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(Amendment No. 5)*

Gastar Exploration Ltd.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Shares, no par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

367299104

(CUSIP Number)

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May 14, 2010

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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1. Names of Reporting Persons

Palo Alto Investors, Inc.

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a)

(b)

X

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)

AF

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) _____

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

California

Number of
Shares

7. Sole Voting Power

0

Beneficially
Owned by

8. Shared Voting Power

4,133,944

Each Reporting
Person With

9. Sole Dispositive Power

0

10. Shared Dispositive Power

4,133,944

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 4,133,944

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

8.3%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

CO, HC

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1. Names of Reporting Persons

Palo Alto Investors, LLC

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a)

(b)

X

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions)

AF

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) _____

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization

California

Number of
Shares

7. Sole Voting Power

0

Beneficially
Owned by

8. Shared Voting Power

4,133,944

Each Reporting
Person With

9. Sole Dispositive Power

0

10. Shared Dispositive Power

4,133,944

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 4,133,944

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)

8.3%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)

IA, OO

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1. Names of Reporting Persons

William Leland Edwards

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

- (a)
(b) X

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) AF

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) _____

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization _____U.S.A._____

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With	7.	Sole Voting Power	28,000
	8.	Shared Voting Power	4,133,944
	9.	Sole Dispositive Power	28,000
	10.	Shared Dispositive Power	4,133,944

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 4,161,944

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) _____

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 8.3%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IN, HC

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1. Names of Reporting Persons

Anthony Joonkyoo Yun, MD

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a)
(b) X

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) AF

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) _____

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization U.S.A.

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With	7.	Sole Voting Power	0
	8.	Shared Voting Power	4,133,944
	9.	Sole Dispositive Power	0
	10.	Shared Dispositive Power	4,133,944

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 4,133,944

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 8.3%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IN, HC

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1. Names of Reporting Persons

Palo Alto Small Cap Master Fund, L.P.

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a)
(b) X

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) AF

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) _____

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization Cayman Islands

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With	7.	Sole Voting Power	0
	8.	Shared Voting Power	2,881,972
	9.	Sole Dispositive Power	0
	10.	Shared Dispositive Power	2,881,972

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 2,881,972

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 5.8%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) PN

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1. Names of Reporting Persons

Palo Alto Small Cap Fund, L.P.

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)

(a)
(b) X

3. SEC Use Only

4. Source of Funds (See Instructions) AF

5. Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) _____

6. Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With	7.	Sole Voting Power	0
	8.	Shared Voting Power	2,549,104
	9.	Sole Dispositive Power	0
	10.	Shared Dispositive Power	2,549,104

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 2,549,104

12. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions)

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 5.1%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) PN

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This Amendment No. 5 (this “Amendment No. 5”) amends and supplements the Schedule 13D originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 9, 2009, as amended by Amendment No. 1 on December 11, 2009, Amendment No. 2 on December 14, 2009, Amendment No. 3 on January 14, 2010, and Amendment No. 4 on January 19, 2010 (the “Amended Statement”) (the Amended Statement, together with this Amendment No. 5, are collectively referred to herein as the “Statement”), by William Leland Edwards, Palo Alto Investors, LLC, Palo Alto Investors, Inc., Palo Alto Small Cap Master Fund, L.P., Palo Alto Small Cap Fund, L.P., and Anthony Joonkyoo Yun, MD (collectively, the “Filers”). Except as set forth in this Amendment No. 5, all information set forth in the Amended Statement remains unchanged and capitalized terms used but not defined in this Amendment No. 5 shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Amended Statement.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

(c) Listed below are all the transactions in the Stock by the Filers during the last 60 days. The sales were effected in open market transactions. There were no other transactions in the Stock by the Filers during such period.

Filer	Date	Transaction	Purchased or Sold	Average Price Per Share
PAI, LLC	4/12/2010	Sale	28,000	\$5.27
PAI, LLC	4/15/2010	Sale	4,100	\$5.38
PAI, LLC	4/16/2010	Sale	2,700	\$5.32
PAI, LLC	4/19/2010	Sale	200	\$5.28
PAI, LLC	4/20/2010	Sale	6,300	\$5.24
PAI, LLC	4/21/2010	Sale	1,700	\$5.23
PAI, LLC	4/22/2010	Sale	1,500	\$5.23
PAI, LLC	4/23/2010	Sale	5,900	\$5.28
PAI, LLC	4/26/2010	Sale	6,100	\$5.51
PAI, LLC	4/27/2010	Sale	69,900	\$5.25
PAI, LLC	4/28/2010	Sale	2,200	\$5.35
PAI, LLC	4/29/2010	Sale	2,000	\$5.32
PAI, LLC	4/30/2010	Sale	3,200	\$5.26
PAI, LLC	5/3/2010	Sale	3,300	\$5.44
PAI, LLC	5/4/2010	Sale	5,500	\$5.45
PAI, LLC	5/5/2010	Sale	5,200	\$5.61
PAI, LLC	5/6/2010	Sale	100	\$5.50
PAI, LLC	5/13/2010	Sale	5,200	\$4.52
PAI, LLC	5/14/2010	Sale	12,500	\$4.26
Small Cap Master	4/12/2010	Sale	64,200	\$5.27
Small Cap Master	4/15/2010	Sale	9,200	\$5.38
Small Cap Master	4/16/2010	Sale	6,200	\$5.32
Small Cap Master	4/19/2010	Sale	500	\$5.28
Small Cap Master	4/20/2010	Sale	14,100	\$5.24
Small Cap Master	4/21/2010	Sale	4,000	\$5.23

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Small Cap Master	4/22/2010	Sale	3,400	\$5.23
Small Cap Master	4/23/2010	Sale	13,200	\$5.28
Small Cap Master	4/26/2010	Sale	13,800	\$5.51
Small Cap Master	4/27/2010	Sale	157,100	\$5.25
Small Cap Master	4/28/2010	Sale	5,000	\$5.35
Small Cap Master	4/29/2010	Sale	4,500	\$5.32
Small Cap Master	4/30/2010	Sale	7,200	\$5.26
Small Cap Master	5/3/2010	Sale	7,300	\$5.44
Small Cap Master	5/4/2010	Sale	12,300	\$5.45
Small Cap Master	5/5/2010	Sale	11,900	\$5.61
Small Cap Master	5/6/2010	Sale	400	\$5.50
Small Cap Master	5/7/2010	Sale	200	\$5.07
Small Cap Master	5/13/2010	Sale	12,100	\$4.52
Small Cap Master	5/14/2010	Sale	28,600	\$4.26

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: May 17, 2010

PALO ALTO INVESTORS, INC.

PALO ALTO INVESTORS, LLC

By: /s/ Mark
Shamia
Mark Shamia, Chief Operating Officer

By: /s/ Mark
Shamia
Mark Shamia, Chief Operating Officer

PALO ALTO SMALL CAP MASTER FUND, PALO ALTO SMALL CAP FUND, L.P.
L.P.

By: Palo Alto Investors, LLC, General
Partner

By: Palo Alto Investors, LLC, General
Partner

By: Palo Alto Investors, Manager

By: Palo Alto Investors, Manager

By: /s/ Mark

By: /s/ Mark

Shamia
Mark Shamia, Chief Operating Officer

Shamia
Mark Shamia, Chief Operating Officer

/s/ Anthony Joonkyoo
Yun
Anthony Joonkyoo Yun, MD

/s/ William Leland
Edwards
William Leland Edwards

