



Press Release

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Rockhopper Exploration PLC ("the Company")

Issue of equity and total voting rights

Rockhopper Exploration plc (the "Company") announces that, following receipt of a Notice of Exercise, options have been exercised in respect of 4,950 new ordinary shares of 1p each in the Company ("Ordinary Shares").

The option to purchase Ordinary Shares was granted on 10 May 2005.

Application has been made for the new Ordinary Shares to be admitted to trading on AIM on or around 28 November 2007. The new Ordinary Shares will rank *pari passu* with the existing ordinary share capital of the Company and have been allotted and issued credited as fully paid.

Following admission, the total issued share capital of the Company with voting rights will increase to 75,670,235 Ordinary Shares.

The above figure of 75,670,235 Ordinary Shares may be used by shareholders in the Company as the denominator for the calculations by which they will determine if they are required to notify their interest in, or a change in their interest in, the share capital of the Company under the FSA's Disclosure and Transparency Rules.

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