

Empire Energy Reports \$24 Million (AUD) of Expenditures to Meet License Conditions on SEL 13/98

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LENEXA, Kan.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 26, 2005--Empire Energy Corporation International (Empire) (OTCBB:EEGC - [News](#)) announced today that its wholly owned subsidiary Great South Land Minerals, Ltd. (GSLM) has reported over AUD\$24 Million in expenditures which exceeds the 10-year expenditure requirement specified in the license requirements of Special Exploration License (SEL) 13/98 in Tasmania. GSLM also plans to commit an additional estimated AUD\$6 Million in this quarter for a 1,400 Km regional seismic survey planned to commence in November 2005. This should bring the total expenditure to meet the license conditions to over AUD\$30 Million since SEL 13/98 was granted in 1998.

Empire also confirmed the completion & SEC filing of the Company's first consolidated quarterly report for the period ending June 30, 2005.

Malcolm Bendall, President of Empire and GSLM said, "The filing of the first consolidated accounts of Empire and the approval of increased share capital provides a way forward for the company to further pursue exploration activities associated with the exploitation and proving of commercial oil & gas reserves within the Tasmania Basin."

This Press Release contained forward-looking statements based on our current expectations about our company and our industry. You can identify these forward-looking statements when you see us using the words such as "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "believes," "plans" and other similar expressions. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of our ability to complete required financings and other preconditions to the completion of the transactions described herein and GSLM's ability to successfully acquire reserves and produce its resources among other issues. We undertake no obligation to publicly update any forward-looking statements for any reason, even if new information becomes available or other events occur in the future. We caution you not to place undue reliance on those statements.