

**MAX PETROLEUM PLC**  
**(“MAX PETROLEUM” OR THE “COMPANY” AND TOGETHER WITH ITS SUBSIDIARIES, THE**  
**“GROUP”)**  
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**SENIOR MANAGEMENT APPOINTMENT**

Max Petroleum, an oil and gas exploration and development company focused on Kazakhstan, is pleased to announce the appointment of James J. Emme as Senior Vice President of Exploration. Following the recent relocation of the Group’s Chief Operating Officer, Richard Hook, from Houston to Almaty, Jim Emme is responsible for managing the farmout process for the Group’s Astrakhanskiy and Blocks A&E licence areas and the geological and geophysical technical team in Houston.

Mr. Emme has over 28 years of experience in oil and gas exploration and production, including leading teams responsible for world-class discoveries and field development programs. During a 24 year career at Anadarko Petroleum, he held various exploration and senior management roles, including Vice President of Worldwide Exploration & Business Development and President of Anadarko Canada. He has contributed to giant discoveries in Algeria, the deepwater Gulf of Mexico, the East Texas & North Louisiana Bossier Play and the North Slope of Alaska. More recently, Mr Emme has held positions as President and COO of Elk Resources Inc. and President of Source Exploration LLC, both located in Denver, Colorado. Mr. Emme holds a Bachelor of Science in Geology from the University of California at Davis and a Master of Science in Geology from the Colorado School of Mines.

**Jim Jeffs, Executive Co-Chairman, commented:**

*“We are extremely pleased to have someone of Jim’s caliber as part of our executive management team to run the farmout process of our deep, pre-salt asset portfolio and to contribute to the future growth and development of Max. Jim has worked closely with Richard Hook and other members of our exploration team in the past. He brings substantial technical acumen and invaluable experience as the former head of worldwide exploration for Anadarko Petroleum. By hiring Jim, we believe we have just made a world class exploration team even stronger.”*

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