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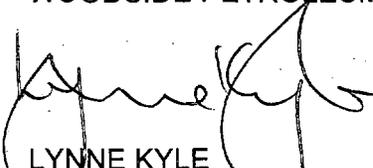
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Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter and enclosures by signing the duplicate copy and faxing to the writer's attention on (618) 9348 4990.

Yours faithfully
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STOCK EXCHANGE RELEASE

MC Block 555
Timber Wolf-1
Gulf of Mexico, USA

Woodside Petroleum Ltd., reports that on 16 November 2001, the Timber Wolf-1 exploration well, located in the Gulf of Mexico, Mississippi Canyon Block 555, was drilled to a total depth of 23,105 feet and was temporarily abandoned following completion of open-hole wireline logging. The well is located in 4,749 feet of water, approximately 30 kilometres northwest of the giant Crazy Horse discovery. The well discovered hydrocarbons in Miocene reservoirs. Further studies are planned.

Woodside's interest in Mississippi Canyon MC Block 555 and three adjacent blocks (MC554, MC598 and MC599) is 2.75%. Other participants in MC Block 555 are Exxon Mobil Corporation (89% and Operator of the Timber Wolf Prospect) and Marathon Oil Company (8.25%).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Lees', is positioned above the typed name of the signatory.

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NEWS RELEASE

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Thursday, 20 December 2001
10.30am WST

NORTH WEST SHELF PARTICIPANTS AND METHANEX SIGN GAS SALES AND PURCHASE AGREEMENT

North West Shelf Venture participants and Methanex Australia Pty Ltd (a subsidiary of Methanex Corporation of Canada) have signed a Gas Sales Agreement for the supply of gas to a proposed world scale methanol plant on the Burrup Peninsula in the Pilbara region of Western Australia.

The agreement is for the supply of 200 terajoules of gas a day over 25 years from 2005. Methanex plans to build a methanol plant designed to produce two million tonnes of methanol a year.

The General Manager of North West Shelf Gas Pty Limited, Mr Akos Gyarmathy, said that the Agreement represented another milestone in realising valuable gas processing industries on the Burrup Peninsula.

"We are very pleased to enter this agreement with Methanex, which is a global leader in the production of methanol," Mr Gyarmathy said.

"We are delighted at the way all parties, including support from State and Federal Governments, have come together to achieve this agreement by year-end, as contemplated in the Memorandum of Understanding signed on 1 November.

"Methanex's commitment to this agreement is a clear sign that the North West Shelf and Western Australia offer world-class competitive opportunities for gas related industries."

Methanex Corporation supplies about a quarter of the world's methanol market and more than 30% of the Asia-Pacific market. Methanex has major production plants in New Zealand and Chile.

Under the agreement, there is a provision for the NWS Venture to supply a further 200 terajoules a day should Methanex proceed with plans to double production.

The plant will be supplied with Australian Feedstock Gas™, which is industrial quality natural gas from the North West Shelf Venture's facilities at Karratha.

Mr Gyarmathy added that the NWS Venture's recent announcement on the construction of a second trunkline linking offshore production and onshore processing facilities further underpinned opportunities to supply gas to domestic and industrial markets in Western Australia.

"All Western Australians stand to benefit from the expansion of the North West Shelf's operations currently under way on the Burrup Peninsula," Mr Gyarmathy said.

"The overall expansion project, which includes a fourth LNG train and the second trunkline, will pave the way for increased exports, direct and indirect employment for thousands of Australians and increased capacity to supply gas to industry and Western Australian households."

North West Shelf Gas Pty Ltd is the Australian domestic gas marketing representative for the North West Shelf Venture.

The North West Shelf Venture is equally owned by Woodside Energy Ltd. (16.67%); BP Developments Australia Pty Ltd (16.67%); Chevron Australia Pty Ltd (16.67%); BHP Billiton Petroleum (North West Shelf) Pty Ltd (16.67%); Shell Development (Australia) Proprietary Limited (16.67%); and Japan Australia LNG (MIMI) Pty. Ltd. (16.67%).

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WOODSIDE WELCOMES CO-OPERATIVE GOVERNMENT APPROACH TO RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Woodside Energy Ltd. Managing Director John Akehurst today welcomed the signing of a Gas Sales Agreement between the North West Shelf Participants and Methanex.

Mr Akehurst commended the co-operative approach being taken by the State and Federal Governments to resource development in Australia.

He said the support package provided by the State and Federal Governments to Methanex Australia Pty Ltd to develop a world-scale methanol plant on the Burrup Peninsula in Western Australia reflected a strong commitment by both Governments to add significant value to the nation's resources.

"It's good to see the new Federal Minister Ian Macfarlane and State Minister Clive Brown working together with the gas industry to secure new gas-related projects in Western Australia," Mr Akehurst said.

"This approach will be seen positively by other international companies currently looking at investment opportunities in Australia."

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