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ASX Announcement

**NORWEST AWARDED UK BLOCK 48/1C AND ADDS POTENTIAL TO
COBRA PROJECT**

Norwest Energy NL (ASX: NWE), is to be awarded block 48/1c in the Offshore Southern North Sea Gas Basin. The block is adjacent to the Cobra licence (48/1b and 48/2c) and will form part of the Cobra joint venture.

Norwest's wholly owned subsidiary, NWE Southern Cross (UK) Pty Ltd has a 25% interest in the licence with the other participants being:

EnCore Oil (Operator)	25%
Tata Petrodyne	25%
Bharat Petroleum Company Ltd	25%

The Joint Venture has been offered a traditional licence for block 48/1c. This block adjoins and is west of the Cobra licence and contains a prospect that the Joint Venture considers to be an extension of the Cobra field.

The Cobra 48/2c -5 well was drilled in April/May 2008 and confirmed the presence of a gas discovery which, on review by independent consultants, indicated an estimated gas initially in place (GIIP) in excess of 300BCF (billion cubic feet). The Joint Venture is currently evaluating methodology to demonstrate that gas may be produced at economic rates from the field. This may involve a 'fraced' horizontal well.

Norwest CEO, Dr Roger O'Brien commented, "We are very pleased that this block has been offered to the Cobra JV. The addition of the 48/1c block in our opinion, potentially adds over 100BCF to the Cobra field. A future pipeline from adjacent discoveries may cross the field that could present a possible tie in to that pipeline, improving the economics of developing the Cobra field in the event that the joint venture is successful in establishing commercial production rates. We consider that at least half the gas in place in the Cobra field will be recoverable using current production technology where, in nearby analogue fields, the use of lateral wells has resulted in production rates in excess of 20 million cubic feet of gas per day."

For and on behalf of
Norwest Energy NL

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Company Secretary