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## **Ausenco awarded Create phase contract for US\$1.8 billion copper project**

Ausenco Limited (ASX: AAX) has been awarded a \$45 million Create phase engineering services contract for the US\$1.8 billion Bozshakol copper project owned by Kazakhmys plc. (LSE: KAZ).

Ausenco Minerals and Metals business will be providing engineering services for copper concentrator plant that is estimated to have a throughput of around 28 million tonnes per annum.

Ausenco CEO Zimi Meka said the contract win further builds the company's relationship with Kazakhmys and increased its footprint in the high growth region of Central Asia.

"We're excited about the opportunities ahead of us and look forward to working with the owner teams to deliver these important projects.

The Bozshakol copper project is located on a greenfield site near the village of Bozshakol, approximately 220km Northeast of Astana in North Eastern Kazakhstan.

On 8 September 2011 Ausenco announced it had received a Letter of Intent to deliver two projects worth \$70 million in revenue. Bozshakol is the second of these projects and the contract has now been signed.

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### **About Ausenco**

Ausenco sets high global standards for leading edge engineering and project management services in the resources and energy sectors. We're a growing company with big ambitions that thrives on reaching into new markets. Across 29 offices in 19 countries, our people seek ingenious solutions for our clients in the Energy, Environment & Sustainability, Minerals & Metals, Process Infrastructure and Program Management sectors. We're inspired to make a genuine positive impact on the world around us and in the communities in which we operate.

### **About Kazakhmys plc.**

Kazakhmys plc. is a leading international natural resources group with significant interests in copper, gold, zinc, silver, power generation. It is the largest copper producer in Kazakhstan and one of the top worldwide with 17 operating mines, 10 concentrators and 2 copper smelters. It had revenues of \$3.2 billion in 2010 with Group EBITDA (excluding special items) of \$2.8 billion. The Group employs some 61,000 people, principally in Kazakhstan.