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FINAL SHARE PURCHASE PLAN EXTENSION

Central Petroleum Limited (ASX:CTP) ("Central" or the "Company") advises shareholders that due to the continuation of horizontal drilling and testing operations at Surprise 1 ST-1 the closing date for the Share Purchase Plan (SPP) has been extended to the 25th of January 2012.

The previous closing date of the SPP was 16 December 2011, which occurs during the planned horizontal drilling, flow testing and evaluation phase of the Surprise 1 ST-1 well. The results of electric log analysis, coring and visual observations of cuttings and mud flow from the well have allowed a positive assessment of a prospective oil flow from the well to the extent that a 700m lateral section is planned to commence on or about the 17th of December 2011.

It is believed to be in the best interests of the Company's shareholders to extend the closing date of the SPP to the 25th of January 2012 to enable shareholders to fully consider the final drilling and testing results of the Surprise 1 ST-1 well.

As a result, the terms and conditions of the SPP are amended such that SPP applications must be received by the Share Registrar by 5.00pm (WST) on 25 January 2012. Applications received after that time may not be accepted.

The Company advises that this is the final extension of the Share Purchase Plan.

The Company has been advised by Patersons Securities Limited that the Underwriting Agreement for the first \$5.5 million of the SPP will be extended to the revised closing date of 25 January 2012 unless it is withdrawn pursuant to various terms of the agreement including but not limited to market conditions, Central's Share Price and other considerations.

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- EP-82 (excluding the Central subsidiary Helium Australia Pty Ltd ("HEA") and Oil & Gas Exploration Limited ("OGE") (previously He Nuclear Ltd) Magee Prospect Block) - HEA 100%
- Magee Prospect Block, portion of EP 82 – HEA 84.66% and OGE 15.34%.
- EP-93, EP-105, EP-106, EP-107, EPA-92, EPA-129, EPA 130, EPA-131, EPA-132, EPA-133, EPA-137, EPA-147, EPA-149, EPA-152, EPA-160, ATP-909, ATP-911, ATP-912 and PELA-77 - Central subsidiary Merlin Energy Pty Ltd 100% ("MEE").
- The Simpson, Bejah, Dune and Pellinor Prospect Block portions within EP-97 – MEE 80% and Rawson Resources Ltd 20%.
- EP-125 (excluding the Central subsidiary Ordiv Petroleum Pty Ltd ("ORP") and OGE Mt Kitty Prospect Block) and EPA-124 – ORP 100%.
- Mt Kitty Prospect Block, portion of EP 125 - ORP 75.41% and OGE 24.59%.
- EP-112, EP-115, EP-118, EPA-111 and EPA-120 - Central subsidiary Frontier Oil & Gas Pty Ltd 100%.
- PEPA 18/08-9, PEPA 17/08-9 and PEPA 16/08-9 - Central subsidiary Merlin West Pty Ltd 100%.

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