

**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, today announced that it has completed drilling the KAW-1 exploration well on the Karsak West prospect on Block E. The well reached a total depth of 1,858 metres after encountering only minor hydrocarbon shows and will be plugged and abandoned. The Sun ZJ-30 drilling rig will now move to drill the UTS-1 exploration well on Uytas prospect on Block A.

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