

The Board of Astar is pleased to announce that it has invested approximately £650,000 in a number of listed companies, all of which have operations in the natural resource sector in line with its investing policy.

As well as engaging in the investing activities noted above, the Company continues to review additional investment opportunities in the natural resource sector, including within the oil and gas sector in Mexico as announced on 10 March 2014.

The Company will keep shareholders informed of its investing activities in due course.