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ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

3 February 2012

ASX CODE: CTP

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APPENDIX 3B:

The attached Appendix 3B relates to the issue of additional quoted securities following the closing of the Company's Share Purchase Plan.

Yours faithfully,

Bruce Elsholz
Joint Company Secretary
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Appendix 3B

New issue announcement, application for quotation of additional securities and agreement

Information or documents not available now must be given to ASX as soon as available. Information and documents given to ASX become ASX's property and may be made public.

Introduced 1/7/96. Origin: Appendix 5. Amended 1/7/98, 1/9/99, 1/7/2000, 30/9/2001, 11/3/2002, 1/1/2003, 24/10/2005.

Name of entity

CENTRAL PETROLEUM LIMITED

ABN

72 083 254 308

We (the entity) give ASX the following information.

Part 1 - All issues

You must complete the relevant sections (attach sheets if there is not enough space).

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|---|--|---|
| 1 | +Class of +securities issued or to be issued | (a) Ordinary Shares
(b) Listed options |
| 2 | Number of +securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued | (a) 130,071,423
(b) 28,571,431 |
| 3 | Principal terms of the +securities (eg, if options, exercise price and expiry date; if partly paid +securities, the amount outstanding and due dates for payment; if +convertible securities, the conversion price and dates for conversion) | (a) Fully paid ordinary shares
(b) Exercise price 16 cents, expiring 31 March 2014 |

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

<p>4 Do the +securities rank equally in all respects from the date of allotment with an existing +class of quoted +securities?</p> <p>If the additional securities do not rank equally, please state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the date from which they do • the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment • the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment 	<p>(a) Yes (b) Yes, with existing class of listed options.</p> <p>A share issued on exercise of a option will rank equally in all respects with shares already on issue on the date of exercise of the option, except for entitlements which have a record date before the issue of the share.</p>						
<p>5 Issue price or consideration</p>	<p>(a) 5.5 cents per share, pursuant to the Company's recent Share Purchase Plan ("SPP"). Total consideration received was \$7,153,900. (b) Nil – issued to underwriters to the SPP.</p>						
<p>6 Purpose of the issue (If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets)</p>	<p>The funds will be used to continue the Company's stated exploration and development objectives.</p>						
<p>7 Dates of entering +securities into uncertificated holdings or despatch of certificates</p>	<p>(a) 2 February 2012 (b) 3 February 2012</p>						
<p>8 Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable)</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Number</th> <th>+Class</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1,203,376,265</td> <td>Ordinary fully paid shares.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">302,875,956</td> <td>Options exercisable at \$0.16 each on or before 31 March 2014</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Number	+Class	1,203,376,265	Ordinary fully paid shares.	302,875,956	Options exercisable at \$0.16 each on or before 31 March 2014
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	Number	+Class
9 Number and +class of all +securities not quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable)	250,000	Options \$0.25 16/2/12
	200,000	Options \$0.25 23/2/12
	7,500,000	Options(Various) 31/3/14
	8,366,666	Options \$0.20 31/3/14
	6,340,000	Options \$0.122 31/05/15
	600,000	Options \$0.11 31/10/15
	300,000	Options \$0.12 12/05/16
	5,646,665	Options \$0.11 20/07/16
	2,000,000	Options \$0.115 19/08/16
	4,000,000	Options \$0.115 30/08/16
	12,993,335	Options \$0.095 15/11/16
	6,000,000	Options \$0.095 30/11/16
10 Dividend policy (in the case of a trust, distribution policy) on the increased capital (interests)	Not Applicable	

Part 2 - Bonus issue or pro rata issue

Questions 11 - 33 Not Applicable

Part 3 - Quotation of securities

You need only complete this section if you are applying for quotation of securities

34 Type of securities
(tick one)

(a) Securities described in Part 1

(b) All other securities

Example: restricted securities at the end of the escrowed period, partly paid securities that become fully paid, employee incentive share securities when restriction ends, securities issued on expiry or conversion of convertible securities

Entities that have ticked box 34(a)

Additional securities forming a new class of securities

Questions 35 to 37 - Not Applicable

Entities that have ticked box 34(b)

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Questions 38 to 42 - Not Applicable

Quotation agreement

- 1 +Quotation of our additional +securities is in ASX's absolute discretion. ASX may quote the +securities on any conditions it decides.

- 2 We warrant the following to ASX.
 - The issue of the +securities to be quoted complies with the law and is not for an illegal purpose.
 - There is no reason why those +securities should not be granted +quotation.
 - An offer of the +securities for sale within 12 months after their issue will not require disclosure under section 707(3) or section 1012C(6) of the Corporations Act.
Note: An entity may need to obtain appropriate warranties from subscribers for the securities in order to be able to give this warranty
 - Section 724 or section 1016E of the Corporations Act does not apply to any applications received by us in relation to any +securities to be quoted and that no-one has any right to return any +securities to be quoted under sections 737, 738 or 1016F of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the +securities be quoted.
 - If we are a trust, we warrant that no person has the right to return the +securities to be quoted under section 1019B of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the +securities be quoted.

- 3 We will indemnify ASX to the fullest extent permitted by law in respect of any claim, action or expense arising from or connected with any breach of the warranties in this agreement.

- 4 We give ASX the information and documents required by this form. If any information or document not available now, will give it to ASX before +quotation of the +securities begins. We acknowledge that ASX is relying on the information and documents. We warrant that they are (will be) true and complete.



(Joint Company Secretary)
3 February, 2012

Print name: **Bruce Elsholz**

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