



## Press Release

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Rockhopper Exploration (“Rockhopper” or the “Company”)

### Rig Update

Rockhopper Exploration plc (AIM: RKH), the North Falkland Basin oil and gas exploration company, is pleased to announce that the Ocean Guardian drilling rig departed from the Cromarty Firth in Scotland at 2.00pm on Thursday 26 November en route to Falkland Island waters.

The journey is anticipated to take around two months with the rig expected to arrive in the Falklands ready to commence drilling around early February 2010.

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The Rockhopper Group started trading in February 2004 to invest in and carry out an offshore oil exploration programme to the north of the Falkland Islands. The Group, 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 3,800 sq. km. These licences have been granted by the Falkland Islands government.