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HANSON-4 WELL ON EX-PEL 91 INTERSECTS TWO ZONES WITH NET PAY OF 6 METRES

Vancouver, British Columbia, September 8th, 2016. Newport Exploration Ltd ("Newport" or "the Company") received the Beach Energy Ltd ("Beach") Monthly Drilling Report (published on September 7, 2016) announcing it had commenced its FY17 operated drilling program with the Hanson-4 development well on PPL 255 (ex-PEL 91). PPL 255 (Beach 100%) is located in the Cooper Basin, Australia and is subject to the Company's 2.5% gross overriding royalty.

As reported by Beach, the Hanson-4 development well is located on the eastern culmination of the Hanson Field in PPL 255, approximately 85 kilometres west-northwest of the Moomba processing facility and targeted oil bearing reservoirs within the Namur Sandstone and overlaying McKinlay Member. The well also assessed potential for reservoir development in the Lower Birkhead Formation. Beach reported Hanson-4 was cased and suspended as a future oil producer following intersection of approximately three metres of net pay in the Namur Sandstone and three metres of net pay in the McKinlay Member. These results were in-line with pre-drill estimates. The well is expected to be brought online in Beach's Q2 2017.

Additionally, Beach reported drilling the Stunsail-3 well to develop oil bearing reservoirs in the Namur and Mid-Namur Sandstone in the Stunsail Field, which is located approximately 85 kilometres northwest of the Moomba processing facility. Stunsail-3 will also assess potential for reservoir development in the Lower Birkhead Formation. The well was spudded on August 29th, 2016 and is awaiting clearance of wet weather conditions before drilling ahead.

The Company continues to strongly encourage shareholders and potential investors to access information released independently by Beach and Santos Ltd in order to keep current during the exploration and development of all the licenses subject to the Company's gross overriding royalty.

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