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Rockhopper Exploration plc (the "Company")

Director Dealings

Rockhopper Exploration plc ("the Company") announces that it was notified on 28 June 2006 that Mr Samuel Moody, Managing Director and Mr Richard Visick, Non-executive Director, today purchased the following 1p ordinary shares in the Company:

Name	Shares purchased	Price per share (pence)	Number of shares held	Percentage interest (%)
Samuel Moody	50,000	32.25	783,428	1.09
Richard Visick	86,200	30.39	18,831,009	26.25

Mr Richard Visick's 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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