

Delay in Commencement of Production in Yme Oil Field on the Norwegian Continental Shelf

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Arabian Oil Company, Ltd. ("AOC", Head Office: Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo, Director-President: Kazutoshi Hoyano, Capital: 13,000 Million Yen) acquired 10% interests in production licenses of PL316 and PL316B that include Yme re-development oil field through Norske AEDC AS, a wholly owned Norwegian subsidiary of AOC, from Talisman Energy Norge AS in February, 2009. For implementing the project in the subject oil field, construction work of production facilities has been carrying out for commencing oil production in the forth quarter 2009. However, due to delay in completion of construction work of Mobile Offshore Production Unit with Storage, which is to be installed at the field, expected timing of starting production from the oil field has been now delayed to be in FY2010, the year ending March 31, 2011.

In spite of the delay, the project is to be proceeded as initially intended and it will have little impact on consolidated business results of AOC Holdings, Inc. for FY2009, the year ending March 31, 2010.
