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## ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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### Surprise-1 re-entry and other wells

Central Petroleum Ltd (**ASX Code: CTP**) ("**Central**") is pleased to announce that a Letter of Intent has been signed by Central and Australian Drilling Services Pty Ltd ("**ADS**") pursuant to which Central intends to contract ADS's Rig 6 (subject to satisfaction of certain conditions precedent, including, but not limited to, finalisation of rates and contract terms and conditions) for the planned drilling of up to three wells to commence in mid-September 2011.

The three planned wells are the re-entry and testing of **Surprise-1** in the Amadeus Basin for oil potential in both conventional and unconventional horizons, followed by the drilling of the 4 Billion barrel **Madigan prospect** (P50 UOIP) in the Pedirka Basin and the 2 TCFG **Mt Kitty prospect** (P50 UGIP). The Mt Kitty prospect is anticipated to host condensate as well as helium, a valuable gas originally discovered in the sub-salt Magee prospect in the Amadeus Basin in 1992 (Magee-1).

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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 Ltd 100%.
- PEPA 16/08-9, PEPA 17/08-9 and PEPA 18/08-9 - Central subsidiary Merlin West Pty Ltd 100%.
- EL-27094, EL-27100, EL-27101, EL-27102, EL-27103, EL-27104, EL-27105, EL-27106, EL-27107, EL-27108, EL-27109, EL-27110, EL-27114, EL-28095, EL-28096, EL-28097, ELA-27095, ELA-27096, ELA-27097, ELA-27098, ELA-27099, ELA-28468 and ELA-28472 - Central subsidiary Merlin Coal Pty Ltd 100%.

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