

Gastar Exploration Inc.
Form NT 10-Q
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Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 12b-25

NOTIFICATION OF LATE FILING

(Check One) Form 10-K Form 20-F Form 11-K Form 10-Q
Form 10-D Form N-SAR Form N-CSR

For Period Ended: September 30, 2018

Transition Report on Form 10-K
Transition Report on Form 20-F
Transition Report on Form 11-K
Transition Report on Form 10-Q
Transition Report on Form N-SAR

For the Transition Period Ended:

Read Instruction (on back page) Before Preparing Form. Please Print or Type.

Nothing in this form shall be construed to imply that the Commission has verified any information contained herein.
If the notification relates to a portion of the filing checked above, identify the Item(s) to which the notification relates:

PART I — REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Gastar Exploration Inc.

(Full Name of Registrant)

(Former Name if Applicable)

1331 Lamar Street, Suite 650

(Address of Principal Executive Office (Street and Number))

Houston, Texas 77010

(City, State and Zip Code)

PART II — RULES 12b-25(b) AND (c)

If the subject report could not be filed without unreasonable effort or expense and the registrant seeks relief pursuant to Rule 12b-25(b), the following should be completed. (Check box if appropriate)

- (a) The reason described in reasonable detail in Part III of this form could not be eliminated without unreasonable effort or expense;
- (b) The subject annual report, semi-annual report, transition report on Form 10-K, Form 20-F, Form 11-K, Form N-SAR or Form N-CSR, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifteenth calendar day following the prescribed due date; or the subject quarterly report or transition report on Form 10-Q or subject distribution report on Form 10-D, or portion thereof, will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following the prescribed due date; and
- (c) The accountant's statement or other exhibit required by Rule 12b-25(c) has been attached if applicable.

PART III — NARRATIVE

State below in reasonable detail why Forms 10-K, 20-F, 11-K, 10-Q, 10-D, N-SAR, N-CSR, or the transition report or portion thereof, could not be filed within the prescribed time period.

The registrant is unable to file its Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2018 (the "Form 10-Q") within the prescribed time period permitted by the applicable rules of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission without unreasonable effort or expense. As previously reported, on October 31, 2018, the registrant and its subsidiary commenced chapter 11 proceedings (the "Proceedings") and filed a prepackaged plan of reorganization under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Court"). The registrant has devoted substantial attention to (i) the operation of its business, (ii) meeting the reporting requirements of the Bankruptcy Court and the Bankruptcy Code and (iii) responding to requests for relief by other parties with interests in the Proceedings. The registrant is working diligently to address the issue and anticipates that the Form 10-Q will be filed on or before the fifth calendar day following its prescribed due date.

PART IV — OTHER INFORMATION

(1) Name and telephone number of person to contact in regard to this notification

Michael A. Gerlich (713) 739-0455
(Name) (Area Code) (Telephone Number)

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(2) Have all other periodic reports required under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 during the preceding 12 months or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such report(s) been filed? If answer is no, identify report(s). Yes No

(3) Is it anticipated that any significant change in results of operations from the corresponding period for the last fiscal year will be reflected by the earnings statements to be included in the subject report or portion thereof? Yes No

If so, attach an explanation of the anticipated change, both narratively and quantitatively, and, if appropriate, state the reasons why a reasonable estimate of the results cannot be made.

Gastar Exploration Inc.

(Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

has caused this notification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date November 8, 2018 By /s/ Michael A. Gerlich

Name: Michael A. Gerlich

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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INSTRUCTION: The form may be signed by an executive officer of the registrant or by any other duly authorized representative. The name and title of the person signing the form shall be typed or printed beneath the signature. If the statement is signed on behalf of the registrant by an authorized representative (other than an executive officer), evidence of the representative's authority to sign on behalf of the registrant shall be filed with the form.

ATTENTION

Intentional misstatements or omissions of fact constitute Federal Criminal Violations (See 18 U.S.C. 1001).