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Rockhopper Exploration plc (the “Company”)

Director Dealings

The Company was notified on 5 April 2006 that Non-executive Director, Mr Richard Visick, sold 265,000 shares at a sale price of 32p and that his IPS pension fund, of which he is sole beneficiary, immediately purchased 265,000 shares at a price of 32.02p per share.

These transactions do not alter the total beneficial share holding of Mr Visick which stands at 18,744,809 ordinary shares representing 26.1% of the issued share capital of the Company.

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