

**MIDSTATES PETROLEUM COMPANY, INC.**

**INSIDER TRADING POLICY**

**(Adopted as of April 18, 2012)  
(Ratified as of October 21, 2016)**

This Insider Trading Policy (this “Policy”) provides guidelines to directors, officers, employees and consultants of Midstates Petroleum Company, Inc. (the “Company”) with respect to transactions in the Company’s securities (such as common stock, options to buy or sell common stock, warrants and convertible securities) and derivative securities relating to the Company’s common stock, whether or not issued by the Company (such as exchange-traded options) for the purpose of promoting compliance with applicable securities laws.

This Policy applies to directors, officers, employees and consultants who receive or are aware of Material, Non-Public Information (as defined below) regarding (1) the Company and (2) any other company with publicly-traded securities, including the Company’s customers, joint-venture or strategic partners, vendors and suppliers (“business partners”), obtained in the course of employment by or in association with the Company. This Policy also applies to any person who receives Material, Non-Public Information from an insider. The people to whom this Policy applies are referred to in this Policy as “insiders.” All insiders must comply strictly with this Policy.

The Company reserves the right to amend or rescind this Policy or any portion of it at any time and to adopt different policies and procedures at any time. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between this Policy and any other materials distributed by the Company, this Policy shall govern. If a law conflicts with this Policy, you must comply with the law.

You should read this Policy carefully, ask questions of the Company’s General Counsel, and promptly sign and return the certification attached as **Annex A** acknowledging receipt of this Policy to:

Midstates Petroleum Company, Inc.  
321 South Boston Ave., Suite 1000  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103  
Attention: General Counsel

The Company’s General Counsel is responsible for ensuring that all of the Company’s directors, officers and other employees promptly sign and return the attached certification acknowledging receipt of this Policy.

## **I. Definitions and Explanations**

### **A. *Material, Non-Public Information***

#### *1. What Information is “Material”?*

It is not possible to define all categories of material information. However, information should be regarded as material if there is a substantial likelihood that it would be considered important to an investor in making an investment decision regarding the purchase or sale of the Company’s securities. Information that is likely to affect the price of a company’s securities (whether positive or negative) is almost always material. It is also important to remember that either positive or negative information may be material.

While it may be difficult under this standard to determine whether particular information is material, there are various categories of information that are particularly sensitive and, as a general rule, should always be considered material information. Common examples of material information include:

- unpublished financial results (annual, quarterly or otherwise);
- unpublished projections of future earnings or losses;
- news of a pending or proposed merger;
- news of a significant acquisition or a sale of significant assets;
- impending announcements of bankruptcy or financial liquidity problems;
- gain or loss of a substantial customer or supplier;
- changes in the Company’s distribution or dividend policy;
- stock splits;
- changes in the Company’s or its subsidiaries’ credit ratings;
- new equity or debt offerings;
- significant developments in litigation or regulatory proceedings;  
and
- changes in management.

The above list is for illustrative purposes only. If securities transactions become the subject of scrutiny, they will be viewed after-the-fact and with the benefit of hindsight. Therefore, before engaging in any securities transaction, you should consider carefully how the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) and others might view your transaction in hindsight and with all of the facts disclosed.

2. *What Information is “Non-Public”?*

Information is “non-public” if it has not been previously disclosed to the general public and is otherwise not generally available to the investing public. In order for information to be considered “public,” it must be widely disseminated in a manner making it generally available to the investing public and the investing public must have had time to absorb the information fully. Generally, one should allow two full Trading Days following publication as a reasonable waiting period before information is deemed to be public.

**B. *Related Person***

“Related Person” means, with respect to the Company’s insiders:

- Any family member living in the insider’s household (including a spouse, minor child, minor stepchild, parent, stepparent, grandparent, sibling, in-law) and anyone else living in the insider’s household;
- Family members who do not live in the insider’s household but whose transactions in Company securities are directed by the insider or subject to the insider’s influence or control;
- Partnerships in which the insider is a general partner;
- Trusts of which the insider is a trustee; and
- Estates of which the insider is an executor.

**C. *Trading Day***

“Trading Day” means a day on which national stock exchanges or the Over-The-Counter Bulletin Board Quotation System are open for trading, and a “Trading Day” begins at the time trading begins.

**II. *General Policy***

This Policy prohibits insiders from trading or “tipping” others who may trade in the Company’s securities while aware of Material, Non-Public Information about the Company. Insiders are also prohibited from trading or tipping others who may trade in the securities of another company if they learn Material, Non-Public Information about

the other company in connection with their employment by or relationship with the Company. These illegal activities are commonly referred to as “insider trading.”

All insiders should treat Material, Non-Public Information about the Company’s business partners with the same care required with respect to Material, Non-Public Information related directly to the Company.

***A. Trading on Material, Non-Public Information***

Except as otherwise specified in this Policy, no insider or Related Person shall engage in any transaction involving a purchase or sale of the Company’s securities, including any offer to purchase or offer to sell, during any period commencing with the date that he or she is aware of Material, Non-Public Information concerning the Company, and ending at the beginning of the third Trading Day following the date of public disclosure of the Material, Non-Public Information, or at the time that the information is no longer material.

***B. Tipping Others of Material, Non-Public Information***

No insider shall disclose or tip Material, Non-Public Information to any other person (including Related Persons) where the Material, Non-Public Information may be used by that person to his or her profit by trading in the securities of the company to which the Material, Non-Public Information relates, nor shall the insider or the Related Person make recommendations or express opinions on the basis of Material, Non-Public Information as to trading in the Company’s securities. Insiders are not authorized to recommend the purchase or sale of the Company’s securities to any other person regardless of whether the insider is aware of Material, Non-Public Information.

***C. Confidentiality of Material, Non-Public Information***

Material, Non-Public Information relating to the Company is the Company’s property and the unauthorized disclosure of Material, Non-Public Information is prohibited. If an insider receives any inquiry from outside of the Company (such as a securities analyst) for information (particularly financial results and/or projections) that may be Material, Non-Public Information, the inquiry should be referred to the Company’s Chief Financial Officer, who is responsible for coordinating and overseeing the release of that information to the investing public, securities analysts and others in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

***D. Special and Prohibited Transactions***

Because the Company believes it is improper and inappropriate for its insiders to engage in short-term or speculative transactions involving certain securities, it is the Company’s policy that its insiders may not engage in any of transactions specified below.

1. *Transactions in Company Debt Securities.* The Company believes that it is inappropriate for its insiders to be creditors of the Company due to actual or perceived conflicts of interest that may arise in connection therewith. Therefore, transactions in Company debt securities, whether or not those securities are convertible into Company common stock, are prohibited by this Policy.
2. *Hedging Transactions and Other Transactions Involving Company Derivative Securities.* Hedging or monetization transactions can permit an individual to hedge against a decline in stock price, while at the same time eliminating much of the individual's economic interest in any rise in value of the hedged securities. Because hedging transactions can present the appearance of a bet against the Company, hedging or monetization transactions involving the Company's securities are completely prohibited, whether or not you are in possession of Material, Non-Public Information. A "short sale," or sale of securities that the seller does not own at the time of sale or, if owned, that will not be delivered within 20 days of the sale, is an example of a prohibited hedging transaction.

Transactions involving derivative securities, whether or not entered into for hedging or monetization purposes, may also create the appearance of impropriety in the event of any unusual activity in the underlying equity security. Transactions involving Company-based derivative securities are completely prohibited, whether or not you are in possession of Material, Non-Public Information. "Derivative securities" are options, warrants, stock appreciation rights, convertible notes or similar rights whose value is derived from the value of an equity security, such as Company common stock. Transactions in derivative securities include, but are not limited to, trading in Company-based option contracts, transactions in straddles or collars, and writing puts or calls. Transactions in debt that may be convertible into Company common stock would also constitute a transaction in derivative securities prohibited by this Policy. This Policy does not, however, restrict holding, exercising, or settling awards such as options, restricted stock, restricted stock units, or other derivative securities granted under a Company equity incentive plan as described in more detail below under "Exempted Transactions."

3. *Purchases of Company Stock on Margin.* Any of the Company's common stock purchased in the open market should be paid for in full at the time of purchase. Purchasing the Company's common stock on margin (e.g., borrowing money from a brokerage firm or other third party to fund the stock purchase) is strongly discouraged by the Company.

4. *Short Term Trading.* Short-term trading of Company securities may be distracting and may unduly focus the person on the Company's short-term stock market performance instead of the Company's long-term business objectives. For these reasons, insiders who purchase Company securities in the open market may not sell any Company securities of the same class during the six months following the purchase (or vice versa).
5. *Standing and Limit Orders.* Standing and limit orders (except standing and limit orders under approved Rule 10b5-1 Plans, see Section V below) should be used only for a very brief period of time. The problem with purchases or sales resulting from standing instructions to a broker is that there is no control over the timing of the transaction. For example, the broker could execute a transaction when the insider is in possession of Material, Non-Public Information.

#### ***E. Exempted Transactions***

This Policy does not apply in the case of the following transactions, except as specifically noted:

1. *Stock Option Exercises.* This Policy does not apply to the exercise of an employee stock option acquired pursuant to the Company's plans, or to the exercise of a tax withholding right pursuant to which a person has elected to have the Company withhold shares subject to an option to satisfy tax withholding requirements. This Policy does apply, however, to any sale of stock as part of a broker-assisted cashless exercise of an option, or any other market sale for the purpose of generating the cash needed to pay the exercise price of an option.
2. *Restricted Stock Awards.* This Policy does not apply to the vesting of restricted stock, or the exercise of a tax withholding right pursuant to which the insider elects to have the Company withhold shares of stock to satisfy tax withholding requirements upon the vesting of any restricted stock. This Policy does apply, however, to any market sale of restricted stock.
3. *401(k) Plan.* This Policy does not apply to purchases of Company securities in the Company's 401(k) plan resulting from an insider's periodic contribution of money to the plan pursuant to the insider's payroll deduction election. This Policy does apply, however, to certain elections the insider may make under the 401(k) plan, including:

- (a) an election to increase or decrease the percentage of the insider's periodic contributions that will be allocated to the Company stock fund;
  - (b) an election to make an intra-plan transfer of an existing account balance into or out of the Company stock fund;
  - (c) an election to borrow money against the insider's 401(k) plan account if the loan will result in a liquidation of some or all of the insider's Company stock fund balance; and
  - (d) an election to pre-pay a plan loan if the pre-payment will result in allocation of loan proceeds to the Company stock fund.
4. *Employee Stock Purchase Plan.* This Policy does not apply to purchases of Company securities in any employee stock purchase plan resulting from the insider's periodic contribution of money to the plan pursuant to the election the insider made at the time of the insider's enrollment in the plan. This Policy also does not apply to purchases of Company securities resulting from lump sum contributions to the plan, provided that the insider elected to participate by lump sum payment at the beginning of the applicable enrollment period. This Policy does apply, however, to the insider's election to participate in the plan for any enrollment period, and to the insider's sales of Company securities purchased pursuant to the plan.
5. *Dividend Reinvestment Plan.* This Policy does not apply to purchases of Company securities under any dividend reinvestment plan resulting from the insider's reinvestment of dividends paid on Company securities. This Policy does apply, however, to voluntary purchases of Company securities resulting from additional contributions the insider chooses to make to the dividend reinvestment plan, and to the insider's election to participate in the plan or increase the insider's level of participation in the plan. This Policy also applies to the insider's sale of any Company securities purchased pursuant to the plan.
6. *Other Similar Transactions.* Any other purchase of Company securities from the Company or sales of Company securities to the Company are not subject to this Policy.

***F. Transactions Not Involving a Purchase or Sale***

Bona fide gifts are not transactions subject to this Policy, unless the person making the gift has reason to believe that the recipient intends to sell the Company securities while the officer, employee or director is aware of Material,

Non-Public Information, or the person making the gift is subject to the trading restrictions specified below under the heading “Additional Trading Guidelines and Requirements for Certain Insiders” and the sales by the recipient of the Company securities occur during a blackout period.

Transactions in mutual funds that are invested in Company securities are not transactions subject to this Policy.

***G. Post-Termination Transactions***

The guidelines set forth in this Section II continue to apply to transactions in the Company’s securities even after the insider has terminated employment or other service relationship with the Company as follows: if the insider is aware of Material, Non-Public Information when his or her employment or service relationship terminates, the insider may not trade in the Company’s securities until that information has become public or is no longer material.

***H. No Hardship Waivers***

The guidelines set forth in this Section II may not be waived.

**III. Additional Trading Guidelines and Requirements for Certain Insiders**

***A. Blackout Period and Trading Window***

The period beginning at the close of market on the last day of each fiscal quarter or year and ending after two full Trading Days following the date of public disclosure of the financial results for that fiscal quarter (“Blackout Period”) is a particularly sensitive period of time for transactions in the Company’s securities from the perspective of compliance with applicable securities laws. This sensitivity is due to the fact that certain insiders identified by the Company will, during the Blackout Period, often be aware of Material, Non-Public Information about the expected financial results for the quarter. Certain insiders identified by the Company and who have been notified that they have been so identified (the “Window Group”) are prohibited from trading during the Blackout Period. Insiders who have not been identified as being in the Window Group should adhere to the general prohibitions set forth in this Policy.

To ensure compliance with this Policy and applicable federal and state securities laws, the Company requires that the Window Group refrain from executing transactions involving the purchase or sale of the Company’s securities other than during the period commencing at the open of market after the expiration of two full Trading Days following the date of public disclosure of the financial results for a particular fiscal quarter or year and continuing until the close of market on the last calendar day prior to the end of each fiscal quarter or year (“Trading Window”). The safest period for trading in the Company’s securities, assuming the absence of Material, Non-Public Information, is generally the first 10 days of the Trading Window.

From time to time, the Company may also prohibit the Window Group from trading the Company's securities because of developments known to the Company and not yet disclosed to the public. In this event, the Window Group may not engage in any transaction involving the purchase or sale of the Company's securities until the information has been known publicly for at least two full Trading Days and should not disclose to others the fact of the trading suspension.

It should be noted that even during the Trading Window, any person aware of Material, Non-Public Information concerning the Company should not engage in any transactions in the Company's securities until the information has been known publicly for at least two full Trading Days, whether or not the Company has recommended a suspension of trading to that person. Trading in the Company's securities during the Trading Window should not be considered a "safe harbor," and all insiders should use good judgment at all times.

***B. Pre-Clearance of Trades***

The Company has determined that the Window Group must not trade in the Company's securities, even during a Trading Window, without first complying with the Company's "pre-clearance" process. Each member of the Window Group should contact the Company's Corporate Counsel prior to commencing any trade in the Company's securities. The Corporate Counsel will consult, as necessary, with senior management before clearing any proposed trade. Any proposed trade cleared by the Company's Corporate Counsel shall be reported immediately to the Company's Chief Executive Officer.

**Please note that clearance of a proposed trade by the Company's Corporate Counsel does not constitute legal advice regarding or otherwise acknowledge that a member of the Window Group does not possess Material, Non-Public Information. Employees must ultimately make their own judgments regarding, and are personally responsible for determining, whether they are in possession of Material, Non-Public Information.**

***C. Hardship Waivers***

The guidelines specified in this Section III may be waived, at the discretion of the Company's Corporate Counsel, if compliance would create severe hardship or prevent an insider within the Window Group from complying with a court order, as in the case of a divorce settlement. Any exception approved by the Company's Corporate Counsel shall be reported immediately to the Audit Committee of the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board").

#### **IV. Additional Information for Directors and Officers**

The Company's directors and Section 16 officers (as defined below) are required to file Section 16 reports with the SEC when they engage in transactions in the Company's securities. Although the Company may generally assist its directors and Section 16 officers in preparing and filing the required reports, directors and Section 16 officers retain responsibility for the reports.

Directors and Section 16 officers shall also comply with the policies and procedures set forth in the Company's Short-Swing Trading and Reporting Policy.

Further, directors and Section 16 officers may be subject to trading blackouts pursuant to Regulation Blackout Trading Restriction ("Regulation BTR"), under the federal securities laws. In general and with certain limited exemptions, Regulation BTR prohibits any director or Section 16 officer from engaging in certain transactions involving Company securities during periods when participants are prevented from purchasing, selling or otherwise acquiring or transferring an interest in certain securities held in individual account plans. The rules encompass a variety of pension plans, including Section 401(k) plans, profit-sharing and savings plans, stock bonus plans and money purchase pension plans. Any profits realized from a transaction that violates Regulation BTR are recoverable by the Company, regardless of the intentions of the director or officer effecting the transaction. In addition, individuals who engage in such transactions are subject to sanction by the SEC as well as potential criminal liability. The Company will notify directors and Section 16 officers if they are subject to a blackout trading restriction under Regulation BTR. Failure to comply with an applicable trading blackout in accordance with Regulation BTR is a violation of law and this Policy.

"Section 16 officer" means the Company's president, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer (or if none, the controller), any vice-president of the Company in charge of a principal business unit, division or function (such as sales, administration or finance), and any other officer who performs a policy-making function, as determined from time to time by the Board, or any other person who performs similar policy-making functions of the Company, as determined from time to time by the Board. Officers of the Company's subsidiaries shall also be deemed officers of the Company if they perform policy-making functions for the Company, as determined from time to time by the Board.

#### **V. Planned Trading Programs**

Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") provides an affirmative defense to an allegation that a trade has been made on the basis of Material, Non-Public Information. Under the affirmative defense, insiders may purchase and sell securities even when aware of Material, Non-Public Information. To meet the requirements of Rule 10b5-1, each of the following elements must be satisfied.

- The purchase or sale of securities was effected pursuant to a pre-existing plan; and

- The insider adopted the plan while unaware of any Material, Non-Public Information.

The general requirements of Rule 10b5-1 are as follows:

- Before becoming aware of Material, Non-Public Information, the insider shall have (1) entered into a binding contract to purchase or sell the Company's securities, (2) provided instructions to another person to execute the trade for his or her account, or (3) adopted a written plan for trading the Company's securities (each of which is referred to as a "Rule 10b5-1 Plan").
- With respect to the purchase or sale of the Company's securities, the Rule 10b5-1 Plan either: (1) expressly specified the amount of the securities (whether a specified number of securities or a specified dollar value of securities) to be purchased or sold on a specific date and at a specific price; (2) included a written formula or algorithm, or computer program, for determining the amount of the securities (whether a specified number of securities or a specified dollar value of securities), price and date; or (3) provided an employee or third party who is not aware of Material, Non-Public Information with discretion to purchase or sell the securities without any subsequent influence from the insider over how, when or whether to trade.
- The purchase or sale that occurred was made pursuant to a written Rule 10b5-1 Plan. The insider cannot deviate from the plan by altering the amount, the price, or the timing of the purchase or sale of the Company's securities. Any deviation from, or alteration to, the specifications will render the defense unavailable. Although deviations from a Rule 10b5-1 Plan are not permissible, it is possible for an insider acting in good faith to modify the plan at a time when the insider is unaware of any Material, Non-Public Information. In such a situation, a purchase or sale that complies with the modified plan will be treated as a transaction pursuant to a new plan.
- An insider cannot enter into a corresponding or hedging transaction, or alter an existing corresponding or hedging position with respect to the securities to be bought or sold under the Rule 10b5-1 Plan.

To help demonstrate that a Rule 10b5-1 Plan was entered into in good faith and not as part of an insider-trading scheme, the Company has adopted the following guidelines for such plans:

- Adoption. Since adopting a plan is tantamount to an investment decision, the Rule 10b5-1 Plan may be adopted only during an open Trading Window when both (1) insider purchases and sales are otherwise permitted under this Policy and (2) the insider does not possess any Material, Non-Public Information. All Rule 10b5-1 Plans must be pre-cleared in writing in advance of adoption by the Corporate Counsel or the Board. Insiders are not permitted to have multiple Rule 10b5-1 Plans in operation. Further, the Rule 10b5-1 Plan should be

designed such that that it (1) causes a number of smaller sales over a period of time versus a large number of sales over a short period of time and (2) is consistent with the insider's prior trading history to minimize the appearance of sales timed with Material, Non-Public Information. **Please note that the Company retains the right to reject and not permit the adoption of a Rule 10b5-1 Plan for any reason. Further, please note that if trading in the Company's stock is suspended for any reason, such suspension shall take effect notwithstanding the existence of a Rule 10b5-1 Plan.**

- *Initial Trading.* The longer the elapsed time between the adoption of the Rule 10b5-1 Plan and the commencement of trading under such plan, the harder it will be for the SEC to show that the plan was based on Material, Non-Public Information. Accordingly, trades may not be made until (1) the first day that the Trading Window opens after the announcement of the results of the quarter in which the Rule 10b5-1 Plan was adopted, or (2) a waiting period of 30 days has expired after adoption of the plan, whichever is later.
- *Plan Alterations.* The SEC has differentiated between plan deviations and plan modifications. Rule 10b5-1 states that the affirmative defense is not available if the insider altered or *deviated* from the Rule 10b5-1 Plan. On the other hand, *modifications* to Rule 10b5-1 Plans are permitted as long as the insider, acting in good faith, does not possess Material, Non-Public Information at the time of the modification and meets all of the elements required at the inception of the plan. Although not forbidden by Rule 10b5-1, plan modifications, even if prior to receiving non-public information, create the perception that the insider is manipulating the plan to benefit from Material, Non-Public Information, which jeopardizes the good faith element and the availability of the affirmative defense. Therefore, to prevent any indication of a lack of good faith, any plan modifications should, at minimum, comply with the requirements set forth above for the adoption of a new plan, including the requirement that trades not be made under the modified plan until (1) the first day that the Trading Window opens after the announcement of the results of the quarter in which the Rule 10b5-1 Plan was modified, or (2) a waiting period of 30 days has expired after modification of the plan, whichever is later. Further, the insider should avoid frequent modifications of Rule 10b5-1 Plans because this could raise concern about his or her good faith in establishing the plan.
- *Early Plan Terminations.* Rule 10b5-1 does not expressly forbid the early termination of a Rule 10b5-1 Plan. However, the SEC has made clear that once a Rule 10b5-1 Plan is terminated, the affirmative defense may not apply to any trades that were made pursuant to that plan if such termination calls into question whether the good faith requirement was met or whether the plan was part of a plan or scheme to evade Rule 10b5-1. The real danger of terminating a plan arises if the insider promptly engages in market transactions or adopts a new plan. Such behavior could arouse suspicion that the insider is modifying trading behavior in order to benefit from nonpublic information. Accordingly, it is not advisable for insiders to terminate Rule 10b5-1 Plans except in unusual

circumstances. Furthermore, the Company requires that the insider refrain from engaging in new trades or adopting a new Rule 10b5-1 Plan within 180 days of the termination of a prior plan.

To allow insiders to terminate Rule 10b5-1 Plans and avoid problems under the federal securities laws, such plans may include the following:

- a provision expressly stating that the insider reserves the right to terminate the plan under certain specified conditions (in order to demonstrate that any termination is not inconsistent with the plan's original terms);
- a provision specifying that if the insider terminates the plan and subsequently adopts a new plan, that new plan will not take effect for a period of at least 30 days after its adoption; and/or
- a provision automatically terminating the plan at some future date, such as a year after adoption.

If an insider establishes a new Rule 10b5-1 Plan after terminating a prior plan, then all the surrounding facts and circumstances, including the period of time between the cancellation of the old plan and the creation of the new plan, are relevant to a determination of whether the insider established the new Rule 10b5-1 Plan "in good faith and not as part of a plan or scheme to evade" the prohibitions of Rule 10b5-1.

- *Transactions Outside the Plan.* Trading securities outside of a Rule 10b5-1 Plan should be considered carefully for several reasons: (1) the Rule 10b5-1 affirmative defense will not apply to trades made outside of the plan and (2) buying or selling securities outside a Rule 10b5-1 Plan could be interpreted as a hedging transaction. Hedging transactions with respect to securities bought or sold under the Rule 10b5-1 Plan will nullify the affirmative defense. Further, insiders should not sell securities that have been designated as Rule 10b5-1 Plan securities because any such sale may be deemed a modification of the plan. If the insider is subject to the volume limitations of Rule 144, the sale of securities outside the Rule 10b5-1 Plan could effectively reduce the number of shares that could be sold under the plan, which could be deemed an impermissible modification of the plan. Because trading securities outside of a Rule 10b5-1 Plan poses numerous risks, insiders are discouraged from engaging in securities transactions outside Rule 10b5-1 Plans once they are established.

## **VI. Potential Criminal and Civil Liability and/or Disciplinary Action**

### **A. SEC Enforcement Action**

The adverse consequences of insider trading violations can be staggering and currently include, without limitation, the following:

1. For individuals who trade on Material, Non-Public Information (or tip information to others):
  - A civil penalty of up to three times the profit gained or loss avoided resulting from the violation;
  - A criminal fine of up to \$5.0 million (no matter how small the profit); and/or
  - A jail term of up to 20 years.
2. For a company (as well as possibly any supervisory person) that fails to take appropriate steps to prevent illegal trading:
  - A civil penalty of up to the greater of \$1.425 million or three times the profit gained or loss avoided as a result of the insider's violation;
  - A criminal penalty of up to \$25.0 million; and/or
  - The civil penalties may extend personal liability to the Company's directors, officers and other supervisory personnel if they fail to take appropriate steps to prevent insider trading.

***B. Disciplinary Action by the Company***

Persons who violate this Policy shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Company, which may include termination or other appropriate action.

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*This document states a policy of Midstates Petroleum Company, Inc. and is not intended to be regarded as the rendering of legal advice.*

**ANNEX A**  
**INSIDER TRADING POLICY**  
**CERTIFICATION**

I have read and understand the Insider Trading Policy (the “Policy”) of Midstates Petroleum Company, Inc. (the “Company”). I agree that I will comply with the policies and procedures set forth in the Policy. I understand and agree that, if I am an employee of the Company or one of its subsidiaries or other affiliates, my failure to comply in all respects with the Company’s policies, including the Policy, is a basis for termination for cause of my employment with the Company and any subsidiary or other affiliate to which my employment now relates or may in the future relate.

I am aware that this signed Certification will be filed with my personal records in the Company’s Human Resources Department.

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Signature

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Type or Print Name

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Date