

Niko Announces Double Farmout with Repsol Exploration SA

CALGARY, ALBERTA (Marketwire – January 14, 2011) – Niko Resources Ltd. (“Niko”) (TSX: NKO) is pleased to announce that it has reached a Farmout agreement with Repsol Exploration SA (“Repsol”) in which Repsol, through its subsidiaries, will become a joint venture participant in both the East Bula and Seram Production Sharing Contracts (PSC) in Indonesia. As a result of the agreement, Niko as operator will hold 55% working interest and Repsol will hold 45% working interest on each PSC. The transfer of interest has been approved by the Government in Indonesia.

The Seram PSC was signed by Niko in November 2008 while the adjacent East Bula PSC was signed by Niko in November 2009. Niko as the operator of both blocks has completed a 4,760 km 2D seismic survey and a 200 square km 3D seismic survey.

Repsol and Niko are also joint venture partners in three recently awarded blocks; Cendrawasih Bay II, III, and IV. These three blocks were signed under a Production Sharing Contract on May 18th, 2010. Niko as the operator of Cendrawasih Bay III and IV has already completed a 5,240 km 2D seismic survey.

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