

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

Drilling Update

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Max Petroleum Plc, an oil and gas exploration and development company focused on Kazakhstan, is pleased to announce that it has commenced drilling the ZMA-A15 development well in the Zhana Makat Field. The well's primary target is the J-IIb Jurassic reservoir at a depth of approximately 830 metres, with a secondary exploratory objective in the Triassic formation below 1,300 metres.

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