



Rockhopper Exploration plc

12 March 2007

Directors' dealings

Rockhopper Exploration plc (the "Company") (RKH:AIM) announces that pursuant to the conditional placing of 3,588,700 new ordinary shares in the Company as announced on 6 March 2007 (the "Placing"), it was notified today that various Directors on 9 March 2007 purchased 189,189 new ordinary shares in the Company.

Following the Placing, the interests of the Directors of the Company in the 1p ordinary shares of the Company ("Ordinary Shares") are as set out below:

Name	Previous Ordinary Shares held	Options over Ordinary Shares	Ordinary Shares purchased under the Placing	Price per Ordinary Share (pence)	Resultant Ordinary Shares held	Percentage interest held (%)
P J M H Jungels	319,047	[1,850,000]	27,027	37	346,074	0.46
S J Moody	858,428	[1,925,000]	27,027	37	885,455	1.17
P J Dixon-Clarke	145,129	[525,000]	-	-	145,129	0.19%
R F Visick*	18,897,309	-	135,135	37	19,032,444	25.15
D Bodecott	91,000	[525,000]	-	-	91,000	0.12%
K J Crowle	23,809	-	-	-	23,809	0.03%
C J Walton	23,809	-	-	-	23,809	0.03%

* Following the Placing, 152,500 of these Ordinary Shares are held in the name of Legal and Commercial Trustee Retirement Benefit Scheme (pension fund), of which Mr Richard Visick is one of the trustees and one of the beneficiaries.

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Rockhopper Exploration plc commenced trading in February 2004 to invest in and carry out an offshore oil exploration programme to the north of the Falkland Islands. The Company, floated on AIM in August 2005, is currently the largest licence holder in the North Falkland Basin and has a 100 per cent. interest in four offshore production licences which cover approximately 5,800 sq. km. These licences have been granted by the Falkland Islands government.