



**11 March 2008**

**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 238,095 new ordinary shares of 1p each in the Company (“Ordinary Shares”) at a price of 42p per Ordinary Share.

The option to purchase Ordinary Shares was granted on 9 August 2005.

Application has been made for the new Ordinary Shares to be admitted to trading on AIM on or around 17 March 2008. 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 75,908,330 Ordinary Shares.

The above figure of 75,908,330 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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