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Dear Sirs

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~~Premier Oil plc~~ (via 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 19th August 2009

"NW Gemsa Sale"

Yours faithfully

Stephen Huddle
Company Secretary

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Press Release

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

NW Gemsa sale

19th August 2009

Premier announces the sale of its 10% interest in the NW Gemsa licence, onshore Egypt, to Sea Dragon Energy for the sum of US\$12.5 million. The sale is subject to the approval of the Egyptian authorities.

Simon Lockett, Premier’s CEO, commented:

“While Premier continues to evaluate potential opportunities in Egypt and the surrounding countries, our low equity interest in NW Gemsa is not material for the Company and this sale releases internal resources which can now be focused elsewhere.”

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