

Leed Petroleum PLC

(“Leed” or the “Company”)

Award of Lease

Leed Petroleum PLC, the oil and gas exploration and production company focused on the Gulf of Mexico, today announces that the Company has been awarded the South Marsh Island Block 8 lease in the Central Gulf of Mexico, Minerals Management Service (“MMS”) Lease Sale 206.

As announced on 19 March 2008, the MMS has confirmed that Leed was the highest bidder on two blocks, South Marsh Island Block 8 and West Cameron Block 106 in the Central Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 206. On 27 June 2008, the MMS confirmed that Leed’s bid of \$2,111,111 for South Marsh Island Block 8 had been accepted. The South Marsh Island block is located approximately 110 miles southwest of New Orleans, Louisiana in 60 feet of water. As soon as practicable, Leed intends to add the South Marsh Island Block 8 drilling opportunities identified by Leed’s technical team to the Company’s drilling schedule.

The South Marsh Island Block 8 lease will be held for an initial five year “primary” term during which the Company will have the right to explore and produce hydrocarbons. Once production is established from the lease, the lease will be held by production until 180 days after the cessation of production.

In accordance with the Company’s pre-existing scouting agreement with Byron Energy Pty. Ltd. (“Byron”), Byron will have the right to acquire up to 25% of the Company’s working interest in the block (the “Option Right”).

ASSET (All are U.S.)	OPERATOR	INTEREST¹ WI / NRI (%)	STATUS	LEASE EXPIRY DATE	LEASE AREA (km²)	COMMENTS
South Marsh Island Block 8	Leed Petroleum LLC	100 / 81.25	Exploration	To be determined	12.73	New lease acquired in MMS Central Gulf Lease Sale # 206

¹ Interest – Working interests (WI) are shown and are subject to various royalty payments. Net revenue interests (NRI) include any and all royalty payments. Working and Net Revenue Interests in the above property is subject to the Option Right.

Howard Wilson, President and Chief Executive of Leed Petroleum PLC, commented:

“South Marsh Island Block 8 was our top ranked prospect at this year’s lease sale and we are very excited that our bid has been accepted by the MMS. Our technical team has identified several solid exploratory and low risk re-development opportunities on this lease. We are actively planning wells that will test these strong prospects.

The award of the South Marsh Island Block 8 brings another high quality asset into our prospect inventory. This lease has the potential to become one of our key assets as its development unfolds and we will be working diligently to incorporate it into our drilling schedule”.

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Operations

Leed Petroleum PLC is an AIM quoted independent oil and gas exploration and production company. The Company's operations are concentrated in the Gulf of Mexico region where Leed has established a significant portfolio of producing and development assets. The Company has interests in 17 offshore fields and 1 onshore field in the region.

Leed's strategy is to grow the Company's portfolio through organic development of its existing assets and to utilise its regional expertise to identify and purchase value adding assets.