

Friday 31 March 2006

Summary 2005 Full Results and Forward Programme

Serica today announces its 2005 full year results. A summary of these results is included [here](#), and the full 2005 Annual Report is available [here](#) and www.sedar.com.

In the North Sea, the Global Santa Fe 140 drilling rig has been secured for the Company's first exploration well on Block 23/16f in partnership with Endeavour Energy UK Limited. Drilling in Block 23/16f is expected to take place in the fourth quarter of 2006 following completion of site preparations. In Indonesia, the Company is currently concluding arrangements for a rig to commence its 2006/7 drilling programme in the Biliton Block.

Drilling on the Glagah Kambuna and Asahan Offshore Blocks in Indonesia awaits the outcome of a large 3D seismic programme scheduled to commence in the third quarter of 2006. The Company continues to explore avenues to identify rig slots in the currently tight rig market in order to bring forward drilling on Serica's other exploration prospects.

2005 Highlights

Operational

- Two operated wells completed in Indonesia were gas discoveries:
 - Kambuna-2 well tested at good flow rates, demonstrating commercial potential and highlighting further upside of the block
 - Togar-1A well encountered high quality gas-bearing sands
- Awarded two new North Sea exploration blocks, Block 14/15a and Block 23/16f, in the UK 23rd Licensing Round
- Appointment of Paul Ellis as Chief Executive Officer

Financial

- Completed listing on AIM in December 2005 and raised £64 million before costs, through JPMorgan Cazenove
- Serica has adopted International Financial Reporting Standards for its 2005 results (previously Canadian GAAP)

Forward Programme

- Kambuna Field Plan of Development submitted to the Indonesian authorities, targeting first production in 2008. Discussions ongoing with third parties regarding gas sales agreements
- Plan of Development for Tanjung Perling Field to be submitted during first half 2006
- Drilling rigs identified for wells to be drilled in the UK and Indonesia:
 - First well on North Sea Block 23/16f to be spudded in Q4 2006
 - Concluding arrangements for a rig to commence the Indonesian drilling programme
- A large 3D seismic programme covering parts of both the Glagah Kambuna and Asahan blocks contracted to commence in Q3 2006



Tony Craven Walker, Chairman, commented:

'As a result of the drilling success and the completion of fund raising, 2005 was an excellent year for the Company. With the appointment of Paul Ellis as Chief Executive Officer to complete our management team, Serica is well placed to build upon this success through the ambitious exploration and field development programme that is planned for this year and next.'

31 March 2006**Background Notes**

Serica is an international oil and gas exploration company with operations in Indonesia, the UK North Sea and Spain. The Company's ordinary shares are listed in London on AIM and on the Canadian TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol 'SQZ'. The 2005 Annual Report and Accounts are available at www.serica-energy.com and www.sedar.com.

Enquiries:**Serica Energy plc**

Paul Ellis, pellis@serica-energy.com +44 (0)20 7487 7300
Chief Executive Officer

Chris Hearne, chearne@serica-energy.com +44 (0)20 7487 7300
Finance Director

Pelham Public Relations - UK

James Henderson james.henderson@pelhampr.com +44 (0)20 7743 6673

Alisdair Haythornthwaite alisdair.haythornthwaite@pelhampr.com +44 (0)20 7743 6676

CHF - Canada

Jan Moir jan@chfir.com +1 416 868 1079
Heather Colpitts heather@chfir.com +1 416 868 1079

Forward Looking Statements

This disclosure contains certain forward looking statements that involve substantial known and unknown risks and uncertainties, some of which are beyond Serica Energy plc's control, including: the impact of general economic conditions where Serica Energy plc operates, industry conditions, changes in laws and regulations including the adoption of new environmental laws and regulations and changes in how they are interpreted and enforced, increased competition, the lack of availability of qualified personnel or management, fluctuations in foreign exchange or interest rates, stock market volatility and market valuations of companies with respect to announced transactions and the final valuations thereof, and obtaining required approvals of regulatory authorities. Serica Energy plc's actual results, performance or achievement could differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, these forward looking statements and, accordingly, no assurances can be given that any of the events anticipated by the forward looking statements will transpire or occur, or if any of them do so, what benefits, including the amount of proceeds, that Serica Energy plc will derive there from.