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Securities and Exchange Commission
Office of International Corporate Finance
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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:

- Woodside monitoring events in Mauritania, lodged with the Australian Stock Exchange on 10 August 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Rebecca Sims'.

Rebecca Sims
Compliance Officer

Handwritten initials 'JLW' followed by the date '8/19'.

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WOODSIDE MONITORING EVENTS IN MAURITANIA

Woodside Petroleum Ltd. advises that it is monitoring events in Mauritania following reports that several military personnel have been arrested.

All reports to Woodside from its staff and contractors within the country, diplomatic channels and other sources indicate that the situation in the capital, Nouakchott, is calm.

All Woodside staff and contractors have been accounted for.

As a precaution, Woodside has advised its staff and contractors to suspend travel to Mauritania until the situation becomes clearer.

Woodside will advise of any further developments.