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RusHydro Announces the Commencing Date of Placement of Additional Issue

JSC RusHydro (ticker symbol: RTS, MICEX, LSE: HYDR; OTCQX: RSHYY) has announced placement of securities of additional issue (state registration number for the issue is 1-01-55038-E-039D of December 2, 2010). The beginning of the placement is December 23, 2010. The final date of the placement is 120th day after the date of the state registration of the additional issue or since the date of placement of the last security of the issue, depending on which date comes earlier. The total issue volume is RUR 1,860,000,000. The issue is being placed via open subscription.

The placement price is 1 rouble 61 kopeks for additional common share. The notification on opening of pre-emptive right was published in Izvestia newspaper and was also placed on the corporate web-site (<http://www.rushydro.ru>) on December 10, 2010.

The pre-emptive right is valid for 45 days since publication of notification of the pre-emptive right. During this period, JSC RusHydro's shareholders can submit an application to acquire additional shares (pro rata to their stake in JSC RusHydro's charter capital as of September 14th, 2010) and pay for these additional shares. The cut-off date for the pre-emptive right is September 14, 2010 - the date when the list of shareholders entitled to participate in the EGM, which adopted the decision on the charter capital increase, was compiled.

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We do not intend to update these statements to reflect events and circumstances occurring after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. Many factors could cause the actual results to differ materially from those contained in our projections or forward-looking statements, including, among others, general economic conditions, our competitive environment, risks associated with operating in Russia and rapid technological and market changes in our industries, as well as many other risks specifically related to RusHydro and its operations.