

HOUSTON, June 26, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- [Gastar Exploration Inc.](#) (NYSE MKT: GST) ("Gastar") announced today that it has become a member of The Russell 2000® Index, which was reconstituted effective at market close on Friday, June 23rd. In order to maintain indexes that are representative of global equity markets, Russell annually rebalances the entire Russell family of indexes.

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About Gastar Exploration

[Gastar Exploration Inc.](#) is a pure play Mid-Continent independent energy company engaged in the exploration, development and production of oil, condensate, natural gas and natural gas liquids. 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. Gastar holds a concentrated acreage position in what is believed to be the core of the STACK Play, an area of central Oklahoma which is home to multiple oil and natural gas-rich reservoirs including the Meramec, Oswego, Osage, Woodford and Hunton formations. For more information, visit Gastar's website at www.gastar.com.

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