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Ms E Harris
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Dear Ms Harris

Request for Trading Halt

Norwest (ASX:NWE) hereby requests that a trading halt be placed on its securities pending the release of an announcement providing an update on the approval process for carrying out the hydraulic stimulation program at Arrowsmith 2 project.

It is requested that ASX have the trading halt continue until the opening of trading on 25 August 2011 unless it is advised to lift the trading halt before that time. At that time the Company will be able to advise of the status of all required regulatory approvals, including environmental, for the proposed hydraulic stimulation testing program at Arrowsmith 2.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E.A. Myers".

Ernie Myers
Company Secretary