

HOUSTON, June 30, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- [Gastar Exploration Inc.](#) (NYSE MKT: GST) ("Gastar") reported today initial and 30-day average production on its second Utica Point/Pleasant well. The Blake U-7H well located in Marshall County, West Virginia produced at a peak 48-hour gross sales rate of 36.8 MMcf/d of natural gas on a 32/64ths choke with approximately 6,235 psi of flowing casing pressure. On a restricted flow basis, the well's post peak rate 30-day production averaged 20.2 MMcf/d on a 26/64ths choke with approximately 5,312 psi of flowing casing pressure. The most recent 5-day average rate is 14.8 MMcf/d at approximately 5,008 psi of flowing casing pressure. The Blake U-7H well was drilled with a lateral length of 6,617 feet and was completed with 34 hydraulic fracturing stages that used approximately 14.8 million pounds of proppant. Gastar has a 50% working interest in the Blake U-7H well and 41.1% net revenue interest in the well.

J. Russell Porter, Gastar's President and Chief Executive Officer, commented, "We are very pleased with the results of our second dry gas Utica well as it demonstrates the consistency of the prolific production from the Utica/Point Pleasant play across our leasehold. Currently, we have no plans to drill another Utica/Point Pleasant well on our acreage until regional natural gas prices improve and returns on investment become competitive relative to our other internal investment opportunities."

#### About Gastar Exploration

[Gastar Exploration Inc.](#) is an independent energy company engaged in the exploration, development and production of oil, natural gas, condensate and natural gas liquids in the United States. Gastar's principal business activities include the identification, acquisition, and subsequent exploration and development of oil and natural gas properties with an emphasis on unconventional reserves, such as shale resource plays. In Oklahoma, Gastar is developing the primarily oil-bearing reservoirs of the Hunton Limestone horizontal oil play and expects to test other prospective formations on the same acreage, including the Woodford Shale and the Meramec Shale (Mississippi Lime), which Gastar refers to as the Stack Play. In West Virginia, Gastar is developing liquids-rich natural gas in the Marcellus Shale play and has drilled and completed its first two successful dry gas Utica Shale/Point Pleasant wells on its acreage. For more information, visit Gastar's website at [www.gastar.com](http://www.gastar.com).

#### Forward Looking Statements

This news release also includes "forward looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Forward looking statements give our current expectations, opinion, belief or forecasts of future events and performance. A statement identified by the use of forward looking words including "may," "expects," "projects," "anticipates," "plans," "believes," "estimate," "will," "should," and certain of the other foregoing statements may be deemed forward-looking statements. Although Gastar believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, these statements involve risks and uncertainties that may cause actual future activities and results to be materially different from those suggested or described in this news release. These include risks inherent in natural gas and oil drilling and production activities, including risks with respect to continued low or further declining prices for oil and natural gas that could cause Gastar to further delay or suspend planned drilling and completion operations or reduce production levels which would adversely impact cash flow; risks relating to the availability of capital to fund drilling operations that can be adversely affected by adverse drilling results, production declines and declines in natural gas and oil prices; risks regarding our ability to meet financial covenants under our indenture or credit agreements or the ability to obtain amendments or waivers to effect such compliance; risks of fire, explosion, blowouts, pipe failure, casing collapse, unusual or unexpected formation pressures, environmental hazards, and other operating and production risks, which may temporarily or permanently reduce production or cause initial production or test results to not be indicative of future well performance or delay the timing of sales or completion of drilling operations; delays in receipt of drilling permits; risks relating to unexpected adverse developments in the status of properties; borrowing base redeterminations by our banks; risks relating to the absence or delay in receipt of government approvals or third-party consents; risks relating to our ability to realize the anticipated benefits from acquired assets; and other risks described in Gastar's Annual Report on Form 10-K and other filings with the SEC, available at the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Our actual sales production rates can vary considerably from tested initial production rates depending upon completion and production techniques and our primary areas of operations are subject to natural steep decline rates. By issuing forward looking statements based on current expectations, opinions, views or beliefs, Gastar has no obligation and, except as required by law, is not undertaking any obligation, to update or revise these statements or provide any other information relating to such statements

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