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SERICA ENERGY PLC ANNOUNCES DIRECTOR/HOLDING CHANGES; INCREASE IN DIRECTORS' HOLDINGS OF 961,876 SHARES

London, 23 May 2006 - Serica Energy plc (TSX Venture: SQZ; AIM: SQZ) announces that on 23 May 2006 the beneficial shareholdings of Antony Craven Walker and Neil Pike in the Company were increased by the exercise of Warrants over 1,521,876 and 100,000 shares respectively. On the same date, Neil Pike transferred ownership of 10,000 shares and Christopher Atkinson reduced his holding by 650,000 shares from 5,389,315 shares to 4,739,315 shares. As a result of these transactions the beneficial shareholdings of Directors of the Company have increased by 961,876 shares. Details of these transactions are set out below:

Name of Director: Date of Disclosure: Nature of Transaction: No. of Shares Acquired: No. of Shares Disposed: Class of Share: Price of Shares Acquired: Previous No. of Ordinary Shares: Revised No. of Ordinary Shares:

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Neil Pike 23 May 2006 Exercise of Warrants and Transfer of Shares 100,000 10,000 Ordinary US\$0.10 Shares CDN\$ 1.20 Op 200,000

290,000

Christopher Atkinson 23 May 2006 Sale of Shares 0 650,000 Ordinary US\$0.10 Shares 93p 5,389,315

4,739,315



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