

ShaMaran Announces \$50.4 Million Private Placement

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA-(Marketwire - April 19, 2011) - ShaMaran Petroleum Corp. (TSX VENTURE:SNM) ("ShaMaran" or the "Company") reports that it intends to sell on a non-brokered, private placement basis, an aggregate of up to 56 million common shares of the Company at a price of \$0.90 per share to eligible investors that may include insiders for gross proceeds of approximately \$50.4 million.

A 4% finder's fee may be payable on a portion of the private placement for subscriptions received from non-insiders. The common shares issued pursuant to the private placement will be subject to a 4 month hold period. Net proceeds of the private placement will be used towards ongoing work programs in Kurdistan and general working capital purposes.

The foregoing private placement is subject to regulatory approval.

About ShaMaran

ShaMaran Petroleum Corp. is a Kurdistan focused oil development and exploration vehicle. It has four projects in the region: the Pulkhana development/appraisal block and the Arbat, Atrush and K42 exploration blocks. These projects are nearby and on trend with 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 30 mid to large size international oil companies.

ShaMaran Petroleum is a Canadian oil and gas company listed on the TSX Venture under the symbol "SNM".

On behalf of the Board,

Pradeep Kabra, President and CEO

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