

**ASX**

AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES EXCHANGE

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Norwest Energy NL**TRADING HALT**

The securities of Norwest Energy NL (the "Company") will be placed in pre-open at the request of the Company pending the release of an announcement by the Company. Unless ASX decides otherwise, the securities will remain in pre-open until the earlier of the commencement of normal trading on Thursday 30 December 2010 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: NWE

Farlee Walker
Adviser, Listings (Perth)



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Ms F Walker
Australian Securities Exchange Limited
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Dear Ms Walker

Request for Trading Halt

Norwest (ASX: NWE) hereby requests that a trading halt be placed on its securities pending the release of an announcement in relation to a proposed capital raising.

It is requested that ASX have the trading halt continue until the opening of trading on 30 December 2010 unless it is advised to lift the trading halt before that time. At that time the Company will be able to provide details of the capital raising.

Norwest is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted or of any other information available at this stage that is relevant to the trading halt.

For and on behalf of
Norwest Energy NL

Ernie Myers
Company Secretary