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15th July 2004 Appointment of CEO

The Directors of Norwest Energy NL are pleased to announce the appointment of Jonathan (Joe) Salomon as the Chief Executive Officer of the Company with effect from 21 July 2004.

Mr Salomon, a geologist, has over 20 years experience in both large and small exploration and production companies.

He currently consults to the industry and is the technical Director for Nido Petroleum NL.

After an initial period in the coal and minerals sector, he moved to the oil and gas sector with LASMO in Brisbane and then Ampolex in Sydney, where he was tasked with the development of Australian and International oil and gas projects.

Following the Mobil takeover of Ampolex in the late 1990's, he worked in the USA and headed up a team developing new projects in South Asia. This provided him with an extensive knowledge of the Asian region, as well as establishing many regional contacts.

More recently he has worked at a senior management and director level with a number of smaller companies, including Nido Petroleum and Novus Petroleum, being responsible for technical and commercial issues of existing projects and new ventures in both developing and developed countries.

He brings a broad range of skills to Norwest, along with an enthusiasm to acquire and develop new projects and to progress the existing portfolio in the most beneficial way for the Company.

For and on behalf of
Norwest Energy NL

EA Myers
Company Secretary
15 July 2004