

TR-1: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARES**1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached:**

Kea Petroleum plc

2 Reason for the notification (please tick the appropriate box or boxes):

An acquisition or disposal of voting rights

An acquisition or disposal of qualifying financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached

An acquisition or disposal of instruments with similar economic effect to qualifying financial instruments

X

An event changing the breakdown of voting rights

Other (please specify):

3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation:

Leo Fund Managers Ltd

4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.):

Leo Capital Fund SPC

5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached:18th May 2010**6. Date on which issuer notified:**18th May 2010**7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached:**

4%

8. Notified details:							
A: Voting rights attached to shares							
Class/type of shares if possible using the ISIN CODE	Situation previous to the triggering transaction		Resulting situation after the triggering transaction				
	Number of Shares	Number of Voting Rights	Number of shares	Number of voting rights		% of voting rights	
			Direct	Direct	Indirect	Direct	Indirect

B: Qualifying Financial Instruments				
Resulting situation after the triggering transaction				
Type of financial instrument	Expiration date	Exercise/ Conversion Period	Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/ converted.	% of voting rights

C: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect to Qualifying Financial Instruments						
Resulting situation after the triggering transaction						
Type of financial instrument	Exercise price	Expiration date	Exercise/ Conversion period	Number of voting rights instrument refers to	% of voting rights	
Contract for Difference				18,500,000	Nominal	Delta

Total (A+B+C)	
Number of voting rights	Percentage of voting rights
4.02%	4.02%

9. Chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable:

Proxy Voting:	
10. Name of the proxy holder:	
11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to hold:	
12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights:	
13. Additional information:	
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