

**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 KAW-1 exploration well on the Karsak West prospect in Block E, the fifth of 13 post-salt exploration prospects scheduled to be drilled by the Company on Blocks A&E. The total depth of the well will be approximately 1,870 metres, targeting potential Jurassic and Triassic reservoirs at depths below 1,200 metres.

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