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## **Serica Energy announces Biliton farm-out agreement**

Serica Energy plc (AIM and TSX Venture: SQZ) is pleased to announce the farm-out of a percentage of the Company's interest in the Biliton PSC, Indonesia, whilst retaining the role of Operator.

In line with its strategy to spread exploration risk and manage costs, Serica has signed an agreement with Nations Petroleum, a subsidiary of the privately owned oil exploration and production company Nations Petroleum Company Ltd., to farm-out a 45% interest in the Biliton PSC, subject to required regulatory approval. In return Nations Petroleum will bear the majority of the costs of the two well drilling programme scheduled to commence in Q2 2007.

Serica will remain as operator and retain a 45% interest in the Biliton PSC. A number of potentially significant prospects have been identified within the PSC, which is located in a virtually unexplored basin, and the Seadrill-5 drilling rig is contracted from Q2 2007 to drill the two exploration wells back-to-back.

### **Paul Ellis, Chief Executive, said:**

'We are extremely pleased to announce the farm-out of a 45% interest in the Biliton PSC, whilst retaining operatorship and a 45% interest for Serica.'

In line with the strategy announced at the time of our UK fundraising in December 2005, this allows Serica and its shareholders significant exposure to high impact exploration drilling whilst managing the cost to the Company.'

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#### **Background Notes**

Serica Energy plc is an international oil and gas exploration company with operations in the UK North Sea, Norway, Ireland, Spain, Indonesia and Vietnam. 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 can be obtained from the Company's web-site [www.serica-energy.com](http://www.serica-energy.com) and at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com).

#### **Forward Looking Statements**

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