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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

x QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2013

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Commission File Number 1-32955

HOUSTON AMERICAN ENERGY CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware76-0675953(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)(IRS Employer Identification No.)

801 Travis Street, Suite 1425, Houston, Texas77002 (Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

(713) 222-6966 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (\$232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes x No "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company"

in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer "Accelerated filer "Non-accelerated filer "Smaller reporting company x

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes "No x

As of August 14, 2013, we had 52,180,045 shares of \$0.001 par value Common Stock outstanding.

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## Index PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION ITEM 1 Financial Statements HOUSTON AMERICAN ENERGY CORP. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)

	June 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
ASSETS		,
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$8,915,861	\$5,626,345
Restricted cash – letter of credit		3,056,250
Accounts receivable – other	86,507	3,436,305
Escrow receivable – current	2,095,228	2,095,228
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	173,293	36,539
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	11,270,889	14,250,667
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Oil and gas properties – full cost method		
Costs subject to amortization	50,312,756	47,093,419
Costs not being amortized	2,759,645	5,809,297
Office equipment	90,004	90,004
Total property, plant and equipment	53,162,405	52,992,720
Accumulated depreciation, depletion and impairment	(50,333,081)	
TOTAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET	2,829,324	5,886,969
OTHER ASSETS		
Other assets	3,167	3,167
TOTAL ASSETS	\$14,103,380	\$20,140,803
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$6,591	\$84,740
Accrued cash call to operator		3,219,128
Accrued expenses	31,336	90,923
Taxes payable	281,478	1,711,007
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	319,405	5,105,798
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Reserve for plugging and abandonment costs	8,148	7,872
Taxes payable – long-term		193,398
TOTAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	8,148	201,270
TOTAL LIABILITIES	327,553	5,307,068
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES		
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 150,000,000 shares authorized; 52,180,045 shares		
issued and outstanding	52,180	52,180
Additional paid-in capital	64,977,791	63,963,257

Accumulated deficit TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (51,254,144) (49,181,702) 13,775,827 14,833,735 \$14,103,380 \$20,140,803

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidated financial statements.

## Index HOUSTON AMERICAN ENERGY CORP. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS FOR THE THREE AND SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2013 AND 2012 (Unaudited)

			Three Months June 30,	Ended
		2012	2013	2012
OIL AND GAS REVENUE	\$34,255	\$356,857	\$19,223	\$36,347
EXPENSES OF OPERATIONS Lease operating expense and severance tax Joint venture expenses General and administrative expense Impairment of oil and gas properties Gain on sale of oil and gas properties Depreciation and depletion Total operating expenses	19,631  2,173,864  (86,025 ) 8,202 2,115,672	158,648 3,244 3,113,187 36,628,919 (315,119) 55,467 39,644,346	11,061 	19,047 
Loss from operations	(2,081,417)			
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE) Interest income Other expense Total other income (expense) Net loss before taxes	12,931 (19,289) (6,358) (2,087,775)	,	- )	(11,627 )
Income tax expense (benefit)	(15,333 )	3,365,365	(18,986)	3,356,154
Net loss	\$(2,072,442)	\$(42,690,174)	\$(1,266,267)	\$(22,022,079)
Basic and diluted loss per common share	\$(0.04)	\$(1.29)	\$(0.02)	\$(0.63)
Based and diluted weighted average common shares outstanding	52,180,045	33,004,790	52,180,045	34,844,351
COMPREHENSIVE LOSS Net loss Unrealized loss on marketable securities Net comprehensive loss	\$(2,072,442)	(393,306) \$(43,083,480)	\$(1,266,267)	\$(22,022,079) (159,548) \$(22,181,627)

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## Index HOUSTON AMERICAN ENERGY CORP. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2013 AND 2012 (Unaudited)

	For the Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2013	2012
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net loss	\$(2,072,442)	\$(42,690,174)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by (used in) operations: Depreciation and depletion	8,202	55,467
Stock-based compensation	1,014,534	1,284,165
Impairment of oil and gas properties		36,628,919
Accretion of asset retirement obligation	276	648
Amortization of deferred rent		(3,620)
Gain on sale of oil and gas properties – Colombia	(86,025)	,
Deferred tax asset	_	3,195,583
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	2 240 709	40.401
Decrease in accounts receivable Increase in prepaid expense	3,349,798 (136,754)	40,491 (119,293
Decrease in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(130,754) (1,760,663)	
Net cash provided by (used) in operating activities	316,926	(1,939,666)
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CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Restricted cash released	3,056,250	
Payments for the acquisition and development of oil and gas properties	(169,685)	(14,866,511)
Proceeds from sale of Colombian oil and gas properties, net of expenses	86,025	1,027,068
Purchase of marketable securities		(156,818)
Net cash provided by (used) in investing activities	2,972,590	(13,996,261)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		12 207 700
Proceeds from sale of common stock, net of expenses of \$746,300 Net cash provided by financing activities		12,397,700 12,397,700
Net cash provided by mancing activities		12,397,700
Increase (decrease) in cash	3,289,516	(3,538,227)
Cash, beginning of period	5,626,345	9,930,284
Cash, end of period	\$8,915,861	\$6,392,057
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION		¢
Interest paid	<u> </u>	\$— \$ 172 246
Income taxes paid	1,607,608	\$172,246
NON-CASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Accrued oil and gas development cost		\$3,728,695
Sales price of oil and gas properties placed in escrow		\$166,995
Unrealized loss on available for sale securities		\$393,306

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## Index HOUSTON AMERICAN ENERGY CORP. Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

# NOTE 1 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements of Houston American Energy Corp., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q. They do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for a complete financial presentation. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, considered necessary for a fair presentation, have been included in the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements. Operating results for the periods presented are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full year.

These unaudited consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's audited consolidated financial statements and footnotes, which are included as part of the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.

## Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include all accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries (HAEC Louisiana E&P, Inc. and HAEC Caddo Lake E&P, Inc.). All significant inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

## Accounting Principles and Use of Estimates

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In preparing financial statements, management makes informed judgments and estimates that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and affect the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. On an ongoing basis, management reviews its estimates, including those related to such potential matters as litigation, environmental liabilities, income taxes and the related valuation allowance, determination of proved reserves of oil and gas and asset retirement obligations. Changes in facts and circumstances may result in revised estimates and actual results may differ from these estimates.

## Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to a concentration of credit risk include cash, cash equivalents and any marketable securities. The Company had cash deposits of \$5.5 million in excess of the FDIC's current insured limit on interest bearing accounts of \$250,000 as of June 30, 2013. The Company has not experienced any losses on its deposits of cash and cash equivalents.

#### Loss per Share

Basic loss per share is computed by dividing net loss available to common shareholders by the weighted average common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted earnings per share reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common shares were exercised or converted into common shares that then shared in the earnings of the Company. The Company's only outstanding potentially dilutive securities are options and warrants. Using the treasury stock method, outstanding 'in-the-money' options would have increased our diluted

weighted average shares outstanding by approximately 55,600 and 55,600 shares, respectively, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2013 and by approximately 92,551 and 351,691 shares, respectively, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2012; however, due to losses during these periods, these options were excluded from the diluted earnings per share calculation because their effect would have been anti-dilutive.

## Subsequent Events

The Company has evaluated all transactions from June 30, 2013 through the financial statement issuance date for subsequent eventdisclosure consideration.

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#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

No accounting standards or interpretations issued recently are expected to a have a material impact on our consolidated financial position, operations or cash flows.

#### NOTE 2 – RESTRICTED CASH

At December 31, 2012, the Company had Restricted Cash – Letter of Credit in the amount of \$3,056,250 attributable to funds posted as collateral to secure a standby letter of credit. During the six months ended June 30, 2013, the letter of credit obligation was terminated and the cash securing the letter of credit was returned to the Company eliminating the Restricted Cash – Letter of Credit balance. See Note 8 – Commitments and Contingencies – Standby Letter of Credit – CPO 4 Block.

## NOTE 3 - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE - OTHER

#### Tax Refund

At December 31, 2012, the Company had established an account receivable – other relating to an estimated federal income tax refund in the amount of approximately \$3.3 million. During the six months ended June 30, 2013, the Company collected the income tax refund and the receivable was eliminated.

## Hupecol Operating, LLC

During 2011, Hupecol Operating, LLC ("Hupecol") disbursed funds from a 5% contingency escrow established with a portion of the proceeds from the sale of Hupecol Dorotea & Cabiona Holdings, LLC ("HDC, LLC"), to pay certain operating expenses incurred on behalf of the purchaser of these entities. Hupecol is currently seeking reimbursement from the purchaser for these expenses as part of the post-closing process and expects to collect within the next twelve months. As a result of this activity, the Company has established a receivable from Hupecol for the Company's proportionate share of the escrow funds disbursed for these expenses of \$86,507. The amount due from Hupecol is classified as accounts receivable – other in the accompanying balance sheet.

## NOTE 4 - COMPREHENSIVE LOSS - UNREALIZED LOSS ON MARKETABLE SECURITIES

During 2012, the Company held common stock in a publicly traded company. This investment was classified as marketable securities - available for sale and, accordingly, any unrealized changes in market values were recognized as other comprehensive income in the consolidated statements of operations. During the six months ended June 30, 2012, the Company purchased additional common shares in the same publicly traded company at a cost of \$156,817 and recognized other comprehensive losses during the three and six months ended June 30, 2012 of \$159,548 and \$393,306, respectively, reflecting the unrealized decline in value of this investment as of June 30, 2012. All of the securities were sold during 2012 and, accordingly, no marketable securities were owned at June 30, 2013 nor did the Company report any unrealized loss on marketable securities during the three and six months ended June 30, 2013.

## NOTE 5 – ESCROW RECEIVABLE

At June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, the Company's balance sheet reflected the following escrow receivables relating to various oil and gas properties previously held by the Company:

Balance as of June 30, 2013CurrentNoncurrentTotal

Description

Tambaqui Escrow	\$22,029	\$ 
HDC LLC & HL LLC 15% Escrow	1,827,929	— 1,827,929
HDC LLC & HL LLC Contingency	57,321	— 57,321
HC LLC 13.33% Escrow	151,048	— 151,048
HC LLC Contingency	36,901	— 36,901
TOTAL	\$2,095,228	\$ — \$2,095,228

Description	Balance as c Current	of December 31, 2012 Noncurrent Total
Tambaqui Escrow	\$22,029	\$ \$22,029
HDC LLC and HL LLC 15% Escrow	1,827,929	1,827,929
HDC LLC and HL LLC Contingency	57,321	57,321
HC LLC 13.33% Escrow	151,048	151,048
HC LLC Contingency	36,901	36,901
TOTAL	\$2,095,228	\$ \$2,095,228

There were no settlements and releases relating to the escrow receivables during the six months ended June 30, 2013.

## NOTE 6 - OIL AND GAS PROPERTIES

During the six months ended June 30, 2013, the Company invested \$169,685 for the development of oil and gas properties, consisting of (1) preparation and evaluation costs in Colombia of \$105,228, and (2) costs on U.S. properties of \$64,457. Of the amount invested, the Company capitalized \$210 to oil and gas properties subject to amortization, and \$169,475 to oil and gas properties not subject to amortization, primarily attributable to preparation and evaluation cost in Colombia of \$105,288 and leasehold cost in the U.S. of \$64,247.

# Termination of Interest in CPO 4 Prospect

In March 2013, the Company entered into a Settlement Agreement with SK Innovation, operator and principal owner of the CPO 4 prospect. Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the Company terminated, and agreed to convey to SK Innovation, its entire interest in the CPO 4 prospect and each of the Company and SK Innovation agreed to release any and all claims each may have against the other under the Operating Agreement with respect to the CPO 4 prospect. The Company was relieved of any and all obligations under past, present and future capital calls relating to the CPO 4 prospect, including accrued cash calls at December 31, 2012 of \$3,219,128. The Company's balance sheet reflects a reduction in the cash call obligation and an increase in accumulated depletion, depreciation, amortization and impairment, each in the amount of \$3,219,128.

## Impairments

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In April 2012, the Company, together with the operator, determined to cease efforts to test and complete the Tamandua #1 sidetrack well on the CPO 4 prospect in Colombia. As a result of the determination to cease efforts to complete the Tamandua #1 well, the Company included the costs related to the Tamandua #1 well in the full cost pool for inclusion in the ceiling test. The Company recorded impairment charges of \$6,531,455 and \$26,527,300 during the three and six months ended June 30, 2012, respectively, to write off costs not being amortized that were attributable to the drilling of the Tamandua #1 well on the Company's CPO 4 block as well as to write off seismic exploration and evaluation cost, general and administrative cost and environmental and governmental cost that were attributable to the CPO 4 block through June 30, 2012.

In July 2012, the Company determined to plug and abandon the Cachirre #1 well on the CPO 4 prospect in Colombia. As a result of such determination, the Company included the costs related to the Cachirre #1 well in the full cost pool for inclusion in the ceiling test at June 30, 2012. The Company recorded an impairment charge of \$10,101,619 during the three and six months ended June 30, 2012 to write off costs not being amortized that were attributable to the drilling of the Cachirre #1 well as well as to write off seismic exploration and evaluation cost, general and administrative cost and environmental and governmental cost that were attributable to the CPO 4 block through June 30, 2012.

Sale of Oil and Gas Properties

During the first quarter of 2012, the Company sold all of its interest in Hupecol Cuerva, LLC ("HC, LLC"), which holds interests in the La Cuerva block and, pending approval of the Colombian authorities, the LLA 62 block, together covering approximately 90,000 acres in the Llanos Basin in Colombia.

HC, LLC sold for \$75 million, adjusted for working capital. 13.3% of the sales price of HC, LLC will be held in escrow to fund potential claims arising from the sale. Pursuant to its 1.6% ownership interest in HC, LLC, the Company received 1.6% in the net sale proceeds after deduction of commissions, overriding royalty interest, and transaction expenses; subject to the escrow holdback and a further contingency holdback by Hupecol of 1.3% of the sales price. Following completion of the sale of HC, LLC, the Company had no continuing interest in the La Cuerva and LLA 62 blocks.

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At December 31, 2011, the Company's estimated proved reserves associated with the La Cuerva and LLA 62 blocks totaled 94,619 barrels of oil, which represented 82% of the Company's estimated proved oil and natural gas reserves. Sales of oil and gas properties under the full cost method of accounting are accounted for as adjustments of capitalized costs with no gain or loss recognized, unless the adjustment significantly alters the relationship between capitalized costs and reserves. Since the sale of these oil and gas properties would significantly alter the relationship, the Company recognized a gain on the sale of \$315,119 during the six months ended June 30, 2012, computed as follows:

Sales price	\$1,224,393
Add: Transfer of asset retirement and other obligations	34,471
Less: Transaction costs	(30,330)
Less: Prepaid deposits	(54,857)
Less: Carrying value of oil and gas properties, net	(858,558)
Net gain on sale	\$315,119

The following table presents pro forma data that reflects revenue, income from continuing operations, net loss and loss per common share for the three and six months ended June 30, 2012 as if the HC, LLC sale had occurred at the beginning of each period and excludes the gain on sale.

Pro-Forma Information:	Three Months Ended June 30, 2012	Six Months Ended June 30, 2012
Oil and gas revenue Loss from operations Net loss		\$93,672 \$(39,701,581) \$(39,899,473)
Basic and diluted loss per common share	\$(0.63)	\$(1.20)

The Company currently has operations in two geographical areas, the United States and Colombia. Revenues for the three and six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 and Long Lived Assets (net of depletion, amortization, and impairments) as of June 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 attributable to each geographical area are presented below:

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2013	Six Months Ended June 30, 2013	As of June 30, 2013
	Revenues	Revenues	Long Lived Net Assets
United States	\$ 19,223	\$ 34,255	\$1,106,812
Colombia			1,722,512
Total	\$ 19,223	\$ 34,255	\$2,829,324
	Three	Six	As of
	Months	Months	December
	Ended	Ended	31, 2012

	June 30,	June 30,	
	2012	2012	
			Long
			Lived Net
	Revenues	Revenues	Assets
United States	\$36,347	\$93,671	\$1,050,557
Colombia		263,186	4,836,412
Total	\$36,347	\$356,857	\$5,886,969
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## <u>Index</u> NOTE 7 – STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION EXPENSE AND WARRANTS

The Company periodically grants options to employees, directors and consultants under the Company's 2005 Stock Option Plan and the Company's 2008 Equity Incentive Plan (together, the "Plans"). The Company is required to make estimates of the fair value of the related instruments and recognize expense over the period benefited, usually the vesting period.

In March 2013, the Company's board of directors approved an amendment to the 2008 Equity Incentive Plan to increase the shares reserved thereunder to 6,000,000 shares, subject to approval of such amendment by the Company's shareholders, which shareholder approval was received in June 2013.

# Stock Option Activity

A summary of stock option activity and related information for the six months ended June 30, 2013 is presented below:

	Options	eighted-Average ercise Price	Aggrega Intrinsic Value	te
Outstanding at January 1, 2013	2,443,057	\$ 5.68		
Granted	2,215,525(1)	.41		
Exercised				
Forfeited	(31,250)	14.46		
Outstanding at June 30, 2013	4,627,332	\$ 3.33	\$	—
Exercisable at June 30, 2013	3,747,332	\$ 3.63	\$	

Includes 915,525 options granted in June 2012, the exercise of which options was subject to shareholder approval (1) of an amendment to the Company's 2008 Equity Incentive Plan to increase the shares reserved for issuance thereunder, which approval was obtained in June 2013.

On June 11, 2012, options to purchase an aggregate of 915,525 shares were granted to employees and non-employee directors, which options were exercisable on and after shareholder approval of an amendment to the Company's 2008 Equity Incentive Plan to increase the shares reserved under the plan to facilitate exercise. The options have a ten year life and an exercise price of \$1.65. The options granted subject to amendment of the plan were not reflected in stock-based compensation expense at the time of their original grant but are, instead, reflected in the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2013, following receipt of shareholder approval of the plan amendment on June 11, 2013. The options were valued on the date of shareholder approval at \$164,376 using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following parameters: (1) risk-free interest rate of 1.26%, (2) expected life in years of 5.6, (3) expected stock volatility of 105%, and (4) expected dividend yield of 0%. The Company determined the options qualify as 'plain vanilla' under the provisions of SAB 107 and the simplified method was used to estimate the expected option life.

On June 11, 2013, options to purchase an aggregate of 100,000 shares were granted to non-employee directors and options to purchase an aggregate of 1,200,000 shares were granted to employees.

The 100,000 options granted to non-employee directors vested 20% on the grant date and vest as to the remaining 80% nine months from the grant date, have a ten year life and have an exercise price of \$0.3075 per share. The option grants to non-employee directors were valued on the date of grant at \$24,507 using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following parameters: (1) risk-free interest rate of 1.26%, (2) expected life in years of 5.6, (3) expected

stock volatility of 105%, and (4) expected dividend yield of 0%. The Company determined the options qualify as 'plain vanilla' under the provisions of SAB 107 and the simplified method was used to estimate the expected option life.

The 1,200,000 options granted to employees vested 50% on the grant date and vest as to the remaining 50% on the first anniversary of the grant date, have a ten year life and have an exercise price of \$0.3075 per share. The option grants to employees were valued on the date of grant at \$294,085 using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following parameters: (1) risk-free interest rate of 1.26%, (2) expected life in years of 5.6, (3) expected stock volatility of 105%, and (4) expected dividend yield of 0%. The Company determined the options qualify as 'plain vanilla' under the provisions of SAB 107 and the simplified method was used to estimate the expected option life.

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2013, the Company recognized \$599,040 and \$891,462, respectively, of stock compensation expense attributable to the amortization of unrecognized stock-based compensation. 10

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As of June 30, 2013, total unrecognized stock-based compensation expense related to non-vested stock options was \$892,225. The unrecognized expense is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 0.80 years and the weighted average remaining contractual term of the outstanding options and exercisable options at June 30, 2013 is 7.73 years and 7.44 years, respectively.

Shares available for issuance under the Plans as of June 30, 2013 totaled 1,372,668.

#### **Restricted Stock Activity**

During 2011, the Company granted to officers an aggregate of 45,000 shares of restricted stock, which shares vest over a period of three years. The fair value of \$743,400 was determined based on the fair market value of the shares on the date of grant. This value is being amortized over the vesting period and, during the three and six months ended June 30, 2013, \$62,156 and \$123,072, respectively, was amortized to expense. As of June 30, 2013, there was \$235,545 of unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested restricted stock. The cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 0.95 years.

#### Share-Based Compensation Expense

The following table reflects share-based compensation recorded by the Company for the three months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012:

	Three Months Ended June 30,	
	2013	2012
Share-based compensation expense included in general and administrative expense Earnings per common share effect of share-based compensation expense – basic and diluted	. ,	5 \$748,227 ) \$(0.02 )

The following table reflects share-based compensation recorded by the Company for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012:

Six Mont	Six Months Ended June 30,	
June 30,		
2013	2012	

Share-based compensation expense included in general and administrative expense\$1,014,534\$1,284,165Earnings per common share effect of share-based compensation expense – basic and diluted \$(0.017)\$(0.04)

#### NOTE 8 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

#### Lease Commitment

The Company leases office facilities under an operating lease agreement that expires May 31, 2017. As of June 30, 2013, the lease agreement requires future payments as follows:

Year Amount 2013 44,527 2014 91,432 2015 93,793 2016 96,162 2017 40,479 Total \$366,393

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2013, the total base rental expense was \$22,180 and \$44,112, respectively. The Company does not have any capital leases or other operating lease commitments.

## <u>Index</u> Standby Letter of Credit – CPO 4 Block

On November 5, 2009, JP Morgan Chase issued a Letter of Credit to Banco de Bogota S.A. for \$2,037,500. Banco de Bogota then in turn issued a Stand by Letter of Credit to the Agency De National Hydrocarbons to guaranty the Company's compliance and proper execution of the work obligations relating to the phase one (1) work program of the CPO-4 block for the Company's 25% interest in the Block. Per the Standby Letter of Credit issued between JP Morgan Chase and Banco de Bogota, the Company was required to keep on deposit with JP Morgan Chase \$2,037,500.

On December 2, 2010, JP Morgan Chase amended the Letter of Credit to Banco de Bogota S.A. to increase the total amount of the Letter of Credit to \$3,056,250. Banco de Bogota then in turn issued an amended Stand by Letter of Credit to the Agency de National Hydrocarbons to guarantee the Company's compliance and proper execution of the work obligations relating to the phase one (1) work program for the CPO-4 block for the Company's 37.5% interest in the Block. Per the amended Standby Letter of Credit issued between JP Morgan Chase and Banco de Bogota, the date of expiration was extended until April 1, 2013 and the Company was required to keep on deposit with JP Morgan Chase \$3,056,250. This increase in deposits was related to the Company increasing its interest in the CPO 4 block from 25.0% to 37.5%. All other terms and conditions of the Letter of Credit remained unchanged. The Company paid Banco de Bogota \$13,025 in fees during the six months ended June 30, 2013 related to the Letter of Credit and recorded the fees as other expense. The deposit with JP Morgan Chase was classified as restricted cash – letter of credit in the accompanying balance sheet as of December 31, 2012. Due to the settlement agreement with SK Innovation in which the Company assigned its 37.5% interest in the CPO 4 prospect, the Company did not be renew the Letter of Credit and, in April 2013, the funds securing the Letter of Credit, in the amount of \$3,056,250, were released to the Company.

# Legal Contingencies

The Company has been the subject of a formal investigation being conducted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Pursuant to the investigation, the Company received subpoenas issued by the SEC. The subpoenas called for the testimony of certain of the Company's officers and the delivery of certain documents. The subpoenas were issued pursuant to a nonpublic formal order of private investigation issued by the SEC on March 1, 2011, which followed a nonpublic informal inquiry commenced by the SEC in October 2010. The Company received a copy of the nonpublic formal order of private investigation on February 10, 2012 in connection with a subpoena issued by the SEC. The SEC is investigating whether there have been any violations of the federal securities laws and appears to have narrowed the focus of their investigation to matters relating to disclosures in the late 2009 and early 2010 time period regarding resource potential for the CPO 4 prospect. The Company has presented information supporting its disclosure relative to resource potential on the CPO 4 prospect. The investigation does not represent a conclusion by the staff that there have been any violations of the federal securities laws nor whether the staff would conclude that any enforcement action is appropriate. At this time, the Company has not been made aware of a finding by the SEC of any securities violations. Also, as stated in the subpoenas issued by the SEC, the investigation does not mean that the SEC has a negative opinion of any person, entity or security. The Company has cooperated fully, and is committed to continuing to cooperate fully, with the SEC in this matter. It is not possible at this time to predict the timing or outcome of the SEC investigation, including whether or when any proceedings might be initiated, when these matters may be resolved or what, if any, penalties or other remedies may be imposed, and whether any such penalties or remedies would have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

On April 27, 2012, a purported class action lawsuit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas against the Company and certain of its executive officers: Steve Silverman v. Houston American Energy Corp. et al., Case No. 4:12-CV-1332. The complaint generally alleges that, between March 29, 2010 and April 18, 2012, all of the defendants violated Sections 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and SEC Rule 10b-5 and the individual defendants violated Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act in making materially false and misleading

statements including certain statements related to the status and viability of the Tamandua #1 well. Two additional class action lawsuits were filed against the Company in May 2012. The complaints seek unspecified damages, interest, attorneys' fees, and other costs. On September 20, 2012, the court consolidated the class action lawsuits and appointed a lead plaintiff and on November 15, 2012 the lead plaintiffs filed an amended complaint. On January 14, 2013, we filed a motion to dismiss which remains pending before the court. The Company believes all of the claims in the consolidated class action lawsuits are without merit and intends to vigorously defend against these claims. It is not possible at this time to predict the timing or outcome of the class action lawsuits that have or may be filed. The Company expects to incur costs and to devote management time and resources to defending such lawsuits.

The Company is subject to legal proceedings, claims and liabilities that arise in the ordinary course of its business. The Company accrues for losses associated with legal claims when such losses are probable and can be reasonably estimated. These accruals are adjusted as further information develops or circumstances change. Except as noted, the Company is currently not a party to any known material litigation.

# Index NOTE 9 – TAXES

The Company has estimated that its effective tax rate for U.S. purposes will be zero for 2013, and consequently, recorded no U.S. income tax liability or tax expense for the three and six months ended June 30, 2013. Income tax expense for 2012 was entirely attributable to the Company's Colombian operations and represents the actual taxes paid or accrued in both Colombia and the United States.

Due to uncertainty regarding ultimate realization, the Company has established a valuation allowance of approximately \$20,500,000 to fully reserve the net deferred tax assets as of June 30, 2013. During 2010, the Company paid federal income taxes totaling \$3,344,126. Due to net operating losses generated in 2011 and 2012, the Company filed an amended 2010 federal income tax return and, during June 2013, received a full refund of this amount.

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2013, significant temporary differences between financial statement net loss and estimated taxable income related primarily to the impairment of oil and gas properties and the stock compensation expense recognized for book purposes during the period.

# NOTE 10 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

# Management Changes - Termination of Certain Equity Grants

In July 2013, the Company's chief financial officer resigned to pursue other opportunities and the Company determined not to renew the employment agreement of our Senior Vice President of Exploration on its expiration in August 2013. As a result of such events, 5,000 shares of restricted stock held by each of those officers is subject to forfeiture as of the date of termination of employment. Similarly, unvested stock option grants to purchase an aggregate of 150,000 shares of common stock each will terminate as of the date of termination of employment.

# Production Incentive Compensation Plan

In August 2013, the Company's compensation committee adopted a Production Incentive Compensation Plan. The purpose of the Plan is to encourage employees and consultants participating in the Plan to identify and secure for the Company participation in attractive oil and gas opportunities.

Under that Plan, the committee may establish one or more Pools and designate employees and consultants to participate in those Pools and designate prospects and wells, and a defined percentage of the Company's revenues from those wells, to fund those Pools. Only prospects acquired on or after establishment of the Plan, and excluding all prospects in Colombia, may be designated to fund a Pool. The maximum percentage of the Company's share of revenues from a well that may be designated to fund a Pool is 2% (the "Pool Cap"); provided, however, that with respect to wells with a net revenue interest to the 8/8 of less than 73%, the Pool Cap with respect to such wells shall be reduced on a 1-for-1 basis such that no portion of the Company's revenues from a well may be designated to fund a Pool if the NRI is 71% or less.

Designated participants in a Pool will be assigned a specific percentage out of the Company's revenues assigned to the Pool and will be paid that percentage of such revenues from all wells designated to such Pool and spud during that participant's employment or services with the Company. In no event may the percentage assigned to the Company's chief executive officer relative to any well within a Pool exceed one-half of the applicable Pool Cap for that well. Payouts of revenues funded into Pools shall be made to participants not later than 60 days following year end, subject to the committee's right to make partial interim payouts. Participants will continue to receive their percentage share of revenues from wells included in a Pool and spud during the term of their employment or service so long as revenues continue to be derived by the Company from those wells even after termination of employment or services of the

Participant; provided, however, that a participant's interest in all Pools shall terminate on the date of termination of employment or services where such termination is for cause.

In the event of certain changes in control of the Company, the acquirer or survivor of such transaction must assume all obligations under the Plan; provided, however, that in lieu of such assumption obligation, the committee may, at its sole discretion, assign overriding royalty interests in wells to substantially mirror the rights of participants under the Plan. Similarly, the committee may, at any time, assign overriding royalty interests in wells in settlement of obligations under the Plan.

The Plan is administered by the Company's compensation committee which shall consult with the Company's chief executive officer relative to Pool participants, prospects, wells and interests assign although the committee will have final and absolute authority to make all such determinations.

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# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### Forward-Looking Information

This Form 10-Q quarterly report of Houston American Energy Corp. (the "Company") for the six months ended June 30, 2013, contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which are intended to be covered by the safe harbors created thereby. To the extent that there are statements that are not recitations of historical fact, such statements constitute forward-looking statements that, by definition, involve risks and uncertainties. In any forward-looking statement, where we express an expectation or belief as to future results or events, such expectation or belief is expressed in good faith and believed to have a reasonable basis, but there can be no assurance that the statement of expectation or belief will be achieved or accomplished.

The actual results or events may differ materially from those anticipated and as reflected in forward-looking statements included herein. Factors that may cause actual results or events to differ from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements included herein include the Risk Factors described in Item 1A herein and in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements contained herein, which speak only as of the date hereof. We believe the information contained in this Form 10-Q to be accurate as of the date hereof. Changes may occur after that date, and we will not update that information except as required by law in the normal course of our public disclosure practices.

Additionally, the following discussion regarding our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and related notes contained in Item 1 of Part 1 of this Form 10-O, as well as the Risk Factors in Item 1A and the financial statements in Item 7 of Part II of our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies**

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations is based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe certain critical accounting policies affect the more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our financial statements. A description of our critical accounting policies is set forth in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012. As of, and for the six months ended, June 30, 2013, there have been no material changes or updates to our critical accounting policies.

#### **Recent Developments**

**Drilling Activity** 

During the six months ended June 30, 2013, we drilled no wells and, at June 30, 2013, no drilling operations were ongoing.

## Sale of La Cuerva and LLA 62 Blocks

During the first quarter of 2012, we sold all of our interest in Hupecol Cuerva, LLC ("HC, LLC"), which holds interests in the La Cuerva block and, pending approval of the Colombian authorities, the LLA 62 block, together covering approximately 90,000 acres in the Llanos Basin in Colombia.HC, LLC sold for \$75 million, adjusted for working

capital. 13.3% of the sales price of HC, LLC will be held in escrow to fund potential claims arising from the sale. Pursuant to our 1.6% ownership interest in HC, LLC, we received 1.6% in the net sale proceeds after deduction of commissions, overriding royalty interest, and transaction expenses; subject to the escrow holdback and a further contingency holdback by Hupecol. Following completion of the sale of HC, LLC, we have no continuing interest in the La Cuerva and LLA 62 blocks. Net proceeds from the sale, net to our interests, after all funds are released, are expected to be \$1,224,393.

## Index CPO 4 Termination

During the six months ended June 30, 2013, we made no capital expenditures with respect to the CPO 4 prospect in Colombia but entered into a Settlement Agreement with SK Innovation, operator and principal owner of the CPO 4 prospect. Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, we terminated, and agreed to convey to SK Innovation, our entire interest in the CPO 4 prospect and weand SK Innovation agreed to release any and all claims each may have against the other under the Operating Agreement with respect to the CPO 4 prospect. We were relieved of any and all obligations under past, present and future capital calls relating to the CPO 4 prospect, including accrued cash calls at December 31, 2012 of \$3,219,128. Our balance sheet reflects a reduction in the cash call obligation and an increase in accumulated depletion, depreciation, amortization and impairment, each in the amount of \$3,219,128. In conjunction with the termination of our interest in the CPO 4 Block, during the six months ended June 30, 2013, we terminated a standby letter of credit obligation and \$3,056,250 of funds posted as collateral to secure a standby letter of credit and previously recorded as restricted cash was returned to us.

# Colombian Developments - Serrania, Los Picachos and Macaya

During the six months ended June 30, 2013, our capital investment expenditures in Colombia related to the preparation and evaluation of our three concessions in Colombia, which amount totaled \$105,228. During the second half of 2013, we anticipate drilling two test wells on the Serrania concession, and have budgeted approximately \$1.4 million as our share of capital costs in connection with these activities.

In addition, we anticipate shooting approximately 83.6 kilometers of 2-D seismic on the Los Picachos concession and approximately 201.9 kilometers of 2-D seismic on the Macaya Concession during the second half of 2013. In connection with these seismic acquisitions, we have budged approximately \$2.0 million as our share of costs in connection with the planned seismic shoots.

# Domestic Developments

With the termination of our interest in the CPO 4 prospect and improving economics in the U.S. energy sector, during the first half of 2013, we began actively evaluating opportunities to invest and participate in domestic oil and gas prospects. Our management team, led by our CEO, has evaluated numerous opportunities and is sourcing and evaluating additional domestic opportunities. As of June 30, 2013, no commitments had yet been entered into to participate in additional prospects.

During the second quarter of 2013, the operator of the Crown Paper #1 well in the Profit Island Field in East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana successfully carried out a recompletion of the well. We hold a 5.675% royalty interest in the well which reduces to 2.838% after we have received royalties totaling \$264,000 since inception. As a result of the recompletion, production from the well was down for the quarter and six month periods but, following the recompletion, is expected to increase going forward.

In July 2013, we agreed to participate in drilling a 10,000' test well in Pecos County, Texas. The well, sited on a 725 acre lease block, is planned to test the Devonian chert and Strawn formation targeting potential oil pay. The block is expected to accommodate multiple offset locations should the test be successful. We will hold a 10% working interest after the casing point in the test well and in the entire lease block. Our costs in the test well are expected to be \$400,000 or less which will be funded from working capital. Drilling operations are expected to begin in September 2013.

## Colombian Tax

During 2012, we engaged our tax advisors in Colombia to evaluate certain tax and other filings made in Colombia by them and other advisors for 2009, 2010 and 2011. Our advisors identified inconsistencies between tax and non-tax filings with respect to equity investments made by us in Colombia. Based on guidance from our advisors, during 2012 we recorded a foreign tax liability of \$1,883,266 of which \$1,601,787 was paid during the six months ended June 30, 2013 and the remaining balance is expected to be paid over the next twelve months, relating primarily to a newly enacted Colombian equity tax measure based on the equity of our Colombian branch as of January 1, 2011.

#### Tax Refund

During the six months ended June 30, 2013, we received a U.S. income tax refund of approximately \$3.3 million attributable to the amendment of our 2010 federal tax return to carry back net operating losses from 2011 and 2012.

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In June 2013, our shareholders approved an increase in the shares reserved for issuance under our 2008 Equity Incentive Plan.