

Change of Assignee of 50% interest in Northwest October Block in the Gulf of Suez

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Arabian Oil Company, Ltd. (AOC), a wholly-owned subsidiary of AOC Holdings Inc., executed Sale and Purchase Agreement for assignment of its 50% interest out of 100% in Northwest October Block in the Gulf of Suez, Egypt, where the development work is going on, with Egyptian General Petroleum Corporation (EGPC), and Joint Operating Agreement was also executed between them.

AOC earlier decided to assign the said 50% interest to the Egypt-based PICO International Petroleum in August 2008. After the AOC's decision, however, EGPC exercised pre-emptive right for the said assignment in accordance with Concession Agreement concluded by and between the Egyptian Government, EGPC and AOC.
