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Dear Sirs

~~Premier Oil plc (11/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 26<sup>th</sup> August 2009.

"Drilling Update - Norway, Congo"

Yours faithfully

*for* Stephen Huddle  
**Company Secretary**

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## Press Release

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

**Drilling update – Norway, Congo**

**26 August 2009**

### **Norway**

As published in Norway earlier today, Premier announces the successful completion of the drilling and testing of the Bream appraisal well (17/12-4, 4A and 4B) on Block 17/12 in Norway. A vertical pilot hole and two horizontal side-tracks were drilled. One of the side-tracks was tested from a limited perforated interval with a maximum flow-rate of 2,516 boepd.

The principal objectives of the appraisal were achieved in determining the deliverability and connectivity of the Middle Jurassic Brent aged reservoirs. The target Middle Jurassic Bryne sand sequence was encountered as prognosed. An extensive data collection program has been carried out including coring of the reservoir, wireline logging operations and a DST which suggest initial recoverable volumes of between 39 – 63mmbbl. Further evaluation is ongoing.

The well was drilled in a water depth of 110 metres to a depth of 2452 metres below sea level and has now been plugged and abandoned.

### **Congo**

The Frida Marine -1 well in the Congo Marine IX permit has reached a target depth of 3250m. Logging has indicated that the well did not encounter hydrocarbons and it is being plugged and abandoned as a dry hole. Well result analysis is ongoing to determine implications of this result on the follow-up prospect, Ida.

The rig is expected to be off contract on the 29th August.

### **Simon Lockett, Chief Executive Officer, commented:**

“We are disappointed that the Frida well encountered no hydrocarbons, however the news from Bream is extremely encouraging for future development in Norway. Additional potential exists on adjoining acreage operated by Premier including the discovery on 18/10 and the Gardrofa prospect. These could add the volumes required for a potential Bream Area development.”

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