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

- WA-255-P (Eskdale-2), lodged with the Australian Stock Exchange on 11 May 2004.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could return by fax (+61 8 9214 2728) a copy of this letter as proof of receipt.

Yours faithfully  
WOODSIDE PETROLEUM LTD.

Rebecca Sims  
Compliance Officer

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# ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

(ASX: WPL)

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## **WA-255-P** **ESKDALE-2**

Woodside Petroleum Ltd., a participant in the BHP Billiton operated WA-255-P Joint Venture, reports that the Eskdale-2 exploration well located in the Exmouth Sub-basin has drilled to 2,942 metres, the well's Total Depth with coring operations continuing.

Preliminary interpretation of wireline log data indicates a 24 metre gas column and 13 metre oil column in the well with no oil-water contact encountered. Analysis of data is continuing, to determine whether the discovery is commercial or not.

The Atwood Eagle semi-submersible drilling rig is drilling the well. The well location is approximately 2.3 kilometres southwest of Eskdale-1. Water depth at the location is approximately 824 metres.

All reported depths are referenced to the rig rotary table.

Equal joint venture participants in WA-255-P are BHP Billiton Petroleum (Australia) Pty. Ltd. and Woodside Energy Ltd.