

## FURTHER STATEMENT ON GULF KEYSTONE PETROLEUM ON BEHALF OF M&G RECOVERY FUND

**London, 13 July 2013** – Despite attempting to find common ground in our discussion with GKP yesterday, it is clear from its statement of 13 July 2013 that there are still substantive points of difference.

We reaffirm our intention to vote for the four independent candidates we have nominated, believing them to have the relevant experience and knowledge to represent the interests of all shareholders.

M&G is not seeking representation on the board of GKP, nor has any wish to interfere with its operations. But we do want the election of truly independent non-executive directors who will represent the interests of all shareholders. We are not asking for any special relationship with the four candidates: our aim is purely to strengthen corporate governance at GKP.

To ensure shareholders have a balanced view of the four non-executive candidates, they set out in the below statements their qualifications for the role of independent director at GKP. We are also making their full CVs available on M&G's website at <http://www.mandg.co.uk/corporate/media-centre/press-releases-media/>

M&G looks forward to seeing the details of GKP's own candidates for the non-executive directorships. Throughout our engagement with GKP management, our goal has always been a strengthening of corporate governance standards.

While we welcome the split of the roles of chief executive and chairman, it is vital that the new chairman is truly independent. A reward of share options would be contrary to this.

**John Bell** says, "I hope to bring to shareholders of the company over 25 years' experience of building and leading successful multi-billion dollar oil and gas businesses. A significant portion of my career has been spent in Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, UAE with extensive travel into neighbouring countries. I have a deep understanding of this region's geopolitical dynamics as well as federal and regional issues in Iraq. I am passionate about sustaining safe, reliable operations with proactive risk management and have achieved demonstrable

successes in business development, business turnarounds and large capital projects. I have won numerous professional awards and am a member of the Institute of Directors, which promotes professionalism in the board room.”

**Philip Dimmock** says, “In a career of over 40 years in upstream oil and gas I have worked for some of the world’s most innovative corporations ranging from the largest, such as FTSE-100 listed BP, to the smallest. I believe the skills I have acquired over this time will help Gulf Keystone Petroleum navigate its way successfully to a premium London listing. I have worked closely with financial institutions to raise capital, with many governments to build productive relationships and with large and diverse teams to achieve progress in adverse conditions, particularly in large scale development projects. All the while I have championed good governance and safety management. I was recently non-executive director of Nautical Petroleum plc, an AIM listed exploration firm that raised £68m in an equity fund raise and was later sold for £414m, giving shareholders a six-fold return. I also chaired the remuneration, nomination and strategy committees at the company. I value good relations with all shareholders, from the largest institution to the smallest private investor”

**Thomas Shull** says, “I can offer to shareholders in Gulf Keystone Petroleum broad and deep experience from the military, consultancy and the retail sector. I am currently Chief Executive of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, a \$10 billion revenue enterprise that delivers a complex blend of retail services to US servicemen in more than 30 countries, with 44 facilities in the Middle East. I have also brought my skills to bear as a consultant to Mobil, helping the firm develop its Caspian Sea pipeline strategies, and other international stock market listed enterprises. I have been a director of a NYSE-listed firm and have improved shareholder returns from numerous businesses. In the US Army I led a mechanised infantry company, helped oversee the creation of the Vietnam Veterans’ memorial while serving with the White House staff and acted as military assistant to the US Federal Government’s National Security Adviser.”

**Jeremy Asher** says, “My commitment to shareholders is to help our company realise the fullest possible value of its assets and to continue capitalising on the relationships and technical knowledge developed by our management team. I bring intimate knowledge of the oil markets in the region and how these crude oils are moved, valued and traded; a deep understanding of the company and the political, technical and economic challenges it faces;

and a strong set of relationships in the industry and also the City. I have experience of licence management, farming out and both buying and selling assets, and raising both equity and various forms of debt financing on large scales. I have served on the board of a NYSE-listed company, establishing governance to meet listing requirements even stricter than those of premium-listed FTSE-100 companies. I believe I can restore the trust between the company and the City institutions, which can help propel our company to the main market in due course.”

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***Notes to editors:***

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