

**NOVUS ENERGY INC. ANNOUNCES CLOSING OF ACQUISITION OF ASSETS IN ITS DODSLAND SASKATCHEWAN CORE AREA AND UPDATED CREDIT FACILITIES****NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO U.S. NEWS WIRE SERVICES OR DISSEMINATION IN THE U.S.**

Dec. 31, 2010 - Novus Energy Inc. ("**Novus**" or the "**Company**") (TSXV: NVS) is pleased to announce that it has successfully closed two previously announced acquisitions within its core operational area of Dodsland, Saskatchewan, and that its previously announced credit facilities are now available for use.

On December 22, 2010, Novus announced that it had entered into two separate non-binding agreements for the purchase of assets within its core area of Dodsland, Saskatchewan. Under the terms of the first agreement, Novus acquired 1,120 acres (1.75 sections) of land in the Dodsland area for the consideration of 122,730 common shares of Novus. Pursuant to the terms of the second agreement, Novus acquired 640 acres (one section) in the Dodsland area for the consideration of \$50,000 and 500,000 common shares of Novus.

On November 22, 2010, Novus announced that it had executed an Indicative Term Sheet with a Canadian chartered bank encompassing \$28 million in new credit facilities. These new facilities, comprised of a \$22 million revolving operating demand loan and a \$6 million acquisition/development demand loan, replaced the previous \$5 million credit facility and are now available to the Company.

Novus Energy Inc. is a well positioned, junior oil and gas company with a proven management team committed to aggressive, cost-effective growth of high netback light oil reserves and production. Novus will continue to grow through a targeted acquisition and consolidation strategy coupled with development and exploration drilling. Novus' current financial position and unused lines of credit will allow for the exploitation of its drilling inventory and expansion of the Company's opportunity suite through internally generated prospects and strategic light oil acquisitions.

The common shares of Novus trade on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol NVS. Novus has approximately 167 million common shares outstanding.

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