IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

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In re:	§	Chapter 11
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GASTAR EXPLORATION INC., *et al.*,[1]	§	Case No. 18-36057 (MI)
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Debtors.	§	(Joint Administration Requested)
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NOTICE OF APPEARANCE UNDER BANKRUPTCY RULE 9010(B) AND REQUEST FOR SERVICE OF ALL NOTICES, PLEADINGS, AND ORDERS PURSUANT TO BANKRUPTCY RULE 2002, 3017, AND 9007

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to Rule 2002, 3017, 9007, and 9010 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the undersigned counsel hereby appears for various funds affiliated with Ares Management LLC, (collectively "Ares") and requests copies of all notices, pleadings, orders, and other documents brought before this Court with respect to the above-captioned proceedings, whether formal or informal, be served on Ares by and through its counsel, as follows:

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[1] The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, include: Gastar Exploration Inc. (1640), and Northwest Property Ventures LLC (8685). The location of the Debtors' service address is: 1331 Lamar Street, Suite 650, Houston, Texas 77010.

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that this request includes, without limitation (i) all notices and papers referred to in Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 3017, 9007, 9010 and 1109(b), (ii) all notices of hearings and entry of orders, (iii) every order signed in this case, and (iv) every pleading or report filed in this case, including, without limitation, schedules, statements of affairs, operating reports, motions, applications, complaints, demands, requests, memoranda, affidavits, declarations, presentments, orders to show cause, petitions, plans of reorganization, disclosure statements, answering or reply papers, and memorandum briefs in support of any of the foregoing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that neither this Notice of Appearance nor any prior or later appearance, pleading, claim, proof of claim, proof of interest or suit shall waive any right of Ares to (1) have final orders in non-core matters entered only after de novo review by a District Court judge, (2) trial by jury in any proceeding so triable in these cases or any case, controversy, or proceeding related to these cases, (3) have the District Court withdraw the reference in any matter subject to mandatory or discretionary withdrawal, (4) any objection to the jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court for any purpose, (5) any election of remedy, or (6) any other right(s), claim(s), interest(s), action(s), defense(s), setoff(s) or recoupment(s), under agreements, in law, in equity, or otherwise, all of which are expressly reserved.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on October 31, 2018, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Appearance was served by CM/ECF to all parties entitled to receive such notice.

/s/ John F. Higgins
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