

Serica Energy plc
("Serica" or the "Company")

Share purchase by Directors

Serica Energy plc (TSX: SQZ; AIM: SQZ) announces that the Trustees of the Serica Energy Share Incentive Plan ("the Plan") have made purchases of Serica shares under the terms of the plan on behalf of employees and officers of the Company as a result of which certain directors increased their beneficial shareholdings in the Company by a total of 2,274 shares on 17 April 2012, as follows:

Christopher Hearne (Finance Director) acquired 1,137 ordinary shares at a price of 33 pence per share taking his total beneficial shareholding to 771,148 shares representing 0.44% of the voting rights;

Peter Sadler (Business Development Director) acquired 1,137 ordinary shares at a price of 33 pence per share taking his total beneficial shareholding to 162,688 shares representing 0.09% of the voting rights.

The Company has 176,770,311 shares issued and outstanding.

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