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Commencement of seismic program for PPL 266

New Guinea Energy Limited (**NGE**) is pleased to announce the commencement of a joint seismic program with Talisman Niugini Limited (**Talisman**) in relation to NGE's wholly owned PPL 266.

Talisman will extend its current seismic program in respect of its adjoining licence, PPL 261, to include the north-east of PPL 266. This cooperative program between NGE and Talisman is an opportunity for NGE to achieve operational synergies and cost savings whilst pursuing its aim of identifying leads and elevating leads to drillable prospect status.

NGE anticipates completion of the PPL 266 seismic program by the end of the first quarter 2010.

NGE has entered into farm-in agreements with Talisman in relation to PPLs 268 and 269. The key terms of these farm-in agreements are detailed in NGE's announcement to the ASX of 18 September 2009.

Should you have any queries please contact Lucy Rowe or Gillian Nairn on 02 9250 1800.

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