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(Mark One)

[X] Annual report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2008 or

[] Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the transition period from to .

Commission file number 1-8245

NORTH EUROPEAN OIL ROYALTY TRUST

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

22-2084119

(State of organization)

(IRS Employer Identification Number)

Suite 19A, 43 West Front Street, Red Bank, N.J.

07701

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number including area code: 732-741-4008

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class Name of each exchange on which registered
Units of Beneficial Interest New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No X

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No X

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes X No

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PART I

Item 1. Business.

(a) General Development of Business.

Registrant (the "Trust") is a grantor trust which, on behalf of the owners of beneficial interest in the Trust (the "unit owners"), holds overriding royalty rights covering gas and oil production in certain concessions or leases in the Federal Republic of Germany. The rights are held under contracts with local German exploration and development subsidiaries of Exxon Mobil Corp. ("Exxon Mobil") and the Royal Dutch/Shell Group of Companies ("Royal Dutch/Shell Group"). Under these contracts the Trust receives various percentage royalties on the proceeds of the sales of certain products from the areas involved. At the present time, royalties are received for sales of gas well gas, oil well gas, crude oil, distillate and sulfur. See Item 2 of this Report for descriptions of certain of these contracts.

The royalty rights were received by the Trust from North European Oil Company (the "Company") upon dissolution of the Company in September 1975. The Company was organized in 1957 as the successor to North European Oil Corporation (the "Corporation"). The Trust is administered by trustees (the "Trustees") under an Agreement of Trust dated September 10, 1975, as amended (the "Trust Agreement").

Neither the Trust nor the Trustees on behalf of the Trust conduct any active business activities or operations. The function of the Trustees is to monitor, verify, collect, hold, invest and distribute the royalty payments made to the Trust. Under the Trust Agreement, the Trustees make quarterly distributions of the net funds received by the Trust on behalf of the unit owners. Funds temporarily held by the Trust are invested in interest bearing bank deposits, certificates of deposit, U.S. Treasury Bills or other government obligations.

There has been no significant change in the principal operation or purpose of the Trust during the past fiscal year.

During the past several years, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") finalized rules implementing legislation concerning governance matters for publicly held entities that was passed as part of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 ("SOX"). The Trust is complying with the requirements of the SEC and SOX and at this time, the Trustees have chosen not to request any relief from those provisions based on the passive nature of the Trust. In that connection, the Trustees have directed that certain of the additional statements and disclosures set forth or incorporated by reference in this Report, which the SEC requires of corporations, be made even though some of such statements and disclosures might not now or in the future be required to be made by the Trust.

In addition, the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE"), where units of beneficial interest of the Trust are listed for trading, has adopted additional corporate governance rules as set forth in Section 303A of the NYSE Listed Company Manual. Most of the governance requirements promulgated

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by the NYSE are not applicable to the Trust which is a passive entity acting as a royalty trust and holds only overriding royalty rights. The Trust does not engage in any operating or active business. The Trustees have, however, chosen to constitute an Audit and a Compensation Committee but may not necessarily do so in the future.

(b) Financial Information about Segments.

Since the Trust conducts no active business operations, an analysis by segments is accordingly not applicable to the Trust. To the extent that royalty income received by the Trust is attributable to sales of different products, to sales from different geographic areas or to sales by different operating companies, this information is set forth in Item 2 of this Report and the Exhibit described in that Item 2.

(c) Narrative Description of Business.

Under the Trust Agreement, the Trust conducts no active business operations and is restricted to collection of income from royalty rights and distribution to unit owners of the net income after payment of administrative and related expenses.

The overriding royalty rights held by the Trust are derived from contracts and agreements originally entered into by German subsidiaries of the predecessor Corporation during the early 1930s. The Trust's primary royalty rights are based on government granted concessions and remain in effect as long as there are continued production activities and/or exploration efforts by the operating companies. It is generally anticipated that the operating companies will continue production where it remains economically profitable for them to do so. In addition, the Trust holds other royalty rights, which are based on leases which have passed their original expiration dates. These leases remain in effect as long as there is continued production or the lessor does not cancel the lease. Individual lessors will normally not seek termination of the rights originally granted because the leases provide for royalty payments to the lessors if sales of oil or gas result from discoveries made on the leased land. Additionally, termination by individual lessors would result in the escheat of mineral rights to the State.

Royalties are paid to the Trust on sales from production under these leases and concessions by the operating companies on a regular monthly or quarterly basis pursuant to the royalty agreements. Since January 2001, the operating companies have made royalty payments to the Trust exclusively in Euros. Once deposited in the Trust's bank account in Germany, the Euros are converted into U.S. dollars at the rate in effect on the date of transfer. The Trust does not engage in activities to hedge against currency risk and the fluctuations in the conversion rate impact its financial results. The Trust has not experienced any difficulty in effecting the conversion into U.S. dollars.

As the holder of overriding royalty rights, the Trust has no legal ability, whether by contract or operation of law, to compel production. Moreover, if an operator should determine to terminate production in any concession or lease area and to surrender the concession or lease, the royalty

rights for that area would thereby be terminated. Under certain royalty agreements, the operating companies are required to advise the Trust of any intention to surrender lease or concession rights. While the Trust itself is precluded from undertaking any production activities, possible residual rights might permit the Trust to take up a surrendered concession or lease and attempt to retain a third party operator to develop such concession or lease.

The exploration for and the production of gas and oil is a speculative business. The Trust has no means of ensuring continued income from its royalty rights at either their present levels or otherwise. The Trust has no role in any of the operating companies' decision making processes, such as gas pricing, gas sales or exploration, which can impact royalty income. In addition, fluctuations in prices and supplies of gas and oil and the effect these fluctuations might have on royalty income to the Trust and on reserves net to the Trust cannot be accurately projected. Given these factors, along with the uncertainty in worldwide and local German economic conditions and the fact that the Trustees have no information beyond that information which is generally available to the public, the Trustees are unwilling to make any projections regarding future royalty income.

While Germany has laws relating to environmental protection, the Trustees have no detailed information concerning the present or possible effect of such laws on operations in areas where the Trust holds royalty rights on production and sale of products from those areas.

Seasonal demand factors affect the income from royalty rights insofar as they relate to energy demands and increases or decreases in prices, but on average they are generally not material to the regular annual income received under the royalty rights.

The Trust, either itself or in cooperation with holders of parallel royalty rights, arranges for periodic reviews of the books and records of the operating companies to verify compliance with the computation provisions of the applicable agreements. From time to time, these examinations disclose computational errors or errors from inappropriate application of existing agreements and appropriate adjustments are requested and made.

(d) Financial Information about Foreign and Domestic Operations and

Export Sales.

The Trust does not engage in any active business operations, and its sources of income are the overriding royalty rights covering gas, sulfur and oil production in certain areas in Germany and interest on the funds temporarily invested by the Trustees. In Item 2 of this Report, there is a schedule (by product, geographic area and operating company) showing the royalty income received by the Trust during the fiscal year ended October 31, 2008.

(e) Trustees and Executive Officers of the Trust.

As specified in the Trust Agreement, the affairs of the Trust are managed by not more than five individual Trustees who receive compensation determined under that same agreement. One of the Trustees is designated as Managing Trustee and receives additional compensation in such capacity. Robert P. Adelman, who is 78 years old, has served as Managing Trustee (non-executive) since November 1, 2006.

Day-to-day matters are handled by the Managing Director, John R. Van Kirk, who also serves as CEO and CFO. John R. Van Kirk, who is 56 years old, has held the position of Managing Director of the Trust since November 1990. The Managing Director provides office space and services at cost to the Trust.

In addition to the Managing Director, the Trust has one administrative employee in the United States. The Trust also maintains a part-time consultancy relationship with an expert in Germany from whom it receives reports on a regular basis. Because the Trust has only two employees, employee relations or labor contracts are not directly material to the business or income of the Trust. The Trustees have no information concerning employee relations of the operating companies.

(f) Available Information.

The Trust maintains a website at www.neort.com. The Trust's annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and related amendments are available free of charge through the Trust's website as soon as reasonably practicable after such reports are filed with or furnished to the SEC. The Trust's Code of Conduct and Business Ethics, the Trustees' Regulations and the Trust's Audit Committee Charter are also available on the Trust's website. The Trust's website and the information contained in it and connected to it shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into this Form 10-K.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

The results of operations and financial condition of the Trust are subject to various risks. Some of these risks are described below, and you should take such risks into account in evaluating the Trust or any investment decision involving the Trust. This section does not describe all risks that may be applicable to the Trust and it is intended only as a summary of certain material risk factors. More detailed information concerning the risk factors described below is contained in other sections of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The Trust does not conduct any active business activities or operations and

has no legal ability to compel production.

The Trust holds overriding royalty rights only. It is a passive entity and conducts no operations. It can exert no influence on the operating companies that conduct exploration, drilling, production and sales activities in the areas covered by the Trust's overriding royalty rights. Thus, the Trust has no means of ensuring continued income from its overriding royalty rights. The failure of an operator to conduct its operations, discharge its obligations, deal with regulatory agencies or comply with laws, rules and regulations, including environmental laws and regulations, in a proper manner could have an adverse effect on the net proceeds payable to the Trust. The Trust also has no right to remove or replace an operator.

The current operating companies are under no obligation to continue operations in the royalty areas. The production and sale of proved producing reserves of natural gas, from which the Trust derives its royalties, reduces the amount of remaining reserves. If the operating companies do not perform additional development projects which replace at least a portion of the current production, the anticipated life of the Trust will not be extended and could be shortened. Absent further additions to the amount of proved producing reserves, production and sales will reach a point in the future where the level of sales will no longer be commercially viable and production will cease.

Trust reserve estimates depend on many assumptions that may prove to be

inaccurate, and these inaccuracies may cause errors in the reserve estimates.

The value of Trust units may depend in part on the reserves attributable to the royalty areas. The calculations performed in the process of estimating proved producing reserves are inherently uncertain. The accuracy of any reserve estimate is a function of the quality of available data, engineering interpretation and judgment, and the assumptions used regarding the quantities of recoverable natural gas and the future prices of crude oil and natural gas. The Trust currently receives either monthly or quarterly reports from the operating companies with respect to production and sales on either a well-by-well or a field-wide basis. The Trust also receives semi-annual reports from the operating companies with respect to current and planned drilling and exploration efforts. These reports are very limited in nature. The unified exploration and production venture, Exxon Mobil Production Deutschland GmbH ('EMPG'), which provides these reports to

the Trust, continues to limit the information flow to that which is required by German law, and the Trust has no legal or contractual right to compel the issuance of additional information. The Trust's inability to compel the delivery of detailed information with respect to individual wells increases the possibility of inaccuracy in the petroleum engineering consultant's estimates of reserves.

Actual production, revenues and expenditures by the operating companies for the royalty areas, and therefore actual net proceeds payable to the Trust, will vary from estimates and those variations could be material.

The effects of fluctuations in prices of gas and oil and changes in worldwide

and local economic conditions on the royalty income paid to the Trust cannot

be accurately projected.

The Trust's distributions are highly dependent upon the prices realized from the sale of natural gas and a decrease in such prices could reduce the amount of cash distributions paid to unit owners.

Oil and natural gas prices and demand for these products can fluctuate widely in response to a variety of factors that are beyond the control of the Trust. Factors that contribute to these fluctuations include, among others: (1) worldwide and German economic conditions and levels of economic activity; (2) political and economic conditions in major oil producing regions, especially in the Middle East and Russia; (3) weather conditions; (4) the price of oil or natural gas imported into Germany; (5) the level of consumer demand in Germany; (6) the increasing role of alternate energy sources along with the German government's and European Union's role in promoting those sources; and (7) German and European Union governmental actions intended to broaden sources of energy supply.

When oil and natural gas prices decline, the Trust is affected in two ways. First, net income from the royalty areas is reduced. Second, exploration and development activity by the operating companies on the royalty areas may decline as some projects may become uneconomic and are either delayed or eliminated. It is impossible to predict future oil and natural gas price movements, and this, along with other factors, make future cash distributions to unit owners impossible to predict.

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on the Trust.

For unit owners, changes in the value of the Euro have both an immediate and long-term impact. The immediate impact is from the exchange rate that is applied at the time the royalties, paid to the Trust in Euros, are converted into U.S. dollars at the time of their transfer from Germany to the United States. A higher exchange rate would yield more dollars and a lower exchange rate less dollars. The long-term impact relates to the mechanism of gas pricing. Since oil on the international market is priced in dollars, a weaker Euro would mean that oil imported into Germany is more expensive. A stronger Euro would mean that oil imported into Germany is less expensive. Changes in the price of oil in Germany are subsequently reflected

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in the price of light heating oil, which is used as a component in the calculation of gas prices in the contracts under which the gas is sold. Changes in German domestic light heating oil prices are in turn reflected in contracted gas prices with a built-in delay of three to six months.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.

None.

Item 2. Properties.

The properties of the Trust, which the Trust and Trustees hold pursuant to the Trust Agreement on behalf of the unit owners, are overriding royalty rights on sales of gas, sulfur and oil under certain concessions or leases in the Federal Republic of Germany. The actual leases or concessions are held either by Mobil Erdgas-Erdol GmbH ("Mobil Erdgas"), a German operating subsidiary of Exxon Mobil, or by Oldenburgische Erdolgesellschaft ("OEG"). As a result of direct and indirect ownership, Exxon Mobil owns two-thirds of OEG and the Royal Dutch/Shell Group owns one-third of OEG. The Oldenburg concession (1,398,000 acres), covering virtually the entire former State of Oldenburg and located in the federal state of Lower Saxony, provides nearly 100% of the royalties received by the Trust. BEB Erdgas und Erdol GmbH ('BEB'), a joint venture in which Exxon Mobil and the Royal Dutch/Shell Group each own 50%, administers the concession held by OEG. In 2002, Mobil Erdgas and BEB formed EMPG to carry out all exploration, drilling and production activities. All sales activities are still handled by either Mobil Erdgas or BEB.

Under one set of rights covering the western part of the Oldenburg concession (approximately 662,000 acres), the Trust receives a royalty payment of 4% on gross receipts from sales by Mobil Erdgas of gas well gas, oil well gas, crude oil and condensate (the 'Mobil Agreement'). Under the Mobil Agreement there is no deduction of costs prior to the calculation of royalties from gas well gas and oil well gas, which together account for approximately 99% of all the royalties under said agreement. Historically, the Trust has received significantly greater royalty payments under the Mobil Agreement (as compared to the OEG Agreement described below) due to the higher royalty rate specified by that agreement. The Trust is also entitled under the Mobil Agreement to receive a 2% royalty on gross receipts of sales of sulfur obtained as a by-product of sour gas produced from the western part of Oldenburg. The payment of the sulfur royalty is conditioned upon sales of sulfur by Mobil Erdgas at a selling price above an agreed upon base price. This base price is adjusted annually by an inflation index. When the average selling price falls below the indexed base price, no royalties are payable. Up until the second quarter of fiscal 2008, the Trust had not received any royalties from sulfur sales under the Mobil Agreement for over 10 years because the selling price was below the indexed base price. However, from that point forward, the average selling price for sulfur again exceeded the indexed base price and the payment of sulfur royalties under the Mobil Agreement resumed. Sulfur prices may or may not remain above the indexed base price.

Under another set of rights covering the entire Oldenburg concession and pursuant to the agreement with OEG, the Trust receives royalties at the rate of 0.6667% on gross receipts from sales by BEB of

gas well gas, oil well gas, crude oil, condensate and sulfur (removed during the processing of sour gas) less a certain allowed deduction of costs (the "OEG Agreement"). Under the OEG Agreement, 50% of the field handling, treatment and transportation costs as reported for state royalty purposes is deducted from the gross sales receipts prior to the calculation of the royalty to be paid to the Trust. NV Nederlandse Gasunie (the state owned Dutch gas distribution company) has completed the purchase of BEB's North German gas distribution and transmission network. Preliminary informal discussions with OEG personnel indicate that the pipeline sale should not affect the method of royalty calculations. The Trust is seeking a formal confirmation that the sale will not affect the method of royalty calculation.

The Trust also holds through Mobil Erdgas a 2% royalty interest in oil and gas sales from acreage in Bavaria, and a 0.2117% royalty under the net interest of the Bayerische Mineral Industries A.G. ("BMI"), a subsidiary of Mobil Erdgas, in concessions in Bavaria. The net interest of BMI ranges from 16-1/2 to 100% of the sales, depending on the geographic region or area. Due to the absence of royalty income under these agreements, reserves from this area in Bavaria are not included in reserve calculations for this report year. While both Mobil Erdgas and BMI have suspended production in their concessions in Bavaria, the concessions remain even though there are no current exploration or development activities in these areas. No royalties have been received under these concessions since 1996.

In addition to the areas of Oldenburg and Bavaria, the Trust also holds overriding royalties at various rates on a number of leases of various sizes in other areas of northwest Germany. At the present time, all but one of these leases are in the non-producing category. Due to the low level of income and the intermittent gas production from the single producing lease, Grosses Meer, reserves from this lease are not included in reserve calculations for this report year. In addition, the German authorities have requested that the operating companies conduct a reservoir analysis at Grosses Meer to determine whether the royalties are being properly allocated based on the locations of the gas reserves. Until such time as this issue is settled, the payment of royalties from Grosses Meer has been suspended. Before the payment of royalties from the Grosses Meer lease was suspended, the Trust had received \$79,348 and \$37,612 in fiscal 2007 and fiscal 2008, respectively.

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The following is a schedule of royalty income for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2008 by product, geographic area and operating company:

BY PRODUCT:

Product	Royalty Income
Gas Well and Oil Well Gas	\$ 31,986,309
Sulfur	\$ 2,267,208
Oil	\$ 391,642

BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA:

Area	Royalty Income
Western Oldenburg	\$ 28,457,308
Eastern Oldenburg	\$ 6,150,239
Non-Oldenburg Areas	\$ 37,612

BY OPERATING COMPANY:

Company	Royalty Income
Mobil Erdgas (under the Mobil Agreement)	\$ 24,255,084
BEB (under the OEG Agreement)	\$ 10,390,075

Exhibit 99.1 to this Report is a report entitled Calculation of Cost Depletion Percentage for the 2008 Calendar Year Based on the Estimate of Remaining Proved Producing Reserves in the Northwest Basin of the Federal Republic of Germany as of October 1, 2008 (the "Cost Depletion Report"). The Cost Depletion Report, dated December 16, 2008, was prepared by Ralph E. Davis Associates, Inc., 1717 St. James Place, Suite 460, Houston, Texas 77056 ("Davis Associates"). Davis Associates is an independent petroleum and natural gas consulting organization specialized in analyzing hydrocarbon reserves.

The Cost Depletion Report provides documentation supporting the calculation of the cost depletion percentage for the 2008 calendar year based on the use of certain production data and the estimated net proved producing reserves as of October 1, 2008 for the primary area in which the Trust holds overriding royalty rights. The cost depletion percentage is prepared for the Trust's unit owners for tax reporting purposes. In order to permit timely filing of the Cost Depletion Report and consistent with the practice of the Trust in prior years, the information has been prepared for the 12-month period ended September 30, 2008, which is one month prior to the end of the fiscal year of the Trust. Unit owners are referred to the full text of the Cost Depletion Report contained herein for further details.

The primary purpose of the Cost Depletion Report is the preparation of the cost depletion percentage. The only information provided to the Trust that can be utilized in the calculation of the cost depletion percentage is current and historical production and sales of proved producing reserves. Pursuant to the arrangements under which the Trust holds royalty rights and due to the fact that the Trust is not considered an operating company within

Germany, it has no access to the operating companies' proprietary information concerning producing field reservoir data. The Trustees have been advised that publication of such information is not required under applicable law in Germany and that the royalty rights do not grant the Trust the right to require or compel the release of such information. Past efforts to obtain such information have not been successful. The information made available to the Trust by the operating companies does not include any of the following: reserve estimates, capitalized costs, production cost estimates, revenue projections, producing field reservoir data (including pressure data, permeability, porosity and thickness of producing zone) or other similar information. While the limited information available to the Trust permits the calculation of the cost depletion percentage, it does not change the uncertainty with respect to the estimate of proved producing reserves. In addition, it is impossible for the Trust or its consultant to make estimates of proved undeveloped or probable future net recoverable oil and gas by appropriate geographic areas.

The Trust has the authority to examine, but only for certain limited purposes, the operating companies' sales and production from the royalty areas. The Trust also has access to published materials in Germany from W.E.G. (a German organization equivalent to the American Petroleum Institute or the American Gas Association). The use of such statistical information relating to production and sales necessarily involves extrapolations and projections. Both Davis Associates and the Trustees believe the use of the material available is appropriate and suitable for preparation of the cost depletion percentage and the estimates described in the Cost Depletion Report. Both the Trustees and Davis Associates believe this report and these estimates to be reasonable and appropriate but assume that these estimates may vary from statistical estimates which could be made if reservoir production information (of the kind normally available to domestic producing companies) were available. The limited information available makes it inappropriate to make projections or estimates of proved or probable reserves of any category or class other than the estimated net proved producing reserves described in the Cost Depletion Report.

Attachment A of the Cost Depletion Report shows a schedule of estimated net proved producing reserves of the Trust's royalty properties, computed as of October 1, 2008 and a five year schedule of gas, sulfur and oil sales for the twelve months ended September 30, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005 and 2004 computed from quarterly sales reports of operating companies received by the Trust during such periods.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

The Trust is not party to any material pending legal proceeding.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

None.

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PART II

Item 5. Market for the Registrant's Units of Beneficial Interest,

Related Unit Owner Matters and Trust Purchases of Units of

Beneficial Interest.

The Trust's units of beneficial interest are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol NRT.

Under the Trust Agreement the Trustees distribute to unit owners, on a quarterly basis, the net royalty income after deducting expenses and reserving limited funds for anticipated administrative expenses. As of November 30, 2008, there were 1,085 unit owners of record.

The following table presents the high and low closing prices for the quarterly periods ended in fiscal 2008 and 2007 as reported by the NYSE as well as the cash distributions paid to unit owners by quarter for the past two fiscal years.

FISCAL YEAR 2008			
Quarter Ended	Low Closing Price	High Closing Price	Distribution per Unit
January 31, 2008	\$31.57	\$35.25	\$0.76
April 30, 2008	\$31.10	\$38.99	\$0.98
July 31, 2008	\$33.43	\$40.29	\$0.89
October 31, 2008	\$19.75	\$35.90	\$1.03

FISCAL YEAR 2007			
Quarter Ended	Low Closing Price	High Closing Price	Distribution per Unit
January 31, 2007	\$33.56	\$39.01	\$0.89
April 30, 2007	\$35.45	\$40.46	\$0.80
July 31, 2007	\$37.29	\$39.90	\$0.58
October 31, 2007	\$31.50	\$37.62	\$0.64

The quarterly distributions to unit owners represent their undivided interest in royalty payments from sales of gas, sulfur and oil during the previous quarter. Each unit owner is entitled to recover a portion of his or her investment in these royalty rights through a cost depletion percentage. The calculation of this cost depletion percentage is set forth in detail in Attachment B to the Cost Depletion Report attached as

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Exhibit 99.1 to Form 10-K. The Cost Depletion Report has been prepared by Davis Associates using the limited information described in Item 2 of this Report to which reference is made. The Trustees believe that the calculations and assumptions used in the Cost Depletion Report are reasonable according to the facts and circumstances of available information. The cost depletion percentage recommended by the Trust's independent petroleum and natural gas consultants for calendar 2008 is 8.1211%. Specific details relative to the Trust's income and expenses and cost depletion percentage as they apply to the calculation of taxable income for the 2008 calendar year are included on a special removable page in the 2008 Annual Report under "Note to Unit Owners." Additionally, the tax reporting information for 2008 is available on the Trust's website, www.neort.com, in the section marked Tax Information in the sub-section Tax Letters.

The Trust does not maintain any compensation plans under which units are authorized for issuance. The Trust did not make any repurchases of Trust units during fiscal 2008, 2007 or 2006.

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Item 6. Selected Financial Data.

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SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA (CASH BASIS)					
FOR FIVE FISCAL YEARS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2008					
	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
German gas, sulfur and oil royalties received	\$34,645,159	\$27,484,254	\$31,079,122	\$21,085,039	\$15,061,209
Net Income	\$33,665,138	\$26,739,669	\$30,258,944	\$20,222,814	\$14,307,658
Net Income per unit	\$3.66	\$2.91	\$3.29	\$2.20	\$1.60
Units of beneficial interest outstanding at end of year (a)	9,190,590	9,190,590	9,190,590	9,180,876	8,933,310
Distributions paid or to be paid:					
Dividends and distributions per unit paid to formerly unlocated unit owners	.00	.00	.02	.02	.01
Distributions per unit paid or to be paid to unit owners	\$3.66	\$2.91	\$3.28	\$2.22	\$1.59
Total assets at year end	\$9,524,529	\$5,912,621	\$7,204,251	\$3,920,268	\$3,014,387

(a) Net income per unit was calculated based on the number of units outstanding at the end of the fiscal year.

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Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition

and Results of Operations.

Executive Summary

The Trust is a passive fixed investment trust which holds overriding royalty rights, receives income under those rights from certain operating companies, pays its expenses and distributes the remaining net funds to its unit owners. The Trust does not engage in any business or extractive operations of any kind in the areas over which it holds royalty rights and is precluded from engaging in such activities by the Trust Agreement. There are no requirements, therefore, for capital resources with which to make capital expenditures or investments in order to continue the receipt of royalty revenues by the Trust.

The properties of the Trust are described in Item 2. Properties of this report. Of particular importance with respect to royalty income are the two royalty agreements, the Mobil Agreement and the OEG Agreement. The Mobil Agreement covers gas sales from the western part of the Oldenburg concession. Under the Mobil Agreement, the Trust has traditionally received the majority of its royalty income due to the higher royalty rate of 4%. The OEG Agreement covers gas sales from the entire Oldenburg concession but the royalty rate of 0.6667% is significantly lower and gas royalties have been correspondingly lower.

Under the Mobil and OEG Agreements, the gas is sold to various distributors under long term contracts which delineate, among other provisions, the timing, manner, volume and price of the gas sold. The pricing mechanisms contained in these contracts include a delay factor of three to six months and use the price of light heating oil in Germany as one of the primary pricing components. Since Germany must import a large percentage of its energy requirements, the U.S. dollar price of oil on the international market has a significant impact on the price of light heating oil and a delayed impact on the price of gas. The Trust itself does not have access to the specific sales contracts under which gas from the Oldenburg concession is sold. Working under a confidentiality agreement with the operating companies, Ernst & Young AG reviews these contracts periodically on behalf of the Trust to verify the correctness of application of the Agreement formulas for the computation of royalty payments.

For unit owners, changes in the value of the Euro have both an immediate and long-term impact. The immediate impact is from the exchange rate that is applied at the time the royalties, paid to the Trust in Euros, are converted into U.S. dollars at the time of their transfer from Germany to the United States. A higher exchange rate would yield more dollars and a lower exchange rate less dollars. The long-term impact relates to the mechanism of gas pricing. Since oil on the international market is priced in dollars, a weaker Euro would mean that oil imported into Germany is more expensive. A stronger Euro would mean that oil imported into Germany is less expensive. These changes in the price of oil in Germany are subsequently reflected in the price of light heating oil, which is used as a component in the calculation of gas prices in the contracts under which the gas is sold. The changes in German domestic light heating oil prices are in turn reflected in contracted gas prices with a built-in delay of three to six months.

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Seasonal demand factors affect the income from the Trust's royalty rights insofar as they relate to energy demands and increases or decreases in prices, but on average they are generally not material to the annual income received under the Trust's royalty rights.

The Trust has no means of ensuring continued income from overriding royalty rights at their present level or otherwise. The Trust's current consultant in Germany provides general information to the Trust on the German and European economies and energy markets. This information provides a context in which to evaluate the actions of the operating companies. In his position as consultant, he receives reports from the operating companies with respect to current and planned drilling and exploration efforts. However, the unified exploration and production venture, EMPG, which provides the reports to the Trust's consultant, continues to limit the information flow to that which is required by German law.

The relatively low level of administrative expenses of the Trust limits the effect of inflation on its financial prospects. Continued price inflation would be reflected in sales prices, which with sales volumes form the basis on which the royalties paid to the Trust are computed. The impact of inflation or deflation on energy prices in Germany is delayed by the use in certain long-term gas sales contracts of a delay factor of three to six months prior to the application of any changes in light heating oil prices to gas prices.

As mandated by the Trust Agreement, distributions of income are made on a quarterly basis. These distributions, as determined by the Trustees, constitute substantially all of the funds on hand after provision is made for Trust expenses then anticipated.

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Results: Fiscal 2008 versus Fiscal 2007

For fiscal 2008, the Trust's gross royalty income increased 26.05% to \$34,645,159 from \$27,484,254 in fiscal 2007. The increase in average gas prices along with the impact of a higher average exchange rate more than offset the decline in gas sales and combined to increase the amount of royalty income, which resulted in the higher distributions.

Under the Mobil Agreement, gas sales decreased 17.52% to 54.114 billion cubic feet ('Bcf') in fiscal 2008 from 65.606 Bcf in fiscal 2007. The continuing decline in western Oldenburg gas sales can most likely be accounted for by a drop in overall wellhead pressures that could not be offset by the additional wells added. In addition, the gas located in western Oldenburg is almost exclusively sour gas, which must be processed to have the hydrogen sulfide removed. As a consequence, the larger decline in the third quarter can be accounted for at least partially by a shutdown of the Grossenkneten desulfurization plant. This shutdown occurred in the third quarter of fiscal 2008 but there was no shutdown during fiscal 2007.

Quarterly and Yearly Gas Sales under the Mobil Agreement in Billion cu. ft.

Fiscal Quarter	2008 Gas Sales	2007 Gas Sales	Percentage Change
First	14.251	17.512	-18.62%
Second	14.004	17.125	-18.22%
Third	12.314	16.177	-23.88%
Fourth	13.545	14.792	- 8.43%
Fiscal Year Total	54.114	65.606	-17.52%

Average gas prices for gas sold from this royalty area increased 28.01% to 2.3922 Eurocents per Kilowatt hour ('Ecents/Kwh') in fiscal 2008 from 1.8688 Ecents/Kwh in fiscal 2007. For fiscal 2008, the increase in worldwide oil prices pushed average gas prices higher as we progressed through the year.

Average Gas Prices under the Mobil Agreement in Euro cents per Kilowatt Hour

Fiscal Quarter	2008 Gas Prices	2007 Gas Prices	Percentage Change
First	2.0876	2.2673	- 7.93%
Second	2.2876	1.9950	14.67%
Third	2.4704	1.5159	62.97%
Fourth	2.7510	1.6366	68.09%
Fiscal Year Avg.	2.3922	1.8688	28.01%

Converting gas prices into more familiar terms using the average exchange rate yielded a price of \$10.24 per thousand cubic feet ('Mcf'), a 42.02% increase over fiscal 2007's average price of \$7.21/Mcf. For fiscal 2008, royalties paid under the Mobil Agreement were transferred at an average Euro exchange rate of \$1.4883, an increase of 10.94% from the average Euro exchange rate of \$1.3415 for fiscal 2007.

Excluding the effects of differences in prices and average exchange rates, the combination of royalty rates on gas sold from western Oldenburg results in an effective royalty rate approximately seven times higher than the royalty rate on gas sold from eastern Oldenburg. This is of particular significance to the Trust since gas sold from western Oldenburg provides the bulk of royalties paid to the Trust. For fiscal 2008, gas sales from western

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Oldenburg accounted for only 40.81% of all gas sales. However, royalties on these gas sales provided approximately 83.31% or \$26,617,819 out of a total of \$31,948,697 in Oldenburg royalties attributable to gas.

In addition, as of the second quarter of fiscal 2008, the indexed base price of sulfur sold under the Mobil Agreement exceeded the threshold level and the payment of royalties attributable to sulfur sales resumed. During fiscal 2008, the Trust received \$974,691 in sulfur royalties under this agreement.

Under the OEG Agreement, gas sales decreased 15.39% to 132.611 Bcf in fiscal 2008 from 156.736 Bcf in fiscal 2007. The continuing decline in concession-wide gas sales can most likely be accounted for by a drop in overall wellhead pressures that could not be offset by the additional wells added.

Quarterly and Yearly Gas Sales under the OEG Agreement in Billion cu. ft.

Fiscal Quarter	2008 Gas Sales	2007 Gas Sales	Percentage Change
First	34.716	41.976	-17.30%
Second	33.680	40.518	-16.88%
Third	31.045	37.982	-18.26%
Fourth	33.170	36.260	- 8.52%
Fiscal Year Total	132.611	156.736	-15.39%

Average gas prices for gas sold from the entire Oldenburg concession increased 16.79% to 2.5066 Ecents/Kwh in fiscal 2008 from 2.1463 Ecents/Kwh in fiscal 2007. For fiscal 2008, the increase in worldwide oil prices pushed average gas prices higher as we progressed through the year.

Average Gas Prices under the OEG Agreement in Euro cents per Kilowatt Hour

Fiscal Quarter	2008 Gas Prices	2007 Gas Prices	Percentage Change
First	2.1921	2.4017	- 8.73%
Second	2.3809	2.3038	3.35%
Third	2.5699	1.8774	36.89%
Fourth	2.9060	1.9568	48.50%
Fiscal Year Avg.	2.5066	2.1463	16.79%

Converting gas prices into more familiar terms using the average exchange rate yielded a price of \$10.39/Mcf, a 28.59% increase over fiscal 2007's average price of \$8.08/Mcf. For fiscal 2008, royalties paid under the OEG Agreement were transferred at an average Euro exchange rate of \$1.4762, an increase of 10.09% from the average Euro exchange rate of \$1.3409 for fiscal 2007.

Reflecting the significant drop in interest rates and despite the increase in cash available for short term investment, interest income for fiscal 2008 was substantially lower, decreasing 53.93% to \$95,802 for fiscal 2008 from \$207,932 for fiscal 2007. Trust expenses increased 12.95% to \$1,075,823 in fiscal 2008 from \$952,517 in fiscal 2007, largely due to higher costs related to the biennial examination of the German operating companies' royalty payments, various legal matters related thereto and higher Trustees' fees based on the formula specified in the Trust Agreement.

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Results: Fiscal 2007 versus Fiscal 2006

For fiscal 2007, the Trust's gross royalty income decreased 11.57% to \$27,484,254 from \$31,079,122 in fiscal 2006. Declines in both gas prices and gas sales were only partially offset by an increase in average exchange rates and combined to decrease the amount of royalty income, which resulted in the lower distributions.

Under the Mobil Agreement, gas sales decreased 10.47% to 65.606 Bcf in fiscal 2007 from 73.282 Bcf in fiscal 2006. Weather proved to be a significant factor during fiscal 2007 by reducing overall demand across Germany and Europe in general.

Quarterly and Yearly Gas Sales under the Mobil Agreement in Billion cu. ft.

Fiscal Quarter	2007 Gas Sales	2006 Gas Sales	Percentage Change
First	17.512 Bcf	19.540 Bcf	-10.38%
Second	17.125 Bcf	19.016 Bcf	- 9.95%
Third	16.177 Bcf	17.613 Bcf	- 8.15%
Fourth	14.792 Bcf	17.113 Bcf	-13.56%
Fiscal Year Total	65.606 Bcf	73.282 Bcf	-10.47%

Average gas prices for gas sold under the Mobil Agreement decreased 11.76% to 1.8688 Ecents/Kwh in fiscal 2007 from 2.1178 Ecents/Kwh in fiscal 2006. Except for the first quarter of fiscal 2007, the average gas price for each quarter posted a decline over the prior year's corresponding quarter. The decline in world oil prices during late 2006, the increase in the value of the Euro as U.S. dollar denominated oil prices began to rise, and the weather related reduction in demand accounted for much of this decline.

Average Gas Prices under the Mobil Agreement in Euro cents per Kilowatt Hour

Fiscal Quarter	2007 Gas Prices	2006 Gas Prices	Percentage Change
First	2.2673	2.0456	10.84%
Second	1.9950	2.2743	-12.28%
Third	1.5159	2.0417	-25.75%
Fourth	1.6366	2.1046	-22.23%
Fiscal Year Avg.	1.8688	2.1178	-11.76%

Converting gas prices into more familiar terms, using the average exchange rate, yielded a price of \$7.21/Mcf, a 3.89% decrease over fiscal 2006's average price of \$7.50/Mcf. For fiscal 2007, the average value of the Euro based on the transfer of royalties received from western Oldenburg gas sales was \$1.3415 up 8.95% from the average value of \$1.2313 for fiscal 2006.

Under the OEG Agreement, gas sales decreased 12.18% to 156.736 Bcf

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from 178.472 Bcf in fiscal 2006 due primarily to weather.

Quarterly and Yearly Gas Sales under the OEG Agreement in Billion cu. ft.

Fiscal Quarter	2007 Gas Sales	2006 Gas Sales	Percentage Change
First	41.976	47.876	-12.32%
Second	40.518	46.775	-13.38%
Third	37.982	42.563	-10.76%
Fourth	36.260	41.258	-12.11%
Fiscal Year Total	156.736	178.472	-12.18%

Average gas prices for gas sold under the OEG Agreement decreased 2.27% to 2.1463 Ecents/Kwh in fiscal 2007 from 2.1961 Ecents/Kwh in fiscal 2006. Except for the first quarter of fiscal 2007, the average gas price for each quarter posted a decline over the prior year's corresponding quarter. The decline in world oil prices during late 2006, the increase in the value of the Euro as U.S. dollar denominated oil prices began to rise, and the weather related reduction in demand accounted for much of this decline.

Average Gas Prices under the OEG Agreement in Euro cents per Kilowatt Hour

Fiscal Quarter	2007 Gas Prices	2006 Gas Prices	Percentage Change
First	2.4017	2.1240	13.08%
Second	2.3038	2.3088	- 0.22%
Third	1.8774	2.1900	-14.27%
Fourth	1.9568	2.1582	- 9.33%
Fiscal Year Avg.	2.1463	2.1961	- 2.27%

Converting gas prices into more familiar terms using the average exchange rate yielded a price of \$8.08/Mcf, a 6.09% increase over fiscal 2006's average price of \$7.62/Mcf. For fiscal 2007, the average value of the Euro based on the transfer of royalties received from overall Oldenburg gas sales was \$1.3409 up 8.47% from the average value of \$1.2362 for fiscal 2006.

Reflecting both increased cash available for short term investment and higher interest rates, interest income for fiscal 2007 increased by 26.77% to \$207,932 for fiscal 2007 from \$164,021 for fiscal 2006. Trust expenses decreased 3.22% to \$952,517 in fiscal 2007 from \$984,199 in fiscal 2006.

The Trust's German consultant meets periodically with representatives of the operating companies to inquire about their planned and proposed drilling and geophysical work and other general matters. The following is a summary of his account of the operating companies' responses to his inquiries. The Trust is not able to confirm the accuracy of any of these responses. In addition, the operating companies are not required to take any of the actions outlined and, if they change their plans with respect to any such actions, they are not obligated to inform the Trust. It is possible that the recent drop in world oil prices and other economic factors may have an impact on the operating companies' plans.

Goldenstedt Z-7a, which is the second well to explore the Carboniferous zone in eastern Oldenburg, completed re-drilling in July 2008. Since the Carboniferous zone is considered a 'tight' gas zone, seven individual hydraulic fracturing ('frac') treatments had been planned. The start of production is scheduled for December 2008. Varnhorn Z-7a, which is the third well to explore the Carboniferous zone in eastern Oldenburg, began drilling in August 2008. This well will be horizontally deviated out of an existing borehole. Once drilling is complete, six individual frac treatments are planned. Quaadmoor Z-5 is scheduled to begin drilling in December 2008, to explore the Zechstein (sour gas) formation. Generally, sour gas wells undergo acidizing treatments to improve the gas flow to the wellhead. Goldenstedt Z-10 will be the fourth well to explore the Carboniferous zone in eastern Oldenburg and is scheduled to begin drilling in March 2009. This well is located close to Goldenstedt Z-7a and is intended to explore a separate compartment of the Carboniferous reservoir. Goldenstedt Z-23 will be the fifth well to explore the Carboniferous zone in eastern Oldenburg. It is scheduled to begin drilling around May or June of 2009, and will be followed by five individual frac treatments.

Hemmelte NW T-1 will be located in the western part of Oldenburg and is an exploratory well intended to develop the Bunter (sweet gas) zone. While the start of drilling is scheduled for mid 2009, the well plans have not been confirmed as yet. The following wells, Goldenstedt Z-16a, Visbek Z-16a, Sage Z-5, Brinkholz Z-5 and Cappeln Z-6, are either tentatively scheduled for the latter half of 2009 and beyond or not yet scheduled. The first four will explore the Zechstein zone and the final well is the sixth well scheduled to explore the Carboniferous zone.

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The financial statements, appearing subsequently in this Report, present financial statement balances and financial results on a modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP basis"). Cash basis accounting is an accepted accounting method for royalty trusts such as the Trust. GAAP basis financial statements disclose income as earned and expenses as incurred, without regard to receipts or payments. The use of GAAP would require the Trust to accrue for expected royalty payments. This is exceedingly difficult since the Trust has very limited information on such payments until they are received. The Trust's cash basis financial statements disclose revenue when cash is received and expenses when cash is paid. The one modification of the cash basis of accounting is that the Trust accrues for distributions to be paid to unit owners (those distributions approved by the Trustees for the Trust). The Trust's distributable income represents royalty income received by the Trust during the period plus interest income less any expenses incurred by the Trust, all on a cash basis. In the opinion of the Trustees, the use of the modified cash basis provides a more meaningful presentation to unit owners of the results of operations of the Trust and presents to the unit owners a more accurate calculation of income and expenses for tax reporting purposes.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Trust has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

Contractual Obligations

As shown below, the Trust had no contractual obligations as of October 31, 2008 other than the distribution announced on October 30, 2008 and payable to unit owners on November 26, 2008, as reflected in the statement of assets, liabilities and trust corpus.

	Payments Due by Period				
	Total	Less than 1 Year	1-3 Years	3-5 Years	More than 5 Years
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Distributions payable to unit owners	\$9,466,307.70	\$9,466,307.70	\$0	\$0	\$0

This Report on Form 10-K contains forward looking statements concerning business, financial performance and financial condition of the Trust. Many of these statements are based on information provided to the

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Trust by the operating companies or by consultants using public information sources. These statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated in any forward looking statements. These include uncertainties concerning levels of gas production and gas sale prices, general economic conditions and currency exchange rates, as well as those factors set forth above under Item 1A of this Report. Actual results and events may vary significantly from those discussed in the forward looking statements.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk.

The Trust does not engage in any trading activities with respect to possible foreign exchange fluctuations. The Trust does not use any financial instruments to hedge against possible risks related to foreign exchange fluctuations. The market risk is negligible because standing instructions at the Trust's German bank require the bank to process conversions and transfers of royalty payments as soon as possible following their receipt. The Trust does not engage in any trading activities with respect to commodity price fluctuations.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Trustees and Unit Owners of

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North European Oil Royalty Trust

We have audited the accompanying statements of assets, liabilities and trust corpus of North European Oil Royalty Trust (the "Trust") as of October 31, 2008 and 2007, and the related statements of revenue collected and expenses paid, undistributed earnings, and changes in cash and cash equivalents for each of the years in the three-year period ended October 31, 2008.

The Trust's management is responsible for these financial statements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, these financial statements have been prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities and trust corpus of the Trust as of October 31, 2008 and 2007, its revenue collected and expenses paid, its undistributed earnings, and changes in its cash and cash equivalents for each of the years in the three-year period ended October 31, 2008, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the Trust's internal control over financial reporting as of October 31, 2008, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO), and our report dated December 23, 2008 expressed an unqualified opinion.

Weiser LLP
New York, NY
December 23, 2008

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STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND TRUST CORPUS (NOTE 1)

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OCTOBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

ASSETS -----	2008 -----	2007 -----
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$9,524,529	\$5,912,620
Producing gas and oil royalty rights (Note 1)	1	1
	-----	-----
	\$9,524,530	\$5,912,621
	=====	=====
LIABILITIES AND TRUST CORPUS -----		
Current liabilities		
Distributions payable to unit owners, paid November 2008 and 2007	\$9,466,308	\$5,881,978
Trust corpus (Notes 1 and 2)	1	1
Undistributed earnings	58,221	30,642
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	\$9,524,530	\$5,912,621
	=====	=====

The accompanying notes are
 an integral part of these financial statements.

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NORTH EUROPEAN OIL ROYALTY TRUST

STATEMENTS OF REVENUE COLLECTED AND EXPENSES PAID (NOTE 1)

 FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2008, 2007 AND 2006

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	2008	2007	2006
German gas, sulfur and oil royalties received	\$34,645,159	\$27,484,254	\$31,079,122
Interest income	95,802	207,932	164,021
Trust expenses	(1,075,823)	(952,517)	(984,199)
Net income	<u>\$33,665,138</u>	<u>\$26,739,669</u>	<u>\$30,258,944</u>
Net income per unit	<u>\$3.66</u>	<u>\$2.91</u>	<u>\$3.29</u>
Distributions paid or to be paid:			
Dividends and distributions per unit paid to formerly unlocated unit owners (Note 3)	.00	.00	.02
Distributions per unit paid or to be paid to unit owners	<u>\$3.66</u>	<u>\$2.91</u>	<u>\$3.28</u>

The accompanying notes are
an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENTS OF UNDISTRIBUTED EARNINGS (NOTE 1)

FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2008, 2007 AND 2006

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	2008	2007	2006
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 30,642	\$ 35,590	\$ 64,299
Net income	33,665,138	26,739,669	30,258,944
	33,695,780	26,775,259	30,323,243
Less:			
Dividends and distributions paid to formerly unlocated unit owners (Note 3)	0	0	148,097
Current year distributions paid or to be paid to unit owners	33,637,559	26,744,617	30,139,556
Balance, end of year	\$ 58,221	\$ 30,642	\$ 35,590

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an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (NOTE 1)
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 2008, 2007 AND 2006

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	2008	2007	2006
Sources of cash and cash equivalents:			
German gas, sulfur and oil royalties received	\$34,645,159	\$27,484,254	\$31,079,122
Interest income	95,802	207,932	164,021
	34,740,961	27,692,186	31,243,143
Uses of cash and cash equivalents:			
Payment of Trust expenses	1,075,823	952,517	984,199
Distributions and dividends paid (Note 3)	30,053,229	28,031,299	26,974,961
	31,129,052	28,983,816	27,959,160
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents during the year	3,611,909	(1,291,630)	3,283,983
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	5,912,620	7,204,250	3,920,267
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 9,524,529	\$ 5,912,620	\$ 7,204,250

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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OCTOBER 31, 2008, 2007 AND 2006

(1) Summary of significant accounting policies: -----

Basis of accounting - -----

The accompanying financial statements of North European Oil Royalty Trust (the 'Trust') present financial statement balances and financial results on a modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ('GAAP basis'). Cash basis financial statements disclose revenue when cash is received and expenses when cash is paid. GAAP basis financial statements disclose income as earned and expenses as incurred, without regard to receipts or payments. The modified cash basis of accounting is utilized to permit the accrual for distributions to be paid to unit owners (those distributions approved by the Trustees for the Trust). The Trust's distributable income represents royalty income received by the Trust during the period plus interest income less any expenses incurred by the Trust, all on a cash basis. In the opinion of the Trustees, the use of the modified cash basis of accounting provides a more meaningful presentation to unit owners of the results of operations of the Trust.

Producing gas and oil royalty rights - -----

The rights to certain gas and oil royalties in Germany were transferred to the Trust at their net book value by North European Oil Company (the "Company") (see Note 2). The net book value of the royalty rights has been reduced to one dollar (\$1) in view of the fact that the remaining net book value of royalty rights is de minimis relative to annual royalties received and distributed by the Trust and does not bear any meaningful relationship to the fair value of such rights or the actual amount of proved producing reserves.

Federal income taxes - -----

The Trust, as a grantor trust, is exempt from federal income taxes under a private letter ruling issued by the Internal Revenue Service.

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Cash and cash equivalents - -----

Included in cash and cash equivalents are amounts deposited in bank accounts and amounts invested in certificates of deposit and U. S. Treasury bills with original maturities of three months or less from

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the date of purchase.

From time to time, the amounts deposited in the Trust's bank accounts may exceed the federally-insured limit.

Net income per unit -

Net income per unit is based upon the number of units outstanding at the end of the period. As of October 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006, there were 9,190,590 units of beneficial interest outstanding.

(2) Formation of the Trust: -----

The Trust was formed on September 10, 1975. As of September 30, 1975, the Company was liquidated and the remaining assets and liabilities of the Company, including its royalty rights, were transferred to the Trust. The Trust, on behalf of the owners of beneficial interest in the Trust, holds overriding royalty rights covering gas and oil production in certain concessions or leases in the Federal Republic of Germany. These rights are held under contracts with local German exploration and development subsidiaries of Exxon Mobil Corp. and the Royal Dutch/Shell Group. Under these contracts, the Trust receives various percentage royalties on the proceeds of the sales of certain products from the areas involved. At the present time, royalties are received for sales of gas well gas, oil well gas, crude oil, distillate and sulfur.

(3) Contingent liability: -----

Since its inception in 1975, the Trust had served as fiduciary for certain unlocated or unknown shareholders of North European Oil Corporation (the "Corporation") and the Company, corporate predecessors of the Trust. Pursuant to an order of the Delaware Court of Chancery dated February 26, 1996 (the "Chancery Court Order"), from and after July 1, 2005, the Trust has no further obligation to make payments of dividends or distributions attributable to any unexchanged Corporation and Company shares.

From the liquidation of the Company to October 31, 2006, 729,761 Trust units were issued in exchange for Corporation and Company shares and dividends of \$358,804 and distributions of \$4,618,699 were paid to formerly unlocated Corporation and Company shareholders. With the escheat of the last Trust units attributable to unexchanged Corporation and Company shares completed in April 2006, all Trust units, including those issuable in exchange for Corporation and Company shares, have been issued and no further payments are required.

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(4) Related Party Transactions: -----

John R. Van Kirk, the Managing Director of the Trust, provides office space and services to the Trust at cost. For such office space and office services, the Trust reimbursed the Managing Director \$7,699 and \$10,633 in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008 and 2007, respectively. For such office space and services, the Trust reimbursed the Managing

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Director \$28,939 and \$28,381 in fiscal 2008 and 2007, respectively.

As of January 1, 2007, Lawrence A. Kobrin, a Trustee of the Trust, was named Senior Counsel at Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP which serves as counsel to the Trust. Prior to such time, Mr. Kobrin was a partner at Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP. For the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008 and 2007, the Trust paid Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP \$21,154 and \$23,162 for legal services, respectively. For fiscal 2008 and 2007, the Trust paid Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP \$122,218 and \$76,357 for legal services, respectively.

As of November 1, 2006, John H. Van Kirk, the former Managing Trustee of the Trust and the father of John R. Van Kirk, was named to the position of Founding Trustee Emeritus. In this role, he remains available for periodic consultation by the Trustees and Managing Director. For his service in such capacity, John H. Van Kirk earned \$10,000 in both calendar 2008 and 2007.

(5) Employee Benefit Plan:

The Trust has established a savings incentive match plan for employees (SIMPLE IRA) that is available to both employees of the Trust, one of whom is the Managing Director. The Trustees have authorized the making of contributions by the Trust to the accounts of employees, on a matching basis, of up to 3% of cash compensation paid to each such employee effective as of January 1, 2008.

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(6) Quarterly results (unaudited):

The table below summarizes the quarterly results and distributions of the Trust for the fiscal years ended October 31, 2008 and 2007.

Fiscal 2008 by Quarter and Year

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	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Year
Royalties received	\$7,215,083	\$9,360,976	\$8,463,341	\$9,605,759	\$34,645,159
Net income	6,979,325	9,049,406	8,226,859	9,409,548	33,665,138
Net income per unit	.76	.98	.90	1.02	3.66
Distributions paid or to be paid	\$6,984,848	\$9,006,778	\$8,179,625	\$9,466,308	\$33,637,559
Distributions per unit paid or to be paid to unit owners	.76	.98	.89	1.03	3.66

Fiscal 2007 by Quarter and Year

	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Year
Royalties received	\$8,483,387	\$7,544,543	\$5,402,889	\$6,053,435	\$27,484,254
Net income	8,260,186	7,333,441	5,264,505	5,881,537	26,739,669
Net income per unit	.90	.80	.57	.64	2.91
Distributions paid or to be paid	\$8,179,625	\$7,352,472	\$5,330,542	\$5,881,978	\$26,744,617
Distributions per unit paid or to be paid to unit owners	.89	.80	.58	.64	2.91

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Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.

None.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures.

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Trust maintains disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Trust is recorded, processed, summarized, accumulated and communicated to its management, which consists of the Managing Director, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure, and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms. The Managing Director has performed an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Trust's disclosure controls and procedures as of October 31, 2008. Based on that evaluation, the Managing Director concluded that the Trust's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of October 31, 2008.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Part A. Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial

Reporting

The Trust's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f)) for the Trust. There are inherent limitations in the effectiveness of any internal control, including the possibility of human error and the circumvention or overriding of controls. Accordingly, even effective internal controls can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation. Further, because of changes in conditions, the effectiveness of internal control may vary over time. Management has evaluated the Trust's internal control over financial reporting as of October 31, 2008. This assessment was based on criteria for effective internal control over financial reporting described in the standards promulgated by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and in the Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on this evaluation, management concluded that the Trust's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of October 31, 2008. Management's assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of October 31, 2008 has been audited by Weiser LLP, the Trust's independent auditor, as stated in their report which follows.

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Part B. Attestation Report of Independent Registered Public

Accounting Firm

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on
Internal Control over Financial Reporting

To the Board of Trustees and Unit Owners of
North European Oil Royalty Trust

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We have audited North European Oil Royalty Trust's (the "Trust") internal control over financial reporting as of October 31, 2008, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO"). The Trust's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Trust's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

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In our opinion, the Trust maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of October 31, 2008, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the statements of assets, liabilities and trust corpus as of October 31, 2008, and the related statements of revenue collected and expenses paid, undistributed earnings, and changes in cash and cash equivalents for the year ended October 31, 2008

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of the Trust and our report dated December 23, 2008 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

Weiser LLP
New York, NY
December 23, 2008

Part C. Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There have been no changes in the Trust's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Trust's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 9B. Other Information.

None.

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PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance.

Except as set forth below, the information required by this item will be contained in the Trust's definitive Proxy Statement for its Annual Meeting of Unit Owners to be held on February 10, 2009, to be filed pursuant to Section 14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and is incorporated herein by reference.

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Code of Ethics

The Trustees have adopted a Code of Conduct and Business Ethics (the "Code") for the Trust's trustees and employees, including the Managing Director. The Managing Director serves the roles of principal executive officer and principal financial and accounting officer. A copy of the Code is available without charge on request by writing to the Managing Director at the office of the Trust. The Code is also available at the Trust's website, www.neort.com.

All trustees and employees of the Trust have signed a copy of the Code. No waivers or exceptions to the Code have been granted since the adoption of the Code. Any amendments or waivers to the Code, to the extent required, will be disclosed in a Form 8-K filing of the Trust after such amendment or waiver.

Item 11. Executive Compensation.

The information required by this item will be contained in the Trust's definitive Proxy Statement for its Annual Meeting of Unit Owners to be held on February 10, 2009, to be filed pursuant to Section 14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

and Related Stockholder Matters.

The information required by this item will be contained in the Trust's definitive Proxy Statement for its Annual Meeting of Unit Owners to be held on February 10, 2009, to be filed pursuant to Section 14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director

Independence.

The information required by this item will be contained in the Trust's definitive Proxy Statement for its Annual Meeting of Unit Owners to be held on February 10, 2009, to be filed pursuant to Section 14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and is incorporated herein by reference.

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Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.

The information required by this item will be contained in the Trust's definitive Proxy Statement for its Annual Meeting of Unit Owners to be held on February 10, 2009, to be filed pursuant to Section 14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and is incorporated herein by reference.

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Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.

(a) The following is a list of the documents filed as part of this Report:

1. Financial Statements

Index to Financial Statements for the Fiscal Years
Ended October 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006

Reports of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firms

Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Trust Corpus as of
October 31, 2008 and 2007

Statements of Revenue Collected and Expenses Paid for the
Fiscal Years Ended October 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006

Statements of Undistributed Earnings for the Fiscal Years
Ended October 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006

Statements of Changes in Cash and Cash Equivalents for the
Fiscal Years Ended October 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006

Notes to Financial Statements

2. Exhibits

The Exhibit Index following the signature page lists all
exhibits filed with this Report or incorporated by reference.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Trust has duly caused this Report to be
signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

NORTH EUROPEAN OIL ROYALTY TRUST

Dated: December 29, 2008

By: /s/ John R. Van Kirk

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amended and restated as of October 31, 2007
(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to
Current Report on Form 8-K, filed November 2, 2007
(File No. 0-8378))

- (10.1) Agreement with OEG, dated April 2, 1979,
exhibit to Current Report on Form 8-K
filed May 11, 1979 (incorporated by
reference as Exhibit 1 to Current Report
on Form 8-K, filed May 11, 1979
(File No. 0-8378)).
- (10.2) Agreement with Mobil Oil, A.G. concerning
sulfur royalty payment, dated March 30, 1979,
(incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3
to Current Report on Form 8-K, filed
May 11, 1979 (File No. 0-8378)).
- (21) There are no subsidiaries of the Trust.
- (31) Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief
Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302
of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 43
- (32) Certification of Chief Executive Officer and
Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906
of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 45
- (99.1) Calculation of Cost Depletion Percentage
for the 2008 Calendar Year Based on the Estimate
of Remaining Proved Producing Reserves in the
Northwest Basin of the Federal Republic of Germany
as of October 1, 2008 prepared by
Ralph E. Davis Associates, Inc. 46
- (99.2) Order Approving Settlement signed by
Vice Chancellor Jack Jacobs of the
Delaware Court of Chancery
(incorporated by reference as
Exhibit 99.2 to Current Report on
Form 8-K, filed February 26, 1996).