

## **ShaMaran Closes \$50 Million Private Placement**

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA—(Marketwire - Sept. 17, 2010) - ShaMaran Petroleum Corp. (“ShaMaran” or the “Company”) (TSX VENTURE:SNM) is pleased to announce that it has closed the previously announced private placement. The Company sold, on a non-brokered, private placement basis, an aggregate of 111,111,106 common shares at a price of Cdn \$0.45 per share for gross proceeds of Cdn \$49,999,997.70. A 5% finder’s fee will be paid on a portion of the private placement. Shares issued pursuant to the private placement are subject to a hold period expiring on January 18, 2011.

Net proceeds of the private placement will be used towards the Company’s work programs in Kurdistan as well as for general working capital purposes.

The private placement has received regulatory approval and the shares have now been issued to the investors.

### About ShaMaran

ShaMaran Petroleum Corp. is a Kurdistan focused oil development and exploration vehicle. Its initial four projects in the region are the Pulkhana development/appraisal block and the Arbat and K42 exploration blocks as well as the newly acquired Atrush block. 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 Exchange under the symbol “SNM”.

On behalf of the Board,

Pradeep Kabra, President and CEO

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