



11 August 2011

ROCKHOPPER EXPLORATION PLC (The 'Company')

Issue of Equity

The Company announces today that application has been made for the admission of 200,000 new ordinary shares of 1p each ("New Ordinary Shares") to trading on AIM pursuant to the exercise of share options at an exercise price of 42 pence per share. These options were exercised by a previous director of the company.

It is expected that dealings in these New Ordinary Shares, which will rank pari passu in all respects with the existing ordinary shares of the Company, will commence on 17 August 2011.

Following the issue of the New Ordinary Shares, the issued share capital will comprise of 258,340,596 ordinary shares.

For further information please contact:

Rockhopper Exploration plc

Sam Moody – Chief Executive Officer

Tel. +44 (0)20 7920 2340 (via M: Communications)

M: Communications

Patrick d'Ancona or Ben Simons

Tel. +44 (0)20 7920 2340

Canaccord Genuity Limited

Charles Berkeley / Henry Fitzgerald-O'Connor

Tel. +44 (0) 20 7050 6500