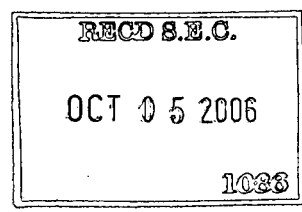




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Mr. Brian Johnson
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, VAALCO ENERGY, INC., Common Stock, \$0.10 par value per share and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on October 5, 2006. Tentative listing date – October 12, 2006.

Sincerely,

Paul Hedges

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