NEWPORT EXPLORATION LTD.

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NEWPORT EXPLORATION ANNOUNCES SPECIAL DIVIDEND

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Vancouver, Canada June 6th, 2016. Newport Exploration Ltd ("Newport" or "the Company") is pleased to announce that the Board of Directors has declared a special cash dividend ("the Dividend") of $0.10 per share to the holders of the Company's common shares.

This dividend has been designated as an "eligible dividend" for Canadian income tax purposes.

The Board of Directors has made the decision to declare this dividend based on the persistently low value being placed on the Company's shares despite several successful wells drilled in Ex-PEL's 91, 106, and 632 that should ensure ongoing royalty payments in the near to mid-term, as well as a lack of suitable investment opportunities in the currently volatile energy market. The payment of future cash dividends is subject to the Board's determination to react to actual future market conditions in the interests of Newport shareholders.

Declaration of dividends

This cash dividend will be distributed to Newport shareholders pursuant to the TSX Venture Exchange's due bill trading policy. Pursuant to that policy:

- the record date (the "Record Date") to determine shareholders of Newport entitled to receive the Dividend is June 23, 2016;
- due bill trading commences on June 21, 2016 to July 7, 2016, inclusively ("Due Bill Period);
- the Dividend payment date (the "Dividend Payment Date") will be July 7, 2016;
- the ex-dividend date will be July 8, 2016 (the next trading day following the Dividend Payment Date); and
- the due bill redemption date will be July 12, 2016 (the second trading day following the ex-dividend date).

For clarification, "due bills" will represent the Dividend that Newport shareholders will be entitled to receive. The due bills will be deemed to be attached to Newport's common shares two trading days prior to the Record Date, and will continue to be attached to Newport's shares until the end of the Dividend Payment Date. Accordingly, Newport's shares will trade on a "due bill" basis from June 21, 2016 until close of trading on July 7, 2016 (the "Due Bill Period"). This means that persons who sell their Newport shares during the Due Bill Period shall also sell their entitlement of the dividend to the purchasers of shares. Newport's shares will commence trading on an ex-dividend basis (i.e. without an attached "due bill" entitlement to the dividend) from the opening of trading on July 8, 2016 (i.e. the next trading day after the Dividend Payment Date). The due bills will be redeemed on July 12, 2016 once all trades with attached due bills entered during the Due Bill Period have settled.

About Newport

Newport holds a 2.5% gross overriding royalty on several oil and gas permits in the Cooper Basin in Australia. These permits are currently being operated and explored by Beach Energy Ltd. ("Beach") and Santos Ltd. ("Santos"), both major Australian oil and gas producers. Recent exploration and development has been focused on Ex-PEL's 91, 106, and 632 with several successful wells having been drilled and reported as producers and/or future producers.

The Company continues to strongly encourage shareholders and potential investors to access information released independently by Beach and Santos in order to keep current during an active period in the exploration, development, and production of these licences.

The Company currently has 92,329,874 common shares issued and outstanding and $12.4 million in cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments and an approximate CDN $2.2 million receivable from the Canada Revenue Agency.

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