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 and allocated 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 2,676 shares on 13 August 2012, as follows:

Christopher Hearne (Finance Director) acquired 1,338 ordinary shares at an average price of 28 pence per share taking his total beneficial shareholding to 789,442 shares representing 0.45% of the voting rights;

Peter Sadler (Business Development Director) acquired 1,338 ordinary shares at an average price of 28 pence per share taking his total beneficial shareholding to 180,982 shares representing 0.10% of the voting rights.

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

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