

**Max Petroleum Plc
("the Company")**

Holdings in Company

14 January 2009

The Company received notification on 13 January 2009 that, as at 09 January 2009, Credit Suisse Securities (Europe) Limited had a beneficial interest in the Company of 15,823,009 ordinary shares, representing 4.33 percent of the total voting rights attached to the issued ordinary share capital of the Company.

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