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WOODSIDE ENDORSES TAXATION CHANGES

Woodside welcomes the Federal Government's revised position on resources taxation, which the company believes will provide the sector with the certainty it needs.

For Woodside, the maintenance of the company's growth projects on the existing Petroleum Resource Rent Tax (PRRT) regime is a sensible outcome which maintains the value of those assets.

As a result of the revised arrangements, Woodside expects the taxation arrangements at the North West Shelf Venture to essentially remain unchanged. While the North West Shelf Venture will move to PRRT, Woodside expects this regime to be no more onerous than the current royalties and excise regime under which the facilities currently operate.

A key feature of the transition arrangements for the North West Shelf Venture will be the right to use the market value as the starting base for project assets, including oil and gas rights.

Woodside Chief Executive Don Voelte congratulated the Federal Government on embracing meaningful negotiations with the industry on the taxation regime.

"We acknowledge the goodwill shown by the government and we are pleased that the North West Shelf Venture has achieved a neutral outcome," Mr Voelte said.

"We are also pleased Woodside's other major projects – Pluto, Pluto expansion, Browse and Sunrise – are unaffected by the changes.

"The lowering of the company tax rate is another positive move for our company.

"Woodside looks forward to discussions with the policy transition group to finalise details of the transition arrangements of the North West Shelf Venture to PRRT."

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