

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

Mobilisation of Drilling Rig for Pre-Salt Exploration

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Max Petroleum Plc, an oil and gas exploration and production company focused on Kazakhstan, is pleased to announce that Saipem's National 1625 DE onshore drilling rig for its deep, pre-salt exploration programme has been released from the previous operator's location and is currently being mobilised to drill the NUR-1 well on the Emba B prospect in Block E. The Company estimates the NUR-1 well will begin drilling on or before 31 October 2011.

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