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Norwest Energy to Sell UK North Sea Assets

Norwest Energy NL (ASX : NWE) has reached agreement with Fairfield Energy Limited to sell its UK North Sea assets. The transaction is for the sale of all of Norwest's North Sea interests comprising the 25% interest in the Cobra gas discovery and its interest in several exploration licenses in the Inner Moray Firth. The agreed consideration is US\$1,600,000 for the portfolio and the sale proceeds will allow Norwest to repay a bank facility that is due at the end of May.

The transaction is subject to partner, UK government and other regulatory approvals.

Norwest's Chief Executive Officer, Peter Munachen, commented:

"Considering the negative impact the international financial crisis is having on small companies accessing capital and the requirement to repay our bankers, Norwest has made a strategic decision to sell our UK North Sea assets that are located in a high cost offshore operating environment and to refocus our efforts on low cost onshore exploration. Our continuing portfolio of licenses in the UK South of England - Wessex Basin and in the North Perth Basin of Western Australia are in regions that host known discoveries and production; and are shaping up to have prospectivity equal to many offshore opportunities. These projects have the potential to deliver rewards that are more than commensurate with the capital investment that is affordable by Norwest and at a fraction of the high cost offshore projects. "

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