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Forte Secures \$2M from Maroochydore Copper Project Sale

International uranium company **Forte Energy NL** (“**Forte Energy**” or “**The Company**”) (**ASX/AIM: FTE**) is pleased to announce that it has reached agreement to sell its 50% **interest** (held via the Company’s subsidiary Renison Bell Ltd) **in the Maroochydore Copper Project** in Western Australia, to the joint venture exploration manager and joint venture partner, Birla Maroochydore Pty Ltd a wholly owned subsidiary of Aditya Birla Minerals Ltd (**ASX: ABY**).

Under the terms of the agreement, Forte Energy will receive a cash payment of A\$2,000,000 and be released from any current or future obligations under the joint venture agreement.

The agreement is subject to obtaining Ministerial consent under the mining act and completion of a formal sale agreement, with settlement expected before the end of December 2009.

With sale agreements now in place for both its Australian copper/cobalt projects, Forte Energy will be well resourced and able to focus its attention on and expedite the exploration of its uranium prospects in Guinea and Mauritania, West Africa.

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