

Current Status of Development Projects of Arabian Oil Company, Ltd.

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AOC Holdings, Inc. (the “Company”) announces current status of development projects of its wholly-owned subsidiary, Arabian Oil Company, Ltd. (“AOC”, Head Office: Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo, Director-President: Kazutoshi Hoyano, Capital: 13,000 Million Yen) as follows:

AOC acquired 10% interests in production licenses of PL316 and PL316B that include Yme Oil Field through Norske AEDC AS, a wholly owned Norwegian subsidiary of AOC in February, 2009. Development work for Yme Oil Field has been continuously conducted, and production start-up was expected in second quarter (April-June period) of 2012. But according to Talisman Energy Norge AS (“Talisman”, the operator of Yme Oil Field), it has become impossible to commence production from Yme Oil Field within 2012 because of the further delay in installation and commissioning work at the topside facilities. Meanwhile, Talisman is preparing a revised project plan, and new production commencement date will be updated in due course once it becomes available.

As for development project of Northwest October (“NWO”) Block in the Gulf of Suez in Egypt, development work has been carried out for NWO Block aiming to start oil production in May 2012. However, it has become difficult to maintain such production start-up target due to revision of development plan and the situations in Egypt since last year. Discussions with Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation are continuing to finalize the development plan and schedule. Progress in this regard will be announced in due time.

The above two issues will have no impact on consolidated business results of the Company for FY2011, the year ending March 31, 2012.

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