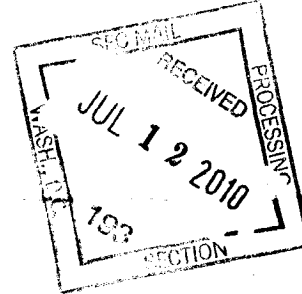




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Dear Sirs

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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 5th July 2010.

"Drilling Update - Catcher South West Appraisal Results".

Yours faithfully

for **Stephen Huddle**
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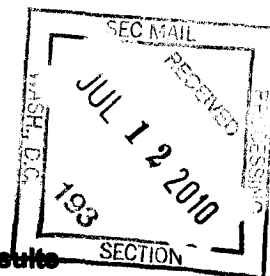
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Press Release

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Drilling Update - Catcher South West Appraisal Results



Premier is pleased to announce that the Catcher South West Appraisal (28/9-1Y) sidetrack well, located in the UK Central North Sea, has successfully encountered excellent quality oil bearing Cromarty sandstones.

The well was drilled to a total depth of 6,255 ft Measured Depth and initial analysis indicates 68 ft of net hydrocarbon pay over a gross vertical reservoir interval of 261 ft. A vertical hydrocarbon column of 173 ft was encountered with an oil water contact coincident with that seen in the Catcher Discovery well.

The 28/9-1Y appraisal well completes this phase of the Catcher area drilling. However, Premier and its co-venturers have decided to acquire additional site surveys over potential drilling locations in block 28/9 and further exploration wells are planned for later this year or early 2011, subject to rig availability.

Premier has 35% equity in the 28/9 licence.

Simon Lockett, Chief Executive Officer, commented:

"We are delighted with the results of the latest Catcher well; this well was deliberately sited to target potential oil bearing sands within the Catcher structure but outside the area of strong amplitude support on the 3D seismic data. As a result, Premier has up graded the Catcher/ Catcher East reserves estimate to a range of 60 mmbbls to 100 mmbbls. We will move forward rapidly with plans to assess the remaining exploration potential in the 28/9 licence and to determine the future development options for the Catcher discovery. The latest appraisal well confirms Catcher as an important addition to our growing portfolio in the Central North Sea"

5th July 2010

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