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**NOVUS ENERGY INC. ANNOUNCES ACQUISITIONS OF ASSETS IN ITS DODSLAND,
SASKATCHEWAN CORE AREA**

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Calgary, Alberta, December 18, 2009 – Novus Energy Inc. ("Novus") (TSXV: NVS) is pleased to announce that it has closed two separate agreements for the acquisition of assets within its core operational area of Dodsland, Saskatchewan. Pursuant to the agreements, which are effective December 1, 2009, Novus made aggregate cash payments of \$850,000 and acquired 73,900 boe of proven plus probable reserves (measured effective December 31, 2008), located within its core area of Viking oil production.

These acquisitions complement the recently closed acquisition of Ammonite Energy Ltd. and the previously disclosed purchase of assets from two private companies and provide Novus with additional strategic acreage prospective for light Viking oil.

Novus is focused on growing the Company's asset base through targeting high quality, high netback, light oil resource style plays amenable to horizontal drilling utilizing multi-stage fracture technology. Novus' two core focus areas are in Saskatchewan. In the Dodsland area of Saskatchewan, Novus is focusing on developing its recently acquired acreage targeting Viking light oil, and in Southeast Saskatchewan, Novus is pursuing two separate Bakken projects.

Novus Energy Inc. is a well positioned, junior oil and gas company with a proven management team committed to aggressive, cost-effective growth of light oil reserves and production. Novus' common shares trade on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol NVS.

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