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The Manager  
Company Announcements Office  
ASX Ltd  
4th Floor, 20 Bridge Street  
SYDNEY, NSW 2000

Dear Sir,

### **CONTRACT DRILLING PROGRAM TO BOOST CASH FLOW**

CJSC Sherik ("Sherik"), a 100% owned Caspian subsidiary, has signed a contract for the provision of drilling services to CJSC South Petroleum Company ("SPC"). The contract provides for Sherik to drill two exploration wells to depths of around 2,000m on the Soh and Tuzluk licence areas in southern Kyrgyz Republic and can be extended by mutual agreement.

Rig mobilisation is expected to commence in April, subject to final rig acceptance by SPC. In addition to the cash flow to be generated from the contract drilling operation, Sherik will sell up to AUD\$1 million in well equipment and consumables held by it to SPC.

On completion of the SPC drilling program, it is planned that the rig will return to the Mailisu area to drill on the prospective East Mailisu licence area. This timing should allow the integration of additional seismic over the East Mailisu prospect before confirming the final well location.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Graeme Parsons".

Graeme Parsons  
Chief Executive Officer

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