

**Updated as of January 15, 2008**

## **GeoPetro Resources Company Code of Business Conduct and Ethics**

### **Principles Governing Professional and Ethical Conduct**

It is the policy of GeoPetro Resources Company (the “Company”) that the Company’s Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, principal accounting officer and controller (or persons performing similar functions) adhere to, advocate and promote the following principles:

- Honest and ethical conduct, including the ethical handling of actual or apparent conflicts of interest between personal and professional relationships;
- Full, fair, accurate, timely and understandable disclosure in reports and documents that the Company files with, or submits to, the SEC and other public communications made by the Company; and
- Compliance with laws, rules and regulations applicable to the Company.

### **Reporting and Treatment of Violations**

Persons who become aware of suspected violations of this Code should report such suspected violations promptly to the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer or either of them (the “Compliance Officer”), who will forward such report to the Company’s Audit Committee of the Board of Directors. To assist in the response to or investigation of the alleged violation, the report to the Compliance Officer should contain as much specific information as possible to allow for proper assessment of the nature, extent and urgency of the alleged violation. Without limiting the foregoing, the report should, to the extent possible, contain the following information:

- the alleged event, matter or issue that is the subject of the alleged violation;
- the name of each person involved;
- if the alleged violation involves a specific event or events, the approximate date and location of each event; and
- any additional information, documentation or other evidence available relating to the alleged violation.

The Audit Committee shall have the power to monitor, investigate, make determinations and recommend action to the Board of Directors with respect to

violations of this Code. In determining whether a violation of this Code has occurred, the Audit Committee may take into account:

- the nature and severity of the violation;
- whether the violation was a single occurrence or involved repeated occurrences;
- whether the violation appears to have been intentional or inadvertent;
- whether the person in question had been advised prior to the violation as to the proper course of action;
- whether the person in question had committed other violations in the past; and
- such other facts and circumstances as the Audit Committee shall deem advisable in the context of the alleged violation.

### **Consequences of Violations**

If a violation is substantiated, the Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee, may impose such sanctions or take such actions as it deems appropriate, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Disciplinary action (including censure, re-assignment, demotion, suspension or termination);
- Pursuit of any and all remedies available to the Company for any damages or harm resulting from a violation, including injunctive relief; and
- Referral of matters to appropriate legal or regulatory authorities for investigation and prosecution.

### **Requests for Waivers and Changes in Code**

A waiver of a provision of this Code shall be requested whenever there is reasonable likelihood that a contemplated action will violate the Code. Any waiver (including an implicit waiver) that constitutes a material departure from a provision of this Code shall be publicly disclosed on a timely basis, to the extent required by applicable rules and regulations of the SEC. In addition, any amendments to this Code (other than technical, administrative or other non-substantive amendments) shall be publicly disclosed on a timely basis, to the extent required by applicable rules and regulations of the SEC.

## **Accounting Complaints**

The Company's policy is to comply with all financial reporting and accounting regulations applicable to the Company. If any employee, officer or director of the Company has concerns or complaints regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters of the Company, then he or she is encouraged to submit those concerns or complaints (anonymously, confidentially or otherwise) to the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors (which will, subject to its duties arising under applicable law, regulations and legal proceedings, treat such submission confidentially). Such submissions may be directed to the attention of the Audit Committee, or any director who is a member of the Audit Committee, at the principal executive offices of the Company. The Audit Committee's current Employee Complaint Procedures For Accounting And Auditing Matters is attached to this Code as Exhibit 1.

## **EXHIBIT 1**

### **Employee Complaint Procedures for Accounting and Auditing Matters**

Any employee of the Company may submit a good faith complaint regarding accounting or auditing matters to the management of the Company without fear of dismissal or retaliation of any kind. The Company is committed to achieving compliance with all applicable securities laws and regulations, accounting standards, accounting controls and audit practices. The Company's Audit Committee will oversee treatment of employee concerns in this area.

In order to facilitate the reporting of employee complaints, the Company's Audit Committee has established the following procedures for the following matters ("Accounting Matters"): (1) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters and (2) the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

#### **Receipt of Employee Complaints**

- Employees with concerns regarding Accounting Matters may report their concerns to the Audit Committee Chairman of the Company.
- The Audit Committee has established a "Whistle Blower Hotline" and has engaged Signius Communications to host the Hotline to address complaint procedures on accounting and auditing issues and allow Company employees to communicate such complaints to the Audit Committee on a confidential basis. The Audit Committee has appointed two members of the Committee, including its Chairman, as persons designated to receive and address call reports for accounting and auditing issues. **The toll free number for the Whistle Blower Hotline is 800-770-1372.**
- Employees who do not wish to call the "Whistle Blower Hotline" may forward complaints on a confidential or anonymous basis to the Audit Committee Chairman through by telephone, fax, or regular mail:

Audit Committee Chairman  
GeoPetro Resources Company  
One Maritime Plaza  
San Francisco, CA 94111  
Phone (415) 398 8186  
Fax: (415) 398 9227

#### **Scope of Matters Covered by These Procedures**

These procedures relate to employee complaints relating to any questionable

accounting or auditing matters, including, without limitation, the following:

- fraud or deliberate error in the preparation, evaluation, review or audit of any financial statement of the Company;
- fraud or deliberate error in the recording and maintaining of financial records of the Company;
- deficiencies in or noncompliance with the Company's internal accounting controls;
- misrepresentation or false statement to or by a senior officer or accountant regarding a matter contained in the financial records, financial reports or audit reports of the Company; or
- deviation from full and fair reporting of the Company's financial condition.

### **Treatment of Complaints**

- Upon receipt of a complaint, the Audit Committee Chairman will (i) determine whether the complaint actually pertains to Accounting Matters and (ii) when possible, acknowledge receipt of the complaint to the sender.
- Complaints relating to Accounting Matters will be reviewed under Audit Committee direction and overseen by the Audit Committee Chairman, Internal Auditor (or other personnel performing the internal audit function) or such other persons as the Audit Committee determines to be appropriate. Confidentiality will be maintained to the fullest extent possible, consistent with the need to conduct an adequate review.
- Prompt and appropriate corrective action will be taken when and as warranted in the judgment of the Audit Committee.
- The Company will not discharge, demote, suspend, threaten, harass or in any manner discriminate against any employee in the terms and conditions of employment based upon any lawful actions of such employee with respect to good faith reporting of complaints regarding Accounting Matters or otherwise as specified in Section 806 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

### **Reporting and Retention of Complaints and Investigations**

- The Audit Committee Chairman will maintain a log of all complaints, tracking their receipt, investigation and resolution and shall prepare a periodic summary report thereof for the Audit Committee. Copies of complaints and such log will be maintained in accordance with the Company's document retention policy.