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Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 8)*

Gastar Exploration Ltd.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Shares, no par value

(Title of Class of Securities)

367299104

(CUSIP Number)

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September 3, 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 | 7. | Sole Voting Power | 0 |
| Shares | 8. | Shared Voting Power | 0 |
| Beneficially | 9. | Sole Dispositive Power | 0 |
| Owned by | 10. | Shared Dispositive | 0 |
| Each Reporting | Power | | |
| Person With | | | |

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 0

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

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 0%

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

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
Beneficially
Owned by
Each Reporting
Person With

7. Sole Voting Power 0
8. Shared Voting Power 0
9. Sole Dispositive Power 0
10. Shared Dispositive Power 0

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 0

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

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 0%

14. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IA, OO

1. Names of Reporting Persons

William Leland Edwards

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

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.

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|----------------|-------|------------------------|--------|
| Number of | 7. | Sole Voting Power | 28,000 |
| Shares | 8. | Shared Voting Power | 0 |
| Beneficially | 9. | Sole Dispositive Power | 28,000 |
| Owned by | 10. | Shared Dispositive | 0 |
| Each Reporting | Power | | |
| Person With | | | |

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 28,000

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

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 0.1%

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

1. Names of Reporting Persons

Anthony Joonkyoo Yun, MD

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

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.

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|--|------------------------------|---|
| Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With | 7. Sole Voting Power | 0 |
| | 8. Shared Voting Power | 0 |
| | 9. Sole Dispositive Power | 0 |
| | 10. Shared Dispositive Power | 0 |

11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 0

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

13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 0%

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

This Amendment No. 8 (this “Amendment No. 8”) 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, Amendment No. 4 on January 19, 2010, Amendment No. 5 on May 17, 2010, Amendment No. 6 on August 31, 2010, and Amendment No. 7 on September 2, 2010 (the “Amended Statement”) (the Amended Statement, together with this Amendment No. 8, are collectively referred to herein as the “Statement”), by William Leland Edwards, Palo Alto Investors, LLC, Palo Alto Investors, Inc., and Anthony Joonkyoo Yun, MD (collectively, the “Filers”). Except as set forth in this Amendment No. 8, all information set forth in the Amended Statement remains unchanged and capitalized terms used but not defined in this Amendment No. 8 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 | 9/03/2010 | Sale | 2,847,294 | \$ 2.85 |
| PAI, LLC | 9/02/2010 | Sale | 44,500 | \$ 3.04 |

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: September 3, 2010

PALO ALTO INVESTORS, INC.

PALO ALTO INVESTORS, LLC

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

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

/s/ Anthony Joonkyoo
Yun
Anthony Joonkyoo Yun, MD

/s/ William Leland
Edwards
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