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**TR-1: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARES<sup>i</sup>**

<b>1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached:<sup>ii</sup></b>		<b>Rockhopper Exploration Plc</b>
<b>2 Reason for the notification</b> (please tick the appropriate box or boxes):		
An acquisition or disposal of voting rights		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
An acquisition or disposal of qualifying financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached		<input type="checkbox"/>
An acquisition or disposal of instruments with similar economic effect to qualifying financial instruments		<input type="checkbox"/>
An event changing the breakdown of voting rights		<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify):		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation:<sup>iii</sup></b>		<b>Gartmore Investment Limited</b>
<b>4. Full name of shareholder(s)</b> (if different from 3.): <sup>iv</sup>		See attached schedule
<b>5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached:<sup>v</sup></b>		3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2009
<b>6. Date on which issuer notified:</b>		4 <sup>th</sup> December 2009
<b>7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached:<sup>vi, vii</sup></b>		5%
<b>8. Notified details:</b>		
<b>A: Voting rights attached to shares<sup>viii, ix</sup></b>		
<b>Class/type of shares</b>	<b>Situation previous to the triggering</b>	<b>Resulting situation after the triggering transaction</b>

if possible using the ISIN CODE	transaction						
	Number of Shares	Number of Voting Rights	Number of shares	Number of voting rights		% of voting rights <sup>x</sup>	
			Direct	Direct <sup>xi</sup>	Indirect <sup>xii</sup>	Direct	Indirect
GB00B0FVQX23	N/A	N/A	9,370,000		9,370,000		5.413%

## B: Qualifying Financial Instruments

### Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

Type of financial instrument	Expiration date <sup>xiii</sup>	Exercise/ Conversion Period <sup>xiv</sup>	Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/ converted.	% of voting rights

## C: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect to Qualifying Financial Instruments <sup>xv, xvi</sup>

### Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

Type of financial instrument	Exercise price	Expiration date <sup>xvii</sup>	Exercise/ Conversion period <sup>xviii</sup>	Number of voting rights instrument refers to	% of voting rights <sup>xix, xx</sup>	
					Nominal	Delta

## Total (A+B+C)

Number of voting rights	Percentage of voting rights
9,370,000	5.413%

## 9. Chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable: <sup>xxi</sup>

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Proxy Voting:	
10. Name of the proxy holder:	
11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to hold:	
12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights:	

13. Additional information:	
14. Contact name:	
15. Contact telephone number:	

Share description Fund Managing Co	Shares Held	% of Issued Share Capital	UK Registered Owner	Beneficial Owner
Equities ROCKHOPPER EXPLORA ORD GBP0.01				
Gartmore Fund Managers Limited	1,712,748	0.989%	HSBC Global Custody Nominee UK Ltd	Gartmore Fund Managers Ltd A/C Gartmore UK & Irish smaller companies
Gartmore Investment Limited	2,104,633 681,810	1.216% 0.394%	Nortrust Nominees Gartmore Growth Opportunities Vidacos Nominees Ltd A/C 2303	Strathclyde Pension Fund Gartmore Growth Opportunities Plc  The Alphagen Volantis Fund Limited
	<b>9,370,000</b>	<b>5.413%</b>		