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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



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 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2008.

*Drilling Update - NW Gemsa Concession, Al Amir SE-1 ST Discovery*

Yours faithfully

*E. Crilly*

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*for* Stephen Huddle  
Company Secretary

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# Press Release

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

## **Drilling Update NW Gemsa Concession, Al Amir SE-1 ST Discovery**

The Al Amir SE-1 sidetrack well has been drilled in the onshore North West Gemsa Concession, Egypt.

We are pleased to announce a discovery in Kareem Formation sandstones with the well testing 41° API oil and gas at sustained rates of 3388 bopd and 4.25 MMscfd. The well, which had been sidetracked after operational difficulties, is currently being completed as a potential producer.

Full technical evaluation of all the results is underway to permit forward planning as a precursor to further assessment of the resource. Assessment of Reserves has not yet been completed.

The North West Gemsa Concession partners include Vegas Oil and Gas 50% interest and operator, Circle Oil plc 40% interest and Premier Oil plc 10%.

The NW Gemsa concession covers an area of over 400 square kilometres and lies about 300 kilometres southeast of Cairo in a partially unexplored part of the Gulf of Suez Basin. The concession agreement includes the right of conversion to a production licence of 20 years, plus extensions, in the event of commercial discoveries.

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