

Rockhopper Exploration PLC ("the Company")

Issue of equity

Rockhopper Exploration plc (the "Company") announces that, following receipt of a Notice of Exercise on 5 September 2007, options have been exercised in respect of 1,980 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 19 September 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 will increase to 75,665,285 Ordinary Shares.

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