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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 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2008.

"Drilling Update".

Yours faithfully

*G. C. Huddle*

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**Company Secretary**

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# Press Release

**PREMIER OIL PLC**  
**(“Premier” or “the Company”)**

**Drilling Update**

**UK**

The Sparrow well on Block 23/22b has been drilled to a total depth of 10,598 feet. The well encountered Palaeocene sandstones but they were water-bearing at this location. Premier was carried through the costs of drilling Sparrow through a farm-down of its interest.

The rig will now drill the Moth prospect in Block 23/21 in which Premier does not hold an interest. This well may de-risk further potential on Block 23/22b at the Jurassic level.

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