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On April 28, 2015, West Face Capital Inc. issued the following press release:

West Face Capital Presentation Makes the Case

For New Board at Gran Tierra Energy

Shows Capabilities of New Directors and CEO to Deliver Shareholder Value

GTE Board Sends Conflicting Messages on Strategy

TORONTO – April 28, 2015 – West Face Capital Inc. (West Face) today announced it has filed a presentation for fellow shareholders providing a detailed case for the election of six new and experienced business leaders to the Board of Directors of Gran Tierra Energy Inc. (Gran Tierra) (NYSE MKT: GTE; TSX: GTE).

The new Board would have a mandate to appoint proven oil and gas executive Gary Guidry as Gran Tierra's new Chief Executive Officer and pursue a new focused strategy.

The West Face presentation is available by contacting Bruce Goldfarb, Patrick McHugh or Lisa Patel of Okapi Partners at 212-297-0720 or 1-877-796-5274 or info@okapipartners.com. Okapi is advising West Face.

West Face manages funds that beneficially own approximately 9.8% of Gran Tierra. West Face believes its proposed new Board, CEO and strategy can revive value creation at the company.

The presentation demonstrates West Face's view that:

- the lack of proper Board oversight has resulted in significant value loss;
- the current Board has provided ineffectual governance and has not fostered accountability;
- the current Board has failed to articulate a coherent strategy for several years;
- the current Board and management have failed to control overhead costs; and
- the interests of the current Board and the shareholders are not aligned.

The comprehensive presentation provides analysis of Gran Tierra's high-risk spending outside Colombia which West Face believes resulted in the destruction of an estimated \$546 million in value in four years.

It also shows the missed opportunity to develop the company's assets in Colombia. While Gran Tierra lost focus, other companies strengthened their positions there.

West Face believes Gran Tierra has significant potential value but that change is required now to deliver that value to shareholders. The annual meeting is when that change can be made and should not be delayed past its previously scheduled date of June 24, 2015.

Until the shareholders have been heard, the current Board should not take any rash actions, said Thomas Dea, Partner at West Face. We encourage fellow shareholders who are disappointed by the past performance of the Board and concerned about the stewardship of their company, to express those views directly to the current directors.

West Face will nominate Peter Dey, Gary Guidry, Robert Hodgins, Ronald Royal, David Smith and Brooke Wade. Further information on the nominees is available in the presentation released today and the West Face news release and letter to the Board released on April 21, 2015.

More Confusion on GTE's Strategy

West Face also noted further evidence of incoherent strategy and conflicting messages in Gran Tierra's recent press release and investor presentation.

Gran Tierra's April 22nd press release stated, "The Company is pursuing a strategy of focusing on its core Colombian properties."

However, Gran Tierra's April 25th investor presentation filed with the SEC notes that more than half of GTE's 2015 capital budget will be spent in Peru and Brazil. The company further describes Peru as having "transformational exploration potential" and outlines drilling plans there in 2016 and 2017.

With these inconsistencies within days of each other, we believe it would be understandable if shareholders were confused about the strategic direction of GTE and concerned about stewardship of Gran Tierra by the current Board, said Mr. Dea.

In contrast, West Face highlights these same areas in its presentation and believes they are high-risk, high-cost, and relatively unattractive locations to spend shareholders' capital.

About West Face Capital Inc.

West Face Capital Inc. is one of Canada's leading alternative investment managers. West Face has a seasoned multi-disciplinary investment team, proprietary origination channels, deep sector expertise and the ability to act on investment targets in domestic and international markets.

Additional Information

West Face SPV (Cayman) I L.P. (West Face SPV) intends to make a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission of a proxy statement and an accompanying proxy card to be used to solicit proxies in connection with the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (including any adjournments or postponements thereof or any special meeting that may be called in lieu thereof) (the 2015 Annual Meeting) of the Company. Information relating to the participants in such proxy solicitation has been included in materials filed on April 21, 2015 by West Face SPV with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Stockholders are advised to read the definitive proxy statement and other documents related to the solicitation of stockholders of the Company for use at the 2015 Annual Meeting when they become available because they will contain important information, including additional information relating to the participants in such proxy solicitation. When completed and available, West Face SPV s definitive proxy statement and a form of proxy will be mailed to shareholders of the Company. These materials and other materials filed by West Face SPV in connection with the solicitation of proxies will be available at no charge at the Securities and Exchange Commission s website at www.sec.gov. The definitive proxy statement (when available) and other relevant documents filed by West Face SPV with the Securities and Exchange Commission will also be available, without charge, by directing a request to West Face SPV s proxy solicitor, Okapi Partners, at its toll-free number (877) 796-5274 or via email at info@okapipartners.com.

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