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KANGAROO-1 WELL IN EX-PEL 91 ENCOUNTERS 20 METRE GROSS INTERVAL WITHIN BIRKHEAD FORMATION

Vancouver, British Columbia, October 11th, 2016. Newport Exploration Ltd ("Newport" or "the Company") reports on exploration results as announced by Beach Energy Ltd ("Beach") on October 10th, 2016 from the Kangaroo-1 Well on Ex-PEL 91 located in the Cooper Basin, Australia, which is subject to the Company's 2.5% gross overriding royalty.

As reported in a news release by the Company on October 5th, 2016, the Kangaroo-1 Well was spudded on 29th September 2016 targeting stratigraphically trapped oil within the Birkhead Formation. Kangaroo-1 is the first well of Beach's 10 exploration well campaign for their FY2017 exploration program and is located in approximately four kilometres North West of the Spitfire Field, which produces oil from the target reservoir interval.

Beach reports that the Kangaroo-1 exploration well intersected a 20 metre gross oil column in the Birkhead Formation. A drill stem test (DST) over the Birkhead Formation (1694.5m to 1712.0 mRT) recovered 41.6 barrels of approximately 52 degree API oil from the drill string following a 3.13 hour flow period. Beach also reports that there were no indications of formation water from the DST and that the flow rate was calculated as 320 bopd.

The results from Kangaroo-1 have the potential to expand the prospectivity across Beach's operated Western Flank permits and Beach have already identified two separate follow-up prospects in proximity to the Kangaroo-1 discovery.

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. For further information contact:

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