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Placement of RusHydro Additional Issue Has Begun

JSC RusHydro (ticker symbol: RTS, MICEX, LSE: HYDR; OTCQX: RSHYY) has announced that today securities placement for the Company's additional issue (State registration number: 1-01-55038-E-039D, as of December 2nd, 2010) has begun. The final date for the placement is the 120th day after the date of the State registration of the additional issue or the placement date for the last share from the issue, whichever date is the earliest. The total issue volume is RUR 1,860,000,000; the issue is being placed via open subscription.

The placement price for the additional issue is 1 ruble and 61 kopeks for each additional common share. Notification for the commencement of the pre-emptive right was published in *Izvestia* newspaper and was also placed on the Company's corporate web site (<http://www.rushydro.ru>) on December 10th, 2010.

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The information in this press release may contain projections or other forward-looking statements regarding future events or the future financial performance of RusHydro. One can identify forward-looking statements by terms such as "expect," "believe," "anticipate," "estimate," "intend," "will," "could," "may" or "might," the negative of such terms or other similar expressions. We wish to caution you that these statements are only predictions and that actual events or results may differ materially from these statements.

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.