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Dear Sirs

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**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 5<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

*UK Block 23/22b Farmout*

Yours faithfully

*C. Huddle*

*for* **Stephen Huddle  
Company Secretary**

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# Press Release

## **PREMIER OIL PLC ("Premier")**

### **UK Block 23/22b Farmout**

Premier is pleased to announce the completion of farmout agreements with Oilexco and BG relating to its interest in Block 23/22b which contains the Palaeocene Sparrow prospect (25-40 mmbbls, on trend with the recent Columbus discovery) along with a deeper Jurassic prospect. Oilexco are drilling a well to test a Jurassic prospect in the adjacent block 23/21, which will be sidetracked to test the Sparrow prospect. Premier will be carried for the costs of the well and will retain a 25% interest. The well is expected to spud imminently.

**5 March 2008**

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