

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

Drilling Update

6 April 2010

Max Petroleum Plc, an oil and gas exploration and development company focused on Kazakhstan, is pleased to announce that on 2 April 2010 it commenced drilling the KZN-2 exploration well on the North Kyzylzhar II West Block prospect in Block E, the third of twelve post-salt exploration prospects scheduled to be drilled by the Company on Blocks A&E.

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