

PRESS RELEASE

JSC KazMunaiGas Exploration Production

Close period share and GDR buy back procedure announcement

Astana, 18 July 2012. JSC KazMunaiGas Exploration Production (“the Company” or “KMG EP”) announces the share and global depositary receipt buy back procedure during the close period which precedes the Company’s 2012 2st quarter financial results announcement*. The close period is started on July 16, 2012 and end on August 14, 2012.

During the close period the Buy Back will be managed by the two independent brokers appointed to execute the Buy Back Programme within pre-set parameters which will be established by the Company prior to the start of the close period. The brokers will make trading decisions independently of, and uninfluenced by, the Company but otherwise in accordance with the Buy Back Programme approved by the Board of Directors on the 15th of September, 2011.

The Company hereby confirms that it is not aware of any unpublished price sensitive information relevant to the Company at the time of making of this announcement.

**The close period is a time interval preceding the disclosure of important information (such as financial reports) during which the Company and its management are not allowed to deal in the securities.*

NOTES TO EDITORS

KMG EP is among the top three Kazakh oil and gas producers. The overall production in 2011 was 12.3mt (an average of 250 kbopd) of crude oil, including the Company’s share in Kazgermunai, CCEL and PKI. The total volume of proved and probable reserves, as at the end of 2010 was 232mt (1.7bn bbl), including shares in the associates - about 2.2 bn barrels. The Company’s shares are listed on the Kazakhstan Stock Exchange and the GDRs are listed on The London Stock Exchange. The Company raised over US\$2bn in its IPO in September 2006. The International rating agency Standard & Poor’s (S&P) confirmed KMG EP’s “BBB-” corporate credit rating in December 2011 and “GAMMA-6” rating in September 2011.

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