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**ASX Announcement**

**Status of Appeal against the EPA decision not to  
assess the Arrowsmith-2 Hydraulic Fracture  
Stimulation Program**

**Norwest Energy NL (ASX:NWE) (Norwest)** advises that it is still awaiting the determination of the Minister for Environment on an appeal against the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) decision to 'not assess' the Arrowsmith-2 hydraulic fracture stimulation program.

Once the Minister's decision is announced, Norwest will immediately lock in a fixed date for the Halliburton frac spread to be mobilised to the Arrowsmith-2 project location. Following the announcement of the Minister's decision, on-site activities will recommence immediately in preparation for delivery of the frac spread for the fracture stimulation and flow testing program.

**ARROWSMITH-2**

The Arrowsmith-2 well was successfully drilled in June 2011, with the drilling and evaluation results exhibiting necessary shale gas indicators, with the hydraulic stimulation and flow test programs now the final two phases to be undertaken in order to complete this proof of concept program. These final results will then provide the necessary data to:

- High-grade target intervals for subsequent development.
- Scale up the flow results from the vertical well to predict production rates for horizontal wells.
- Design an appropriate program for the next phase.
- Estimate contingent resource volumes.

The participants in the EP413/Arrowsmith Joint Venture are:

Norwest Energy NL (Operator)	(ASX: NWE)	27.945%
AWE Limited (via subsidiary Arc Energy Ltd)	(ASX: AWE)	44.252%
Bharat PetroResources Ltd		27.803%

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