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ASX Announcement

UK VP BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT – JOHN MICHAELS EXTENDS CONTRACT

Norwest Energy NL (ASX:NWE) advises that John Michaels the UK based Vice President, Business Development has extended his contract for a period of two years commencing on 1 January 2009. It was reported in the 2008 Annual Report that Mr Michaels would be leaving Norwest. The Directors are pleased to advise that he has decided to continue at Norwest.

Mr Michaels was instrumental in the Company acquiring the interest in the UK Manuel project in the North Sea's Inner Moray Firth area in early 2008 and as well, the award of two Southern England licenses in the Dorset and Isle of Wight areas. He is a petroleum geologist with over twenty-two years of diversified technical and commercial experience gained with the majors, private companies and as a consultant. He has also worked as an oil analyst in the "City" with a boutique broker specializing in research of oil and gas companies.

Mr Michaels' skill set is complemented by that of Dr John Nicholson, Norwest's long standing geological consultant, particularly with the management of the UK asset base comprising predominantly the offshore North Sea Southern Gas Basin, Cobra gas discovery and the Southern England, Dorset and Isle of Wight onshore blocks. The Michaels/Nicholson combination is ably supported in the UK by Professor David Smythe a gravity specialist, who is currently consulting for Norwest on our Southern England projects.

Norwest's recently appointed Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Peter Munachen said " John's decision to stay on with Norwest is of extreme importance as we head into the start of our Isle of Wight airborne Gravity work program. Considering that John was instrumental in Norwest being awarded the Isle of Wight and Dorset Licenses, it is pleasing to know that he will continue to be involved with the projects going forward."

For and on behalf of
Norwest Energy NL

EA Myers
Company Secretary

About Norwest Energy NL

Norwest is a Perth-based exploration and production company with project interests in Australia and the UK.

Norwest maintains a UK office to support its North Sea activities as well as to seek out UK and International exploration and production opportunities. It also maintains a representative office in New Delhi.