

Verne Johnson to Retire from Gran Tierra Energy Board of Directors

Calgary, Alberta, August 19, 2014, Gran Tierra Energy Inc. ("Gran Tierra Energy") (NYSE MKT: GTE; TSX: GTE), a company focused on oil and gas exploration and production in South America, today announced that Verne Johnson has elected to retire from Gran Tierra Energy's Board of Directors effective August 18, 2014.

Mr. Johnson, age 70, was one of the founding members of Gran Tierra Energy's Board of Directors in early 2005, and has been a valuable member of the Audit Committee, Reserves Committee, and Chairperson of the Compensation Committee.

"I would like to thank Verne for his contribution to Gran Tierra Energy as one of the original directors from the beginning of the company and throughout its extraordinary growth," commented Jeffrey Scott, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Gran Tierra Energy. "His contributions and vast experience helped steer the company through the difficult start-up phase and have been invaluable as the company evolved into the established explorer and producer it is today," concluded Mr. Scott.

"It has been exceptionally rewarding to have been involved in the building of a significant and successful international oil and gas company," commented Mr. Johnson. "I look forward to following the company as I now redirect my attention to philanthropic endeavors that I have been nurturing in recent years," concluded Mr. Johnson.

About Gran Tierra Energy Inc.

Gran Tiera Energy is an international oil and gas exploration and production company, headquartered in Calgary, Canada, incorporated in the United States, trading on the NYSE MKT (GTE) and the Toronto Stock Exchange (GTE), and operating in South America. Gran Tierra Energy holds interests in producing and prospective properties in Colombia, Peru and Brazil. Gran Tierra Energy has a strategy that focuses on establishing a portfolio of producing properties, plus production enhancement and exploration opportunities to provide a base for future growth.

Gran Tierra Energy's Securities and Exchange Commission filings are available on a web site maintained by the Securities and Exchange Commission at <u>http://www.sec.gov</u> and on SEDAR at <u>http://www.sedar.com</u>.

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