



## Press release

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## **Effective listing of Seplat in London and Lagos**

MPI informs its shareholders that Seplat Petroleum, a Nigerian oil and gas exploration and production company, operator of Nigerian Oil Mining Licences (OML) 4, 38 and 41 and partner of the company Pillar on Nigerian OML 56, is now dual listed on the London Stock Exchange (LSE) and the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE).

Seplat's initial public offering comprises a base offering of 143,284,130 new shares issued by Seplat, representing 26.4% of Seplat's enlarged issued share capital (excluding the exercise of the over-allotment option, which shall consist of 10,336,183 additional new shares).

Based on the offer price set on 9 April 2014 (210 pence per share for the trading on the LSE's main market and NGN 576 per share for the trading on the NSE), Seplat's total market capitalisation is approximately £1.140 billion (equivalent to US\$1.900 billion), excluding the exercise of the overallotment option. At the closing of the first trading day, Seplat share was traded at 222.88 pence on the LSE and NGN 604.80 on the NSE.

As a result of this offering, MPI, which currently holds 30.1% of Seplat's share capital, will be diluted to 22.16% of Seplat's share capital (21.75% assuming the over-allotment is exercised in full).

Part of the net proceeds of this offering will be used by Seplat to repay in full the outstanding amount under the shareholder loan granted by MPI to Seplat on 25 June 2010, i.e. US\$ 48 million. The balance of the net proceeds will be used in particular to complete new acquisitions.

In the context of Seplat's offering, its founders MPI, Shebah Petroleum Development Company Ltd and Platform Petroleum Joint Ventures Ltd have terminated the shareholders' agreement dated 22 December 2009. Under this shareholders' agreement, MPI benefited in particular from a veto right on all major decisions as long as MPI's shareholder loan was not repaid in full. The termination of the shareholders' agreement and potential changes in the composition of Seplat's board of directors following the listing may have an impact on the nature of the control exercised by MPI on Seplat (from joint control to significant influence). In any case, this will not change the accounting treatment of MPI's interest in Seplat, consolidated on the basis of the equity method.

As of today, and for so long as MPI holds more than 15% of Seplat's share capital, MPI is entitled to nominate one director at Seplat's board.





This double listing of Seplat allows MPI to benefit from an enhanced international profile and to increase its visibility on financial markets, in particular London's financial market.

With a substantial cash position, MPI actively examines opportunities in both its current portfolio and in other countries.

More information on this dual listing (in particular, the prospectus issued by Seplat) is available on Seplat's website at the following address: http://seplatpetroleum.com

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