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**Rockhopper Exploration PLC (“the Company”)**

**Director Dealing**

The Company announces that it today received notification from Dr. Pierre Jungels, Executive Chairman of the Company, that he today acquired 20,000 ordinary shares of 1 pence each in the Company (“Ordinary Shares”) at a price of 54 pence per Ordinary Share.

Dr. Jungels now has an interest in 366,074 Ordinary Shares representing 0.46 per cent. of the issued ordinary share capital of the Company.

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