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Securities and Exchange Commission
Office of International Corporate Finance
450 Fifth Street N.W.
Washington DC 20549
United States of America

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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: WOODSIDE PETROLEUM LTD - EXEMPTION FILE NO. 82.2280

In accordance with Rule 12g 3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, we enclose the following document/s which has/have recently been filed with the Australian Stock Exchange ("ASX"):

- News Release in relation to the Appointment of Directors, lodged with the Australian Stock Exchange on 16 October 2002.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could return by fax (61+ 8 9348 4990) a copy of this letter as proof of receipt.

Yours faithfully
WOODSIDE PETROLEUM LTD.

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APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Woodside Petroleum Ltd. today announced that two new non-executive Directors will be appointed to the Board, effective 1 December 2002. They are Mr Erich Fraunschiel and Dr Pierre Jungels.

Mr Fraunschiel was formerly an Executive Director and the Chief Financial Officer of Wesfarmers Limited from 1992 until his retirement in July 2002, having joined that company in 1984. He is currently a Non-Executive Director of West Australian Newspapers Holdings Limited and Foodland Associated Limited.

Dr Jungels is the current President of the Institute of Petroleum based in the United Kingdom. From 1996 to 2001 he served as a Director and Chief Executive Officer of Enterprise Oil Plc. From 1995 to 1996 he was the Managing Director of Exploration and Production of British Gas plc, and from 1975 to 1995 he worked for Petrofina SA of Belgium, the last six years as Executive Director of the main Board responsible for exploration and production world-wide and as group co-ordinator for Africa. He is a Director of Imperial Tobacco Plc and of Offshore Logistics, Inc.

The Chairman of Woodside Petroleum Ltd., Mr Charles Goode, said "The appointment of the two new non-executive directors strengthens the Board. Mr Fraunschiel is Perth-based and will bring to the Board senior financial and general business experience. He will chair the Company's Audit Committee. Dr Jungels is London-based with extensive international exploration and development experience."

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