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SERICA ENERGY PLC (“Serica” or the “Company”)

FIRST DAY OF UNCONDITIONAL DEALINGS ON AIM

13 December 2005 - Serica, an international oil and gas exploration company with principal activities in the UK North Sea, Indonesia and Spain, announces that the Company’s Ordinary Shares of US\$0.1 each have today been admitted to trading on the AIM Market of the London Stock Exchange (“AIM”). The Company’s trading symbol is “SQZ”.

Admission Details

- 67,368,421 Ordinary Shares have been conditionally placed with investors by JPMorgan Cazenove, the Company’s Nominated Adviser and UK Broker, to raise £64.0 million (before expenses) for the Company.
- On admission to AIM a total of 142,548,580 shares were in issue capitalising the Company at £135.4 million at the placing price of 95p per share.
- The Company is also quoted on the TSX-V Exchange [TSX-V: SQZ]. Unless permitted by Canadian securities legislation, the new Ordinary shares may not be traded in Canada before 14 April 2006.

Use of Proceeds

- On 6 October 2005 the Company announced the successful drilling of the Kambuna-2 well, offshore Northern Sumatra. Serica plans to submit a preliminary plan of development for the Kambuna Field, in which it is operator and has a 55 per cent. working interest, by year end.
- Following this success, funds will be used to finance Serica’s planned exploration, appraisal and development program over the next 24 months, principally on operated blocks where Serica has substantial interests
 - In 2006 and 2007, the Company estimates that it will spend US\$60 million on its exploration and appraisal program and a further US\$34 million on the development of the Kambuna Field, and of the Singa Field in Southern Sumatra
 - Eleven exploration or appraisal wells are planned over the period
 - The Gaffney, Cline & Associates Ltd Competent Person’s Report confirms the potential for drilling prospects to add significantly to the Company’s reserve base
 - Appraisal and development over next 24 months will accelerate Serica’s objective of bringing its four discoveries onto production

Key Strengths

The Directors consider the key strengths of Serica to be:

- Highly experienced management with sustained record of creating value for shareholders and particular knowledge of the areas in which Serica operates
- Operator with working interests of 50-100 per cent. in all of its properties other than in the Lematang PSC
- A diverse portfolio including existing oil and gas discoveries and ready to drill exploration prospects as detailed in the Gaffney, Cline & Associates Ltd Competent Person's Report:
 - Four existing discoveries
 - Two near-term development opportunities with production targeted to commence in 2008
 - Thirty-two prospects and leads, which require further evaluation, including seismic and drilling

Tony Craven Walker, Chairman of Serica, commented:

"Serica's technical team has assembled a portfolio of exploration properties, in Indonesia, the UK North Sea and in Spain, which have considerable upside potential.

The successful outcome of Kambuna-2 and Togar-1A, our first two wells drilled as operator, highlights this potential.

Our admission to AIM and the accompanying fundraising gives Serica the financial resources to explore, appraise and develop its quality asset base which has the potential to generate material value for shareholders."

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A copy of the Gaffney, Cline & Associates Ltd Competent Person's Report is available on the Company's website: www.serica-energy.com, and on SEDAR; www.sedar.com

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EDITORS' NOTES

Management

Tony Craven Walker, aged 62, non-executive Chairman

Tony Craven Walker joined Serica as non-executive Chairman in August 2004. He has been a leading figure in the British independent oil industry since the early 1970s. During his 39 year career in the oil and gas industry he has founded two British independent oil companies, Charterhouse Petroleum plc which was acquired by Petrofina for £140 million in 1986, and Monument Oil and Gas plc which was acquired by Lasmo for approximately £600 million in 1999. He was Chief Executive of Charterhouse Petroleum and Monument and became Chairman of Monument in 1997. Tony Craven Walker was a founder member of BRINDEX (The Association of British Independent Oil Exploration Companies), formed in 1974 as the official voice of British Independent oil and gas exploration companies, and was a leading officer of the Association for many years.

Paul Ellis, aged 59, Chief Executive Officer

Paul Ellis joined Serica as Chief Executive Officer in September 2005. He has 35 years of experience within the areas of exploration, production, development and management of international oil and gas ventures. He joined Serica from Emerald Energy plc, a United Kingdom listed company with operations in Colombia, where as Chief Operating Officer, he was instrumental in the rapid and successful expansion of the company's exploration and production interests. He has held positions as a director or senior executive of a number of public companies such as Charterhouse Petroleum and British Gas in the United Kingdom, where he was Technical Director and Director, International E&P respectively, and PanCanadian Petroleum (now Encana) in Canada where he was Senior Vice President International. In assuming these senior roles, Paul has held technical and financial responsibility for new ventures and projects in over 20 countries.

Chris Atkinson, aged 47, Chief Operating Officer

Chris Atkinson is a founder of the Group with 23 years of varied experience in the international oil and gas industry. He has a significant track record of acquiring high quality exploration acreage on which several discoveries have ultimately been made. He joined Shell in April 1983 at its KSEPL Rijswijk Research Laboratory and then spent a further 15 years at ARCO Oil and Gas Company (Atlantic Richfield) in a variety of senior management positions in Indonesia, UK and Europe and was Exploration Director of ARCO British and Exploration Vice President, Europe and North Africa when he left in 2000.

Chris Hearne, aged 40, Finance Director

Chris Hearne joined Serica in January 2005 from Intrepid Energy & Co., a leading independent exploration and production company in the UK North Sea, for which he was corporate finance manager for eight years. In this capacity, he contributed to the growth of Intrepid from a start-up company to its recent sale for over US\$1 billion. Prior to joining Intrepid, he worked as an investment banker with Lehman Brothers and Robert Fleming & Co. Ltd.

Jim Steel, aged 72, non-executive Director

Jim Steel joined Serica as a non-executive Director in June 2004. He has been involved in the oil and gas industry since 1961 when he was appointed legal adviser to BP Canada Limited. Between 1961 to 1968 he has held a variety of positions at The British Petroleum Company and BP Canada Ltd. From 1968 to 2005 he practiced as a corporate, commercial and oil and gas lawyer in Calgary, Alberta.



Neil Pike, aged 60, non-executive Director

Neil Pike joined Serica as a non-executive Director in August, 2004. He has been involved in the global petroleum business as a financier since joining the energy department of Citibank in 1975. Neil remained an industry specialist with Citibank throughout his career, based in either London or New York, and was closely involved in the development of specialised oil field financing in the UK North Sea and North America, and whose practices were eventually extended to suitable situations around the world. At the end of his career with Citibank, he was responsible for the bank's relationships with the oil and gas sector.

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