

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

Extension of Blocks A&E Licence Exploration Period

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Max Petroleum Plc, an oil and gas exploration and development company focused on Kazakhstan, is pleased to announce that the exploration period of the Company's Blocks A&E Exploration and Production Licence (the "Licence") has been formally extended until March 2013 by the Ministry of Oil and Gas of the Republic of Kazakhstan. The Company operates Blocks A&E through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Samek International LLP.

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