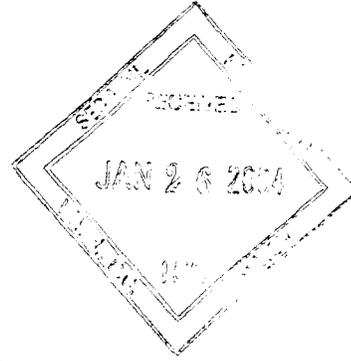


07 January 2004



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 a copy of the following Stock Exchange Releases which has recently been filed with the Australian Stock Exchange ("ASX") in relation to:

- Mauritania Block 7, lodged with the Australian Stock Exchange on 7 January 2004.

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.

**Katrina Rees**  
**Assistant Secretariat Officer**

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**MAURITANIA BLOCK 7**

Woodside Petroleum Ltd. advises that it is considering an option to acquire an interest in Block 7 offshore Mauritania following an assessment of drilling costs on the recent Pelican-1 discovery well.

As a result of Woodside managing the drilling operations and meeting cost reduction targets in the drilling of the well, Woodside has the option to acquire from the existing joint venturers, in accordance with their participating interests, an interest of up to 10% in the block by paying up to 10% of the 2003 exploration costs incurred within the block, including the costs of drilling the well. The amount of the entitlement will depend on the final costs of the well.

A decision has not yet been made to exercise the option and a further announcement will be made if Woodside elects to do so.

Existing joint venture interests in Block 7 are:

Dana Petroleum	80%
Hardman Resources	18%
Roc Oil (Mauritania) Company	2%

Anthony Niardone  
Assistant Company Secretary