Gastar Exploration Inc.

Form 4

November 14, 2014

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

See Instruction 1(b).

(Last)

(City)

Common

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Cassels John Hamilton

(First)

(Middle)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Gastar Exploration Inc. [GST]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 11/13/2014

1331 LAMAR STREET, SUITE 650

(Zip)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Issuer

(Check all applicable)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

HOUSTON, TX 77010

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3) anv

(State)

11/13/2014

(Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)

Securities

(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Form: Direct Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of

or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

867 D

126,757 (1)

D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	5)	Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V	,	Date Exp Exercisable Date		Title Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Cassels John Hamilton 1331 LAMAR STREET, SUITE 650 HOUSTON, TX 77010	X						

Signatures

/s/ John H. Cassels, by Michael A. Gerlich as Attorney in Fact 11/14/2014

**Signature of Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Includes 81,954 shares acquired on various dates pursuant to previously reported restricted share grants that will vest subject to previously disclosed vesting schedules.

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