



ROCKHOPPER EXPLORATION PLC (The 'Company')

Issue of Equity

The Company announces that, following the exercise of options issued as payment for services related to the Company's placing in October, 2009, it has issued 210,000 new ordinary shares of 1p each in the Company ("Ordinary Shares") at an exercise price of 54p per share.

Application has been made for the admission of 210,000 new Ordinary Shares to be admitted to trading on AIM. The Ordinary Shares rank pari passu in all respects with the Company's existing issued ordinary shares, and it is expected that admission will become effective and that dealings will commence on 24 May 2010. On admission, the Company will have 174,984,954 Ordinary Shares in issue.

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