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Rockhopper Exploration plc (the "Company")

Director Dealings

Rockhopper Exploration plc ("the Company") announces that it was notified on 6 July 2006 that Mr Richard Visick, Non-executive Director, purchased the following 1p ordinary shares in the Company:

Name	Shares purchased	Price per share (pence)	Number of shares held	Percentage interest (%)
Richard Visick	66,300	37.75	18,897,309	26.3

These shares were purchased in the name of Legal and Commercial Trustee Retirement Benefit Scheme (pension fund), of which Mr Richard Visick is a trustee and one of the beneficiaries.

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