

**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 UTS-2 appraisal well on the Uytas prospect in Block A. The total depth of the well will be approximately 800 metres, targeting potential Cretaceous, Jurassic and Triassic reservoirs.

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