

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

Drilling Update

Commencement of drilling at Asanketken

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Max Petroleum Plc, an oil and gas exploration and production company focused on Kazakhstan, is pleased to announce that it has commenced drilling the ASK-2 exploration well in Block E, targeting Jurassic and Triassic reservoirs with estimated unrisksed mean resource potential of 50 mmbo. The total depth of the well will be approximately 3,300 metres.

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