

**MAX PETROLEUM PLC
(THE "COMPANY")
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2010 ASTRAKHANSKIY LICENCE WORK PROGRAMME APPROVED

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Max Petroleum Plc, an oil and gas exploration and development company focused on Kazakhstan, is pleased to announce that the Company has received approval from the relevant Kazakhstan authority for its 2010 work programme for the Astrakhanskiy Licence, which includes the drilling of the first exploration well in 2010.

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