

Warning to Shareholders

Over recent years many companies have become aware that their shareholders have received unsolicited phone calls or correspondence concerning investment matters. These are typically from overseas based 'brokers' who target UK shareholders offering to sell them what often turn out to be worthless or high risk shares in US or UK investments. They can be very persistent and extremely persuasive.

More recently the Company has become aware that individuals have been offered shares in Rockhopper Exploration plc ('Rockhopper') at a discounted price or have been offered a price significantly above the prevailing share price for their Rockhopper shares. In the cases which have been brought to our attention, the individuals have not received a share certificate or any sales proceeds.

Shareholders and investors are advised to be very wary of any unsolicited advice, offers to buy shares at a discount or offers of free company reports. If you deal with an unauthorised firm, you would not be eligible to receive payment under the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

If you receive any unsolicited investment advice:

- Make sure you get the correct name of the person and organisation.
- Check that they are properly authorised by the FSA before getting involved. You can check at www.fsa.gov.uk/register.
- The FSA also maintains on its website a list of unauthorised overseas firms who are targeting, or have targeted, UK investors. More detailed information on this or similar activity can be found on the FSA website <http://www.fsa.gov.uk/consumer/>

A new multi-agency operation has been launched called Operation Archway to target boiler room scams as these are known. The initiative combines the resources of the Financial Services Authority, the City of London Police, the Serious Fraud Office, the Serious Organised Crime Agency and every police force in the country. The aim of the operation is to gather information from shareholders who have been approached by, or been victims of boiler room operations.

If shareholders are approached by suspect boiler room operators, please report the incident to the FSA consumer helpline on 0845 606 1234 or email Operation Archway