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ASX Announcement

- **Farminee clears internal approvals to farm in to TP/15 and EP413 - yet closure and execution of formal documents is expected to take several more weeks.**
- **Closing date of Share Purchase Plan to be extended to 3 September to allow shareholders to be fully apprised of farm out status of TP/15 and EP413 when considering the Offer.**

Farmout

Norwest is pleased to announce that the Proposed Farminee has confirmed that it has now received all necessary internal approvals to proceed with the proposed transaction. However, it is expected that the necessary documentation will not be executed, and the transaction itself will not close, for at least two to three weeks due to internal and unrelated matters of the Proposed Farminee.

On 28 July 2010 Norwest Energy NL ("Norwest") announced that it was at an advanced stage of negotiations with a large offshore corporation ("Proposed Farminee") with refinery and distribution operations and international exploration activities, for that entity to farm-in to TP/15 and EP413. Under the terms of the transaction, the Proposed Farminee will provide funding towards the drilling of the proposed TP/15 well, known as Red Hill South, and the EP413 shale gas project to earn equity in each of those permits.

Full details of the Proposed Farminee and the terms of the transaction will be provided once the transaction has been concluded.

Share Purchase Plan (SPP) - closing date extended to 3 September 2010.

Due to the expected delay in closing the farm-out referred to above, Norwest directors have determined to extend the closing date of the SPP from 20 August until 3 September to allow shareholders to be fully apprised of the farm-out status of TP/15 and EP413 when considering the SPP offer.

Whilst the closing date has been extended until 3 September 2010, once the Company has announced the full details of the farm-out, the directors may choose to close the SPP before the extended closing date. Accordingly, shareholders are urged

to lodge applications as soon as is practical and in advance of the extended closing date.

On 28 July Norwest announced that it proposed to raise up to \$4.5m from the issue of up to 176m shares at the issue price of \$0.026 per share pursuant to Norwest's Share Purchase Plan. These funds will be applied to UK and other Australian exploration activities, operating overheads and to provide interim bridging funding for TP/15 and EP413 activities whilst the farm-out of those projects is formalized. Any funds outlaid by Norwest on those projects during this bridging period will be recovered from the Proposed Farminee once that transaction is completed.

Full details of the SPP are contained in the SPP documents that were mailed to all shareholders on 5 August, 2010.

For and on behalf of
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