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# ARTICLES OF MERGER OF GATE MARITIME PROPERTIES, INC. INTO GATE PETROLEUM COMPANY

THE SECRETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 607.1104 and 607.1105, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporations adopt the following Articles of Merger for the purpose of merging GATE MARITIME PROPERTIES, INC., a Florida corporation, into GATE PETROLEUM COMPANY, a Florida corporation.

- 1. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference as fully as if set forth herein verbatim is a copy of the Plan of Merger to effect the merger of GATE MARITIME PROPERTIES, INC. into GATE PETROLEUM COMPANY. GATE PETROLEUM COMPANY shall be the surviving corporation.
- 2. The effective date of this merger shall be 11:59 p.m. on June 26, 2012 or, if later, the date upon which these Articles of Merger are filed with the Florida Secretary of State.
- 3. The Plan of Merger referred to in Paragraph 1 above was duly approved and adopted in the manner prescribed by Section 607.1104, Florida Statutes, by the Boards of Directors of GATE MARITIME PROPERTIES, INC. and GATE PETROLEUM COMPANY, respectively, by resolutions dated June 25, 2012. Approval of the Plan of Merger referred to in Paragraph 1 above by the shareholders of GATE PETROLEUM COMPANY or GATE MARITIME PROPERTIES, INC. was not required.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, GATE PETROLEUM COMPANY and GATE MARITIME PROPERTIES, INC., have caused these Articles of Merger to be signed in their corporate names as of the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

GATE PETROLEUM COMPANY

Jack C. Lueders, Jr

GATE MARITIME PROPERTIES, INC.

By: Jack C. Lueders, Jr.

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EXHIBIT "A"

PLAN OF MERGER

(Attached)

#### PLAN OF MERGER

This Plan of Merger is a Plan of Liquidation dated as of the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012, pursuant to Section 607.1104, Florida Statutes, for the merger of GATE MARITIME PROPERTIES, INC., a Florida corporation, into GATE PETROLEUM COMPANY, a Florida corporation. GATE PETROLEUM COMPANY is to be the surviving corporation.

#### **BACKGROUND**

- (1) GATE MARITIME PROPERTIES, INC. is a Florida corporation. All of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of GATE MARITIME PROPERTIES, INC. are owned by GATE PETROLEUM COMPANY.
- (2) Economies of operation and savings in administrative expenses can be achieved by merging GATE MARITIME PROPERTIES, INC. and GATE PETROLEUM COMPANY into a single corporation.

# **MERGER PROVISIONS**

In accordance with the provisions of this Plan of Merger and the Florida Business Corporation Act, at the Effective Time (as defined below), GATE MARITIME PROPERTIES, INC. shall be merged into GATE PETROLEUM COMPANY (the "Merger") and the separate corporate existence of GATE MARITIME PROPERTIES, INC. shall cease and GATE PETROLEUM COMPANY (the "Surviving Corporation") shall continue its corporate existence as a Florida corporation pursuant to the laws of Florida (GATE MARITIME PROPERTIES, INC. and GATE PETROLEUM COMPANY are herein collectively referred to as the "Constituent Corporations").

1. The Merger shall become effective as of 11:59 p.m. on June 26, 2012 or, if later, the date upon which Articles of Merger are filed with the Secretary of State of Florida (the "Effective Time").

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- 2. The Surviving Corporation shall possess and retain every interest in all assets and property of every description of each of the Constituent Corporations. The rights, privileges and immunities, powers, franchises and authority of a public as well as of a private nature of each of the Constituent Corporations shall be vested in the Surviving Corporation without further act or deed subject, however, to the limitations on the powers of GATE PETROLEUM COMPANY imposed by its Articles of Incorporation and Florida law. The title to and any interest in all real and personal property vested in any of the Constituent Corporations shall not revert or in any way be impaired by reason of the Merger.
- 3. All obligations belonging to or due to each of the Constituent Corporations shall be vested in the Surviving Corporation without further act or deed, and the Surviving Corporation shall be liable for all obligations of each of the Constituent Corporations existing as of the Effective Time.
- 4. The Articles of Incorporation of GATE PETROLEUM COMPANY in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time shall continue to be the Articles of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation.
- 5. At the Effective Time, by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of the parties or otherwise, each issued and outstanding share of capital stock of GATE MARITIME PROPERTIES, INC. shall be cancelled without payment of any consideration and without any conversion.
- 6. The shareholders of GATE MARITIME PROPERTIES, INC. who dissent from the merger of GATE MARITIME PROPERTIES, INC. into GATE PETROLEUM COMPANY pursuant to Section 607.1320, Florida Statutes, may be entitled, if they comply with the provisions of the Florida Business Corporation Act, Chapter 607, Florida Statutes,

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regarding the rights of dissenting shareholders, to be paid the fair value of their shares. By the signing of the Certification set forth below, GATE PETROLEUM COMPANY, as the sole shareholder of GATE MARITIME PROPERTIES, INC., hereby expressly waives all mailing and notification requirements with respect to such rights, and its rights under Section 607.1104(2), Florida Statutes, and waives any and all rights to dissent and be paid fair value for its shares.

7. This Plan of Merger may be abandoned without approval of the shareholders of GATE PETROLEUM COMPANY or GATE MARITIME PROPERTIES, INC. at any time prior to filing the Articles of Merger. The procedure for abandoning the Plan of Merger shall be the adoption of a resolution to abandon the merger by the Board of Directors of GATE PETROLEUM COMPANY or GATE MARITIME PROPERTIES, INC. followed by written notice to the president of the other corporation party to the Merger.

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## **CERTIFICATION**

GATE PETROLEUM COMPANY hereby certifies that the foregoing Plan of Merger was adopted and approved by the Board of Directors of GATE PETROLEUM COMPANY on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

### **GATE PETROLEUM COMPANY**

Jack C. Lueders,

\_Vice President

GATE MARITIME PROPERTIES, INC. hereby certifies that the foregoing Plan of Merger was adopted and approved by the Board of Directors of GATE MARITIME PROPERTIES, INC. on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

GATE MARITIME PROPERTIES, INC.

Jack C. Lueders

President

GATE PETROLEUM COMPANY hereby certifies that the foregoing Plan of Merger was adopted and approved by GATE PETROLEUM COMPANY, the sole shareholder of GATE MARITIME PROPERTIES, INC. on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

GATE PETROLEUM COMPANY

Jack C. Lueders, J.

Vice President