

Shamaran Petroleum Increases Private Placement

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ShaMaran Petroleum Corp. (TSX VENTURE:SNM)(OMX:SNM) ("ShaMaran" or the "Company") reports that it has increased the \$50 million private placement previously announced on October 25, 2011, to \$51 million. The Company will now sell on a non-brokered, private placement basis an aggregate of up to 127.5 million common shares of the Company at a price of \$0.40 per common share for gross proceeds of up to \$51 million. The shares issued pursuant to the private placement are subject to a four month hold period.

A 4% finder's fee, payable in cash, will be paid on a portion of the private placement.

Net proceeds of the private placement will be used towards ongoing development, appraisal and exploration work on the Company's projects in Kurdistan as well as for general working capital purposes.

The private placement is subject to regulatory approval.

About ShaMaran

ShaMaran Petroleum Corp. is a Kurdistan-focused oil development and exploration vehicle with four projects in the region: the Pulkhana development/appraisal block, the Atrush oil discovery, and the Arbat and Taza exploration blocks. These projects are nearby and on trend to existing fields and recent discoveries.

Kurdistan lies within the northern extension of the Zagros Folded Belt. The area is highly underexplored and is currently undergoing a significant exploration and development campaign by over 40 mid- to large-size international oil companies.

ShaMaran Petroleum is a Canadian oil and gas company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol "SNM" as well as NASDAQ OMX First North under the symbol "SNM".

On behalf of the Board,

Pradeep Kabra, President and CEO

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ShaMaran Petroleum's Certified Advisor on NASDAQ OMX First North is E. Öhman J:or Fondkommission AB (part of the Pareto Securities Group).

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