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Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporation Finance Office of International Corporate Finance 450 Fifth Street **WASHINGTON DC 20549** USA First australian Bessura

Gentlemen:

**EXEMPTION NUMBER 82-3494** 

To continue the exemption of our securities from Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("the Act") and in accordance with Rule 12g-3-2(b)(iii) under the Act, we enclose announcements which information we have sent to The Australian Stock Exchange (Perth) Ltd, the only Stock Exchange on which, to our knowledge, our Company's securities are traded, and which was made public by the Exchange with which we filed.

The information is being furnished under Rule 12g-3-2(b)(iii), with the understanding that such information will not be deemed "filed" with the Securities and Exchange Commission or otherwise subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Act, and that neither this letter not the furnishing of such information shall constitute and admission for any purpose that this Company is subject to the Act.

Yours faithfully,

**COLIN JOHN HARPER** Company Secretary

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Lodgement with Australian Stock Exchange: 17 August 2010 (ASX Announcement & Media Release: Guinea Bissau Exploration Program Commences)

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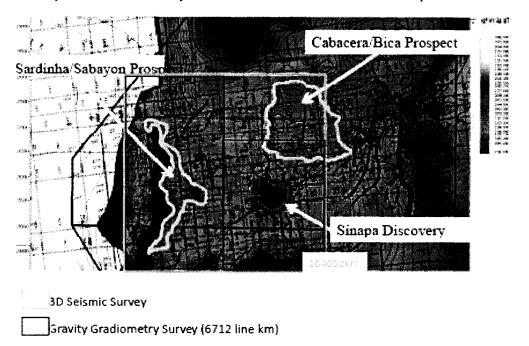
## **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT AND MEDIA RELEASE**

## **GUINEA BISSAU EXPLORATION PROGRAM COMMENCES**

## SINAPA (BLOCK 2) AND ESPERANCA (BLOCKS 4A & 5A) OFFSHORE GUINEA BISSAU (FAR 15%)

The Company is pleased to advise that the exploration program offshore Guinea Bissau, announced in our ASX release of 29 July 2010, has now commenced.

Geophysical imaging company ARKeX has started work on a BlueQube Marine gravity gradiometry survey in the Sinapa and Esperanca exploration blocks. This survey precedes a 1600 Sq Km 3D Seismic Survey which is scheduled to commence in mid September 2010.



Commenting on the commencement of this work, ARKeX stated:

"We are very pleased to have been awarded this project by Svenska. The application of gravity gradiometry is gaining increasing acceptance in these challenging areas by providing critical information on the morphology of salt and carbonates to improve seismic imaging".

The commencement of gravity gradiometry work marks the start of an exciting period of exploration offshore Guinea Bissau. Results of the 3D Seismic Survey are expected to be available during Q1 2011.

For information on FAR's drilling activities visit our website at www.far.com.au