the maximum term is five years. Options, SARs and performance shares and units awarded under the 2012 Plan generally will terminate three months after termination of the participant’s service; however, pursuant to the terms of the 2012 Plan, a grantee’s employment shall not be deemed to terminate by reason of such grantee’s transfer from us to an affiliate of us, or vice versa, or sick leave, military leave or other leave of absence approved by our board of directors, if the period of any such leave does not exceed ninety (90) days or, if longer, if the grantee’s right to reemployment by us or any of our affiliates is guaranteed either contractually or by statute.

## Restrictions on Transfer

A recipient may not transfer an incentive stock option otherwise than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution. During the lifetime of the recipient, only the recipient may exercise an option, SAR or performance share or unit. Our board of directors may grant nonstatutory stock options, SARs and performance shares and units that are transferable to the extent provided in the applicable written agreement.

## Terms of Restricted Stock Awards

Restricted stock awards may be granted under the 2012 Plan pursuant to restricted stock purchase or grant agreements. No awards of restricted stock may be granted under the 2012 Plan after ten (10) years from our board of directors’ adoption of the 2012 Plan (March 2022).

## Payment

Our board of directors may issue shares of restricted stock under the 2012 Plan as a grant or for such consideration, including services, and, subject to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, promissory notes, as determined in its sole discretion. If restricted stock under the 2012 Plan is issued pursuant to a purchase agreement, the purchase price must be paid either in cash at the time of purchase or, at the discretion of our board of directors, pursuant to any other form of legal consideration acceptable to our board of directors.

## Vesting

Shares of restricted stock acquired under a restricted stock purchase or grant agreement may, but need not, be subject to forfeiture to us or other restrictions that will lapse in accordance with a vesting schedule to be determined by our board of directors. In the event a recipient’s employment or service with us terminates, any or all of the shares of common stock held by such recipient that have not vested as of the date of termination under the terms of the restricted stock agreement may be forfeited to us in accordance with such restricted stock agreement.

## Tax Withholding

Our board of directors may require any recipient of restricted stock to pay to us in cash upon demand amounts necessary to satisfy any applicable federal, state or local tax withholding requirements. If the recipient fails to pay the amount demanded, our board of directors may withhold that amount from other amounts payable by us to the recipient, including salary, subject to applicable law. With the consent of our board of directors in its sole discretion, a recipient may deliver shares of our common stock to us to satisfy this withholding obligation.

## Restrictions on Transfer

Rights to acquire shares of common stock under the restricted stock purchase or grant agreement shall be transferable by the recipient only upon such terms and conditions as are set forth in the restricted stock agreement, as our board of directors shall determine in its discretion, so long as shares of common stock awarded under the restricted stock agreement remain subject to the terms of such agreement.

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### Adjustment Provisions

If any change is made to our outstanding shares of common stock without our receipt of consideration (whether through reorganization, stock dividend or stock split, or other specified change in our capital structure), appropriate adjustments may be made in the class and maximum number of shares of common stock subject to the 2012 Plan and outstanding awards. In that event, the 2012 Plan will be appropriately adjusted in the class and maximum number of shares of common stock subject to the 2012 Plan, and outstanding awards may be adjusted in the class, number of shares and price per share of common stock subject to such awards.

### Effect of Certain Corporate Events

In the event of (i) a liquidation or dissolution of the Company; (ii) a merger or consolidation of the Company with or into another corporation or entity (other than a merger with a wholly-owned subsidiary); (iii) a sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company; or (iv) a purchase or other acquisition of more than 50% of the outstanding stock of the Company by one person or by more than one person acting in concert, any surviving or acquiring corporation may assume awards outstanding under the 2012 Plan or may substitute similar awards. Unless the stock award agreement otherwise provides, in the event any surviving or acquiring corporation does not assume such awards or substitute similar awards, then the awards will terminate if not exercised at or prior to such event.

### Duration, Amendment and Termination

Our board of directors may suspend or terminate the 2012 Plan without stockholder approval or ratification at any time or from time to time. Unless sooner terminated, the 2012 Plan will terminate ten years from the date of its adoption by our board of directors, i.e., in March 2022.

Our board of directors may also amend the 2012 Plan at any time, and from time to time. However, except as it relates to adjustments upon changes in common stock, no amendment will be effective unless approved by our stockholders to the extent stockholder approval is necessary to preserve incentive stock option treatment for federal income tax purposes. Our board of directors may submit any other amendment to the 2012 Plan for stockholder approval if it concludes that stockholder approval is otherwise advisable.

### Federal Income Tax Consequences

The following is a summary of the principal United States federal income tax consequences to the recipient and us with respect to participation in the 2012 Plan. This summary is not intended to be exhaustive, and does not discuss the income tax laws of any city, state or foreign jurisdiction in which a participant may reside.

### Incentive Stock Options

There will be no federal income tax consequences to either us or the recipient upon the grant of an incentive stock option. Upon exercise of the option, the excess of the fair market value of the stock over the exercise price, or the "spread," will be added to the alternative minimum tax base of the recipient unless a disqualifying disposition is made in the year of exercise. A disqualifying disposition is the sale of the stock prior to the expiration of two years from the date of grant and one year from the date of exercise. If the shares of common stock are disposed of in a disqualifying disposition, the recipient will realize taxable ordinary income in an amount equal to the spread at the time of exercise, and we will be entitled (subject to the requirement of reasonableness, the provisions of Section 162(m) of the Code and the satisfaction of a tax reporting obligation) to a federal income tax deduction equal to such amount. If the recipient sells the shares of common stock after the specified periods, the gain or loss on the sale of the shares will be

long-term capital gain or loss and we will not be entitled to a federal income tax deduction.

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## Non-statutory Stock Options and Restricted Stock Awards

Non-statutory stock options and restricted stock awards granted under the 2012 Plan generally have the following federal income tax consequences.

There are no tax consequences to the participant or us by reason of the grant. Upon acquisition of the stock, the recipient will recognize taxable ordinary income equal to the excess, if any, of the stock's fair market value on the acquisition date over the purchase price. However, to the extent the stock is subject to "a substantial risk of forfeiture" (as defined in Section 83 of the Code), the taxable event will be delayed until the forfeiture provision lapses unless the recipient elects to be taxed on receipt of the stock by making a Section 83(b) election within 30 days of receipt of the stock. If such election is not made, the recipient generally will recognize income as and when the forfeiture provision lapses, and the income recognized will be based on the fair market value of the stock on such future date. On that date, the recipient's holding period for purposes of determining the long-term or short-term nature of any capital gain or loss recognized on a subsequent disposition of the stock will begin. If a recipient makes a Section 83(b) election, the recipient will recognize ordinary income equal to the difference between the stock's fair market value and the purchase price, if any, as of the date of receipt and the holding period for purposes of characterizing as long-term or short-term any subsequent gain or loss will begin at the date of receipt.

With respect to employees, we are generally required to withhold from regular wages or supplemental wage payments an amount based on the ordinary income recognized. Subject to the requirement of reasonableness, the provisions of Section 162(m) of the Code and the satisfaction of a tax reporting obligation, we will generally be entitled to a business expense deduction equal to the taxable ordinary income realized by the participant.

Upon disposition of the stock, the recipient will recognize a capital gain or loss equal to the difference between the selling price and the sum of the amount paid for such stock plus any amount recognized as ordinary income with respect to the stock. Such gain or loss will be long-term or short-term depending on whether the stock has been held for more than one year.

## Stock Appreciation Rights or SARs

A recipient receiving a stock appreciation right will not recognize income, and we will not be allowed a tax deduction, at the time the award is granted. When a recipient exercises the stock appreciation right, the fair market value of any shares of common stock received will be ordinary income to the recipient and will be allowed as a deduction to us for federal income tax purposes.

## Potential Limitation on Company Deductions

Section 162(m) of the Code denies a deduction to any publicly held corporation for compensation paid to certain senior executives of the Company (a "covered employee") in a taxable year to the extent that compensation to such employees exceeds \$1,000,000. It is possible that compensation attributable to awards, when combined with all other types of compensation received by a covered employee from the Company, may cause this limitation to be exceeded in any particular year.

Certain kinds of compensation, including qualified "performance-based compensation," are disregarded for purposes of the deduction limitation. In accordance with Treasury Regulations issued under Section 162(m), compensation attributable to stock options will qualify as performance-based compensation if the award is granted by a committee solely comprising "outside directors" (as defined in the 2012 Plan) and, among other things, the plan contains a per-employee limitation on the number of shares for which such awards may be granted during a specified period, the per-employee limitation is approved by the stockholders, and the exercise price of the award is no less than the fair

market value of the stock on the date of grant. Awards to purchase restricted stock under the 2012 Plan will not qualify as performance-based compensation under the Treasury Regulations issued under Section 162(m).



### Securities Issued and Granted Under 2012 Plan

As of the date of this proxy filing, options to purchase 3,067,000 shares of restricted stock and 6,139,170 shares of restricted stock have been issued under the 2012 Plan, with 793,830 shares of common stock remaining available for issuance under the 2012 Plan. Information regarding all of our equity compensation plans can be found above under “Equity Compensation Plan Information”, on page 22.

### Reasons for and Purpose of the Amendment to the 2012 Plan

The reason for the amendment is solely to increase the shares available for issuances under the 2012 Plan in order for us to be able to issue additional equity incentive compensation awards under the 2012 Plan for the purpose of attracting and retaining the best available personnel for positions of substantial responsibility, providing additional incentive to employees, directors and consultants, and promoting the success of our business.

The amendment would increase the number of shares that may be granted during the life of the 2012 Plan from 10,000,000 to 15,000,000 shares, which amount will be decreased by any reverse stock split approved by our stockholders at the annual meeting and implemented by our board of directors as described in proposal 4 herein.

We are asking stockholders to increase the number of shares available for grants under the 2012 Plan to a level that we believe will, on the basis of current assumptions, ensure that enough shares remain available for anticipated issuances under the 2012 Plan through 2017.

### Amendment of the 2012 Plan

Specifically, under this proposal 3, our stockholders are being asked to approve an amendment to clause (a) of Section 3 of the 2012 Plan such that the paragraph would provide in its entirety as follows:

“Stock Subject to the Plan. Subject to the provisions of Section 13, the maximum aggregate number of Shares that may be issued under the Plan is 15 million (15,000,000) Shares. The Shares may be authorized but unissued, or reacquired Common Stock.”

The other paragraphs of Section 3 and all other sections of the 2012 Plan would remain unchanged, other than (a) Section 15(a)(i), which relates to the maximum number of incentive stock options which may be issued under the 2012 Plan, (b) Section 15(b)(ii)(1), which relates to the maximum number of shares issuable to any participant under the 2012 Plan in any one fiscal year, (c) Section 15(b)(ii)(2), which relates to the maximum fair market value of shares relating to awards denominated in shares and satisfied in cash under the 2012 Plan in any one fiscal year, and (d) Section 15(b)(ii)(3), which relates to the maximum fair market value of shares relating to cash awards, payable in any one fiscal year under the 2012 Plan, which will each be increased to 15 million (15,000,000) shares after the amendment of the 2012 Plan, compared to ten million (10,000,000) shares prior to such amendment, to reflect the corresponding increase in the maximum aggregate number of shares which may be issued under the 2012 Plan as described above.

### Vote Required

Although Section 710 of the NYSE MKT Company Guide, requires the affirmative vote of the holders of voting stock representing a majority of the votes cast at a stockholders meeting held by a NYSE MKT listed company on a proposal to approve a stock plan or amendment thereto such as the amendment to our 2012 Plan, our bylaws and the Texas Business Organizations Code, which supersede the NYSE MKT Company Guide requirements, require the



affirmative vote by our stockholders of a majority of the shares present in person or represented by proxy at the annual meeting and entitled to vote on, and who voted for, against, or expressly abstained with respect to, this proposal 3, in order to approve the proposal relating to the amendment of the 2012 Plan as set forth in this proposal 3, assuming a quorum is present at the annual meeting.

Our board of directors has approved the amendment to the 2012 Plan described in proposal 3. If proposal 3 is not approved by our stockholders at the annual meeting, we will continue to operate the 2012 Plan pursuant to its current provisions.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE “FOR” THE PROPOSAL TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE 2012 PLAN.**



PROPOSAL 4

TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY TO EFFECT A REVERSE STOCK SPLIT OF OUR OUTSTANDING COMMON STOCK IN A RATIO OF BETWEEN ONE-FOR-TWO AND ONE-FOR-TEN

Our board of directors has approved and has recommended that our stockholders approve a proposal to amend our Certificate of Formation to authorize our board of directors to effect a reverse stock split of all of our outstanding common stock at a ratio of between one-for-two and one-for-ten (the “Exchange Ratio”), with our board of directors having the discretion as to whether or not the reverse split is to be effected, and with the exact Exchange Ratio of any reverse split to be set at a whole number within the above range as determined by our board of directors in its sole discretion, provided that all fractional shares as a result of the split shall be automatically rounded up to the next whole share (the “Reverse Stock Split”). The proposal provides that our board of directors will have sole discretion to elect, at any time before the earlier of (a) the one year anniversary of this annual meeting; and (b) the date of our 2017 annual meeting of stockholders, as it determines to be in our best interest, whether or not to effect the Reverse Stock Split, and, if so, the number of our shares of common stock within the Exchange Ratio which will be combined into one share of our common stock.

The determination as to whether the Reverse Stock Split will be effected and, if so, pursuant to which Exchange Ratio, will be based upon those market or business factors deemed relevant by the board of directors at that time, including, but not limited to:

listing standards under the NYSE MKT;

existing and expected marketability and liquidity of the Company’s common stock;

prevailing stock market conditions;

the historical trading price and trading volume of our common stock;

the then prevailing trading price and trading volume of our common stock and the anticipated impact of the reverse split on the trading market for our common stock;

the anticipated impact of the reverse split on our ability to raise additional financing;

business developments affecting the Company;

the Company’s actual or forecasted results of operations; and

the likely effect on the market price of the Company’s common stock.

Our board of directors believes that stockholder approval granting us discretion to set the actual exchange ratio within the range of the Exchange Ratio, rather than stockholder approval of a specified exchange ratio, provides us with maximum flexibility to react to then-current market conditions and volatility in the market price of our common stock in order to set an exchange ratio that is intended to result in a stock price in excess of \$0.20 per share to avoid being considered a low priced stock by the NYSE MKT, and therefore, is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders. However, there can be no assurance that the Reverse Stock Split will result in our common stock trading above \$0.20 for any significant period of time. If the board of directors determines to implement the Reverse Stock Split, we intend to issue a press release announcing the terms and effective date of the Reverse Stock Split before we file the Amendment with the Secretary of State of the State of Texas.

If our board of directors determines that effecting the Reverse Stock Split is in our best interest, the Reverse Stock Split will become effective upon the filing of an amendment to our Certificate of Formation with the Secretary of State of the State of Texas. The form of the proposed amendment to our Certificate of Formation to effect the Reverse Stock Split will be in substantially the form as attached to this proxy statement as Appendix C (the "Amendment"). The Amendment filed thereby will set forth the number of shares to be combined into one share of our common stock within the limits set forth in this proposal but will not have any effect on the number of shares of common stock or preferred stock currently authorized, the ability of our board of directors to designate preferred stock, the par value of our common or preferred stock, or any series of preferred stock previously authorized (except to the extent such Reverse Stock Split adjusts the conversion ratio of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock).



### Purpose of the Reverse Stock Split

The primary purpose of the Reverse Stock Split is to increase proportionately the per share trading price of our common stock. Our common stock is listed on the NYSE MKT under the symbol "PED". Under the NYSE MKT's listing standards, if the exchange considers our common stock to be a low-priced stock (generally trading below \$0.20 per share for an extended period of time), our common stock could be subject to a delisting notification. Additionally, if at any time our common stock trades below \$0.06 per share, we will be automatically delisted from the NYSE MKT. Our common stock has not traded above \$1 per share since October 2014 and has not traded above \$0.30 per share since July 2016, and our price per share has ranged from a low of \$0.10 per share to a high of \$0.41 per share for the twelve month period ended November \_\_, 2016. If we were to receive a formal delisting notification letter from the NYSE MKT relating to the trading value of our common stock, to regain compliance we would need to effect a reverse stock split, which would require us to convene a special meeting of stockholders. Given the time and expense associated with convening a special meeting of stockholders, the board of directors has determined that it is most efficient to seek stockholder approval of a potential future Reverse Stock Split at this annual meeting to avoid having to convene a special meeting at a later date.

As noted above, if we were to receive a delisting notice and we were unable to regain compliance in the appropriate time, we could be subject to delisting. Delisting could have a material adverse effect on our business, liquidity and on the trading of our common stock. If our common stock were delisted, our common stock could be quoted on the OTCQB market or on the "pink sheets" maintained by the OTC Markets Group. However, such alternatives are generally considered to be less efficient markets. Further, delisting from the NYSE MKT could also have other negative effects, including potential loss of confidence by partners, lenders, suppliers and employees and could also trigger various defaults under our lending agreements and other outstanding agreements. Finally, delisting could make it harder for us to raise capital and sell securities as we would no longer be eligible to use Form S-3 short form registration statements for such purposes.

We also believe that the increased market price of our common stock expected as a result of implementing the Reverse Stock Split may improve the marketability and liquidity of our common stock and encourage interest and trading in our common stock. Because of the trading volatility often associated with low-priced stocks, many brokerage houses and institutional investors have internal policies and practices that either prohibit them from investing in low-priced stocks or tend to discourage individual brokers from recommending low-priced stocks to their customers. Some of those policies and practices may function to make the processing of trades in low-priced stocks economically unattractive to brokers. Moreover, because brokers' commissions on low-priced stocks generally represent a higher percentage of the stock price than commissions on higher-priced stocks, the current average price per share of common stock can result in individual stockholders paying transaction costs representing a higher percentage of their total share value than would be the case if the share price were substantially higher. Although it should be noted that the liquidity of our common stock may be harmed by the Reverse Stock Split given the reduced number of shares that would be outstanding after the Reverse Stock Split, our board of directors is hopeful that the anticipated higher market price will offset, to some extent, the negative effects on the liquidity and marketability of our common stock inherent in some of the policies and practices of institutional investors and brokerage houses described above.

### Board of Directors Discretion to Implement the Reverse Stock Split

If proposal 4 is approved by our stockholders, the Reverse Stock Split will be effected, if at all, only upon a determination by the board of directors that the Reverse Stock Split is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders. The board of directors' determination as to whether the Reverse Stock Split will be effected and, if so, at which Exchange Ratio, will be based upon certain factors, including existing and expected marketability and liquidity

of our common stock, prevailing stock market conditions, business developments affecting us, actual or forecasted results of operations and the likely effect on the market price of our common stock, and the listing standards of the NYSE MKT. If the board of directors does not act to implement the Reverse Stock Split prior to the earlier of (a) the one year anniversary of this annual meeting; and (b) the date of our 2017 annual meeting of stockholders, the authorization granted by stockholders pursuant to this proposal 4 would be deemed abandoned and without any further effect. In that case, the board of directors may again seek stockholder approval at a future date for the Reverse Stock Split if it deems it to be advisable.





### Effect of the Reverse Stock Split

If approved by our stockholders and implemented by the board of directors, as of the effective time of the Amendment, each issued and outstanding share of our common stock would immediately and automatically be reclassified and reduced into a fewer number of shares of our common stock, depending upon the Exchange Ratio selected by the board of directors, which could range between one-for-two and one-for-ten, provided that all fractional shares as a result of the split shall be automatically rounded up to the next whole share.

Except to the extent that the Reverse Stock Split would result in any stockholder receiving an additional whole share of common stock in connection with the rounding of fractional shares or any dilution to other shareholder in connection therewith, as described below, the Reverse Stock Split will not:

affect any stockholder's percentage ownership interest in us;

affect any stockholder's proportionate voting power;

substantially affect the voting rights or other privileges of any stockholder; or

alter the relative rights of common stockholders, preferred stockholders, warrant holders or holders of equity compensation plan awards and options.

Depending upon the Exchange Ratio selected by the board of directors, the principal effects of the Reverse Stock Split are:

the number of shares of common stock issued and outstanding will be reduced by a factor ranging between two and ten, notwithstanding any rounding;

the per share exercise price will be increased by a factor between two and ten, and the number of shares issuable upon exercise shall be decreased by the same factor, for all outstanding options, warrants and other convertible or exercisable equity instruments entitling the holders to purchase shares of our common stock;

the number of shares authorized and reserved for issuance under our existing equity compensation plans will be reduced proportionately; and

the conversion rates for holders of our Convertible Preferred Stock and outstanding convertible promissory notes will be adjusted proportionately.

The following table contains approximate information relating to our common stock, Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (which converts into common stock prior to the Reverse Stock Split in a ratio of 1-for-1), the MIEJ Note, our outstanding warrants and outstanding options under our Plans, under various proposed exchange ratio options:\*

Assuming a Reverse Split of:

Pre Reverse	1 for 2	1 for 4	1 for 6	1 for 8	1 for 10
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Split

Authorized Common Stock	200,000,000	200,000,000	200,000,000	200,000,000	200,000,000	200,000,000
Outstanding Common Stock	49,849,297	24,924,649	12,462,325	8,308,217	6,231,163	4,984,930
Reserved for issuance in connection with the exercise of outstanding warrants to purchase shares of common stock	12,566,079	6,283,040	3,141,520	2,094,347	1,570,760	1,256,608
Reserved for issuance in connection with the exercise of outstanding options to purchase shares of common stock	4,308,896	2,154,448	1,077,224	718,150	538,612	430,890
Reserved for issuance in connection with the conversion of our outstanding Series A Convertible Preferred Stock	66,625,000	33,312,500	16,656,250	11,104,167	8,328,125	6,662,500
Issuable upon conversion, subject to the terms thereof, of the MIEJ Note	19,426,387	9,713,194	4,856,597	3,237,732	2,428,299	1,942,639
Reserved for issuance under Equity Incentive Plans (not including shares already included in the rows above, and assuming the increase to the 2012 Plan is approved (proposal 3))(described under "Equity Compensation Plan Information", beginning on page 45)	5,793,830	2,896,915	1,448,458	965,639	724,229	579,383
Shares available for future issuance	41,430,511	120,715,254	160,357,626	173,571,748	180,178,812	184,143,050

\* Does not take into account the rounding of fractional shares described below under "Fractional Shares".



Additionally, the below table sets forth the weighted average exercise price of (i) outstanding options; and (ii) outstanding warrants:

	Pre Reverse Split	1 for 2	1 for 4	1 for 6	1 for 8	1 for 10
Weighted Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Warrants	\$0.80	\$1.59	\$3.18	\$4.77	\$6.37	\$7.96
Weighted Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options	\$0.57	\$1.15	\$2.30	\$3.45	\$4.60	\$5.74

If the Reverse Stock Split is implemented, the Amendment will not reduce the number of shares of our common stock or preferred stock authorized under our Certificate of Formation, as amended, the right of our board of directors to designate preferred stock, the par value of our common or preferred stock, or otherwise effect our designated series of preferred stock, except to affect the exchange ratio thereof (as shown in the table above).

Our common stock is currently registered under Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act, and we are subject to the periodic reporting and other requirements thereof. We presently do not have any intent to seek any change in our status as a reporting company under the Exchange Act either before or after the Reverse Stock Split.

Additionally, as of the date of this proxy statement, we do not have any current plans, agreements, or understandings with respect to the additional authorized shares that will become available for issuance after the Reverse Stock Split has been implemented.

#### Fractional Shares

Stockholders will not receive fractional shares in connection with the Reverse Stock Split. Instead, stockholders otherwise entitled to fractional shares will receive an additional whole share of our common stock. For example, if the board of directors effects a one-for-ten split, and you held nine shares of our common stock immediately prior to the effective date of the Amendment, you would hold one share of the Company's common stock following the Reverse Stock Split.



### Effective Time and Implementation of the Reverse Stock Split

The effective time for the Reverse Stock Split will be the date on which we file the Amendment with the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas or such later date and time as specified in the Amendment, provided that the effective date must occur prior to the earlier of (a) the one year anniversary of this annual meeting; and (b) the date of our 2017 annual meeting of stockholders.

Holders of pre-reverse split shares (“Old Shares”), after the effective date, may, but are not required to, contact our transfer agent regarding the procedure for surrendering to our transfer agent, certificates representing pre-reverse split shares in exchange for certificates representing post-reverse split shares (“New Shares”). No new certificates will be issued to a stockholder until or unless such stockholder has surrendered such stockholder’s outstanding certificate(s) together with such information, fees and documentation as the transfer agent may require, to the transfer agent for reissuance. Stockholders should not destroy any stock certificate. We and the transfer agent will adjust record stockholder’s shareholdings in our records regardless of whether any certificates evidencing Old Shares are returned for reissuance in order to evidence New Shares and therefore, stockholders are not required to return their certificates for reissuance unless they want to. In the event stockholders do not have their certificates representing Old Shares reissued for certificates evidencing New Shares, such certificates will still only provide rights and ownership of the adjusted number of New Shares in connection with the Reverse Stock Split, when presented for voting or transfer, even if the certificates still list the number of Old Shares prior to the Reverse Stock Split.

Stockholders whose shares are held in book-entry form or by their stockbroker do not need to submit old share certificates for exchange. These stockholders’ book-entry records or brokerage accounts will automatically reflect the new quantity of shares based on the selected Reverse Stock Split ratio.

Beginning on the effective date of the Reverse Stock Split, each certificate or other share ownership record representing pre-split shares will be deemed for all corporate purposes to evidence ownership of post-split shares, subject to the rounding up of fractional shares to the next whole share.

**STOCKHOLDERS SHOULD NOT DESTROY ANY STOCK CERTIFICATE(S) AND SHOULD NOT SUBMIT ANY STOCK CERTIFICATE(S) UNLESS REQUESTED TO DO SO.**

### No Going-Private Transaction

Notwithstanding the decrease in the number of outstanding shares following the proposed Reverse Stock Split, our board or directors does not intend for the Reverse Stock Split to be the first step in a “going-private transaction” within the meaning of Rule 13e-3 of the Exchange Act. In fact, since all fractional shares of common stock resulting from the Reverse Stock Split will be rounded up to the nearest whole share, there will be no reduction in the number of stockholders of record that could provide the basis for a going-private transaction.

### Accounting Matters

The Reverse Stock Split will not affect the par value of our common stock (\$0.001 per share). However, at the effective time of the Reverse Stock Split, the stated capital attributable to common stock on our balance sheet will be reduced proportionately based on the Exchange Ratio (including a retroactive adjustment of prior periods), and the additional paid-in capital account will be credited with the amount by which the stated capital is reduced. Reported per share net income or loss would be expected to be proportionally higher because there will be fewer shares of our common stock outstanding.

No Appraisal Rights

Under the Texas Business Organizations Code, our stockholders are not entitled to appraisal rights with respect to the Reverse Stock Split.

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### Certain Risks Associated with the Reverse Stock Split

Before voting on this proposal 4, you should consider the following risks associated with the implementation of the Reverse Stock Split:

The price per share of our common stock after the Reverse Stock Split may not reflect the Exchange Ratio implemented by the board of directors and the price per share following the effective time of the Reverse Stock Split may not be maintained for any period of time following the Reverse Stock Split. For example, based on the closing price of our common stock on November \_\_, 2016 of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per share, if the Reverse Stock Split was implemented at an Exchange Ratio of 1-for-5, there can be no assurance that the post-split trading price of the Company's common stock would be \$\_\_\_\_\_, or even that it would remain above the pre-split trading price. Accordingly, the total market capitalization of our common stock following a Reverse Stock Split may be lower than before the Reverse Stock Split.

Following the Reverse Stock Split, we may still run the risk of being considered a low priced stock under the listing standards of the NYSE MKT, which could cause the Company to be delisted or subject to delisting.

Effecting the Reverse Stock Split may not attract institutional or other potential investors, or result in a sustained market price that is high enough to overcome the investor policies and practices, and other issues relating to investing in lower priced stock described in "Purpose of the Reverse Stock Split" above.

The trading liquidity of our common stock could be adversely affected by the reduced number of shares outstanding after the Reverse Stock Split.

If a Reverse Stock Split is implemented by the board of directors, some stockholders may consequently own less than 100 shares of our common stock. A purchase or sale of less than 100 shares (an "odd lot" transaction) may result in incrementally higher trading costs through certain brokers, particularly "full service" brokers. Therefore, those stockholders who own fewer than 100 shares following the Reverse Stock Split may be required to pay higher transaction costs if they should then determine to sell their shares of the Company's common stock.

A stockholder who receives a "round up" from a fractional share to a whole share may have a tax event based on the value of the "rounded up" share provided to the stockholder. The Company believes such tax event will be minimal or insignificant for most stockholders.

### Potential Anti-Takeover Effect

The increased proportion of unissued authorized shares to issued shares could, under certain circumstances, have an anti-takeover effect (for example, by permitting issuances that would dilute the stock ownership of a person seeking to effect a change in the composition of our board of directors or contemplating a tender offer or other transaction for our combination with another company). However, the Reverse Stock Split proposal is not being proposed in response to any effort of which we are aware to accumulate shares of our common stock or obtain control of our Company, nor is it part of a plan by management to recommend a series of similar amendments to our board of directors and stockholders.

### Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Reverse Stock Split

A summary of the federal income tax consequences of the proposed Reverse Stock Split to individual stockholders is set forth below. It is based upon present federal income tax law, which is subject to change, possibly with retroactive

effect. The discussion is not intended to be, nor should it be relied on as, a comprehensive analysis of the tax issues arising from or relating to the proposed Reverse Stock Split. In addition, we have not requested and will not seek an opinion of counsel or a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service regarding the federal income tax consequences of the proposed Reverse Stock Split. Accordingly, stockholders are advised to consult their own tax advisors for more detailed information regarding the effects of the proposed Reverse Stock Split on them under applicable federal, state, local and foreign income tax laws.



We believe that the Reverse Stock Split will be a tax-free recapitalization for federal income tax purposes. Accordingly, a stockholder will generally not recognize any gain or loss as a result of the receipt of the post-reverse split common stock pursuant to the Reverse Stock Split. However, a stockholder who receives a “round up” from a fractional share to a whole share may have a tax event based on the value of the “rounded up” share provided to the stockholder. The Company believes such tax event will be minimal or insignificant for most stockholders.

The shares of post-reverse split common stock in the hands of a stockholder will have an aggregate basis for computing gain or loss equal to the aggregate basis of the shares of pre-reverse split common stock held by that stockholder immediately prior to the Reverse Stock Split.

A stockholder’s holding period for the post-reverse split common stock will include the holding period of the pre-reverse split common stock exchanged.

#### Recommendation of the Board of Directors

The board of directors recommends that you vote “FOR” the amendment to our Certificate of Formation and the authorization of the board of directors of the Company, without further stockholder approval, to amend the Company’s Certificate of Formation, at any time prior to the earlier of (a) the one year anniversary of this annual meeting; and (b) the date of our 2017 annual meeting of stockholders, to effect a reverse stock split of our outstanding common stock in a ratio of between one-for-two and one-for-ten, provided that all fractional shares as a result of the split shall be automatically rounded up to the next whole share, in accordance with this proposal 4. Unless you specify otherwise, the board of directors intends the accompanying proxy to be voted for this proposal 4.

#### Vote Required