



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **EAST WEST PETROLEUM PROVIDES OPERATIONAL UPDATE ON ITS ACTIVITIES IN NEW ZEALAND**

**Vancouver, British Columbia: June 12, 2013** East West Petroleum Corp. (TSX-V: EW, the “Company” or “East West”) is pleased to provide the following operational update on its activities in New Zealand.

The Company and its partner TAG Oil Ltd. (TSX-V: TAO, or “TAG”) are currently in the final stages of obtaining the necessary permits to drill on the East Cheal permit. The rig is being moved onto location having recently completed drilling of TAG’s Ngapaeruru-1 well in the East Coast Basin. Following receipt of the drilling permits, the first well targeting East Cheal is expected to spud in Q3 2013 and is estimated to take two to three weeks to drill and test. The rig will remain on location and drill a further four wells in succession to meet the work commitments on the permit.

East West will earn its interest in East Cheal by paying for the 100% of the costs to drill the first two wells; East West will receive 100% of net revenues from first production until cost recovery.

Drilling of three wells on South Cheal and one well on North Cheal is scheduled for Q4 of this year and is expected to complete by year-end. The total net cost to East West of the 2013 New Zealand drilling program is estimated at C\$12.4 million and is fully funded out of East West’s existing cash balance of approximately C\$23 million. A summary of the 2013 New Zealand work program is provided below:

Permit	Name	# of wells	Target	Gross costs	Net cost to EW
PEP 54877	East Cheal (EW 30%)	5	Miocene (<2,500 m)	\$10.5 million	\$6.1 million
PEP 54879	South Cheal (EW 50%)	3	Miocene (<2,500 m)	\$6.3 million	\$4.2 million
PEP 54876	North Cheal (EW 50%)	1	Miocene (<2,500 m)	\$2.1 million	\$2.1 million
<b>Total</b>		<b>9</b>		<b>\$18.4 million</b>	<b>\$12.4 million</b>

Oil from any discoveries will be produced following the completion of satellite facilities that will allow trucking of oil to New Plymouth for export. Gas, if discovered will be processed following tie-in through TAG’s Cheal production facility and sold into the New Zealand natural gas grid. Earlier this year TAG completed the expansion of the Cheal facility to the current processing capacity of over 5,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day (<http://www.tagoil.com/20130404-TAG-Oil-Cheal-Infrastructure-Expansion-Complete.asp>).

David Sidoo, Executive Chairman of East West Petroleum commented, "We are very pleased to be drilling our first well in the Taranaki Basin with our partner TAG Oil. TAG is a world class partner has proven itself as one of the leading operators in New Zealand having successfully encountered commercial oil with their last 25 wells in the Taranaki, and East West is looking forward to continue working with TAG to identify and pursue additional opportunities in New Zealand, including reviewing available permits in New Zealand's 2013 block offer. The spudding of the first East Cheal well will be an important milestone for East West as we enter the operational phase in New Zealand less than one year after entering the country in the 2012 licensing round."

### **About East West Petroleum Corp.**

East West Petroleum (<http://www.eastwestpetroleum.ca>) is a TSX Venture Exchange listed company which was established in 2010 to invest in international oil & gas opportunities and leveraging management's knowledge of unconventional play technical expertise. The Company has built an attractive platform of assets covering an area over 1.6 million acres: Three exploration permits adjacent to existing production in the Taranaki Basin of New Zealand with partner TAG OIL (TSX-V: TAO); four exploration concessions covering 1,000,000 acres in the prolific Pannonian Basin of western Romania with a subsidiary of Russia's GazpromNeft; a joint venture exploration program covering 8,000 gross acres in the San Joaquin Basin of California; an oil-prone exploration block of 100,000 acres in the Assam region of India with the three largest exploration and production Indian firms ONGC, Oil India and GAIL; and a 100% interest in a 500,000 acre exploration block onshore Morocco with conventional and unconventional potential. The Company is now poised to enter operational phases in Romania, where it will be fully carried by its partner Gazprom-controlled Naftna Industrija Srbije in a seismic and 12-well drilling program expected to commence in 2013, and in New Zealand where the Company expects to commence drilling operations by Q3 2013, with nine wells to be drilled this year. The Company has adequate funds to cover all anticipated seismic and exploratory drilling operations through 2013.

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