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Dear Sirs

~~Premier Oil plc~~ (f/k/a Premier Oil Group plc)
Rule 12g3-2(b) Exemption: File No. 82-34723

In accordance with Premier Oil plc's exemption from the disclosure requirements under Rule 12g3-2(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, please find enclosed the following press release dated 31st January 2006:

"Mauritania : Drilling Update - Colin"

Yours faithfully

C. Crenlyffe

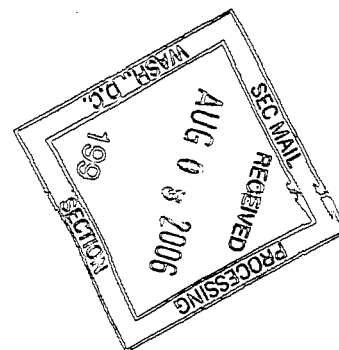
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Company Secretary

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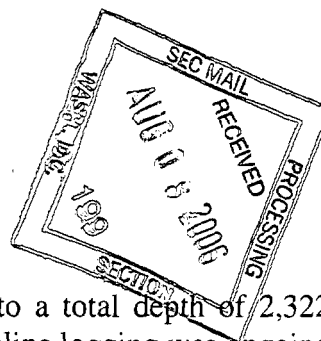
PREMIER OIL PLC **("Premier" or "the Company")**

Drilling update – Colin

Mauritania

The Colin-1 exploration well in PSC A has been drilled to a total depth of 2,322 meters without encountering significant hydrocarbons. Wireline logging was ongoing at 24:00 on 31st July 2006, after which the well will be plugged and abandoned.

Premier holds a 4.63% share in PSC A.



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