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### Rockhopper Exploration announces board appointments

Further to the appointment in January of Pierre Jungels as Executive Chairman, Rockhopper Exploration plc has strengthened its board with the following appointments:

**Sam Moody - Managing Director:** Sam is a co-founder of Rockhopper and has been responsible for building and managing the group from its formation in early 2004 and works closely with Dr. Jungels in his role at Rockhopper. He previously worked in several roles within the financial sector, including positions at AXA Equity & Law Investment Management and St Paul's Investment Management.

**Keith Williams - Exploration Director:** Keith has more than thirty years' experience in the oil and gas industry, having held senior positions at Mobil, British National Oil Corporation, Hudbay Oil and Kerr-McGee Oil (UK) Ltd, where he was Exploration Director. A geophysicist by training, Keith also has significant overseas exploration experience.

**Peter Dixon-Clarke - Finance Director:** Peter qualified as a chartered accountant at Deloitte & Touche LLP in the Financial Services group. He left Deloitte to work at what is now Amlin plc, to head up the financial affairs of the group's biggest division, seeing it through the Lloyd's market turnaround and subsequent group flotation. Since then he has filled the finance director role on a number of projects, including a start-up company in the fashion industry and a turnaround situation in the textile industry.

**Dave Bodecott - Consultant to the Board:** Dave has been an independent consultant in petroleum geology and seismic interpretation since 1981 and has nearly 30 years experience in the oil and gas industry. He has extensive international experience with much of his work focusing on seismic interpretation. He has worked on the North Falklands Basin during all the active exploration phases since the initial licensing round in 1996. He has conducted extensive seismic and geological evaluation of prospects in all parts of the basin.

**John Crowle - Non-Executive Director:** John, a trained geologist, has international exploration and production experience from roles at BP, LASMO, Enterprise Oil and Shell. His time at BP included involvement in its work in the UK, Norway, Egypt and the Mediterranean area. At Enterprise Oil he was a key player in the company's entry to Italy, France and Denmark, and for three years he was general manager of Enterprise Oil's Norwegian subsidiary.

**Chris Walton - Non-Executive Director:** Chris was Finance Director at Easyjet Plc from 1999-2005, where he successfully directed its IPO in 2000. Prior to that he held senior posts at Australian Post, Australian Airlines, Air New Zealand, and Qantas Airways. He has also worked for BP Australia, RTZ Hamersley Iron, the Australian Senate and West Australian Government. He is a member of the Bank of England's Regional Economic Advisory Panel.

Pierre Jungels, Executive Chairman, commented: 'With these appointments, I believe we have assembled a management team that combines relevant oil industry experience with financial and business expertise to produce a blend that will create value for our investors. I look forward to working with all my fellow directors over the coming months and years, and continuing to develop the business.'

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