# NEW TIMES ENERGY CORPORATION LIMITED
# 新 時 代 能 源 有 限 公 司*

*(incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 00166)**

## INSIDE INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENT

This announcement is made by New Times Energy Corporation Limited (the "**Company**", together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**") pursuant to Rule 13.09(2) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**Stock Exchange**") and the Inside Information Provisions under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

The board of directors of the Company (the "**Board**") would like to provide an update on certain recent development in relation to the announcement of the Company dated 2 July 2013 (the "**Announcement**").

### DEFAULT IN REPAYMENT OF A CONVERTIBLE NOTE ISSUED BY THE PURCHASER

Reference is made to the Announcement in relation to the proposed disposal of oil and gas interests in Caddo Parish, Louisiana (the "**Disposal**"). Capitalised terms used in this announcement shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Announcement unless otherwise stated.

ET-LA, LLC, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company (the "**Vendor**"), received from BCM Energy Partners, Inc. (the "**Purchaser**") a convertible note in the principal amount of US$5,200,000 (the "**Convertible Note**") at the time of Disposal. The Convertible Note was due on 31 August 2015. As of the date of this announcement, the Company has not received any principal nor accrued interest of the Convertible Note and the said event has constituted a default in repayment by the Purchaser (the "**Default**"). The Company is currently in negotiation with the Purchaser for repayment and will claim the underlying secured assets of the Convertible Note if and when necessary. In the event that the negotiation between the Purchaser and the Vendor as well as other legal remedies are not successful, the Company is expected to record an impairment loss being the difference between the carrying value of the Convertible Note and the fair value of the secured assets.

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The impairment loss on the Convertible Note may potentially indicate adverse implications on the equity investment and other convertible notes of the Purchaser held by the Group. As of the date of this announcement, the Company directly holds approximately 3.81% of total issued shares of the Purchaser.

## POTENTIAL MATERIAL ADVERSE CHANGE TO FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMPANY

Pursuant to the above, the Board has preliminarily reviewed and estimated that the Group may record impairment losses of no more than HK$68.65 million for the year ending 31 December 2015 in relation to the Group's available-for-sale investments and convertible notes receivables as a result of the Default, which are one-off non-recurring expenses. Such impairment losses are current estimates for reference only and the final amount to be charged to the profit and loss account of the Group for the year ending 31 December 2015 is subject to change.

## WARNING NOTICE

**Shareholders of the Company and potential investors should exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company, and if in any doubt, they should consult their professional advisers.**

By order of the Board
**New Times Energy Corporation Limited**
**Cheng Kam Chiu, Stewart**
*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 14 October 2015

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises seven Directors, of whom two are Executive Directors, namely Mr. Cheng Kam Chiu, Stewart and Mr. Cheng Ming Kit; one Non-Executive Director namely Mr. Heffner, Paul Lincoln; and four Independent Non-Executive Directors, namely Mr. Wong Man Kong, Peter, Mr. Chan Chi Yuen, Mr. Yung Chun Fai, Dickie and Mr. Chiu Wai On.*