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 4,017 shares on 14 January 2013, 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 795,970 shares representing 0.44% 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 187,510 shares representing 0.10% of the voting rights.

Mitchell Flegg (Chief Operating Officer) acquired 1,341 ordinary shares at an average price of 28 pence per share taking his total beneficial shareholding to 104,157 shares representing 0.06% of the voting rights.

The Company has 182,770,311 shares issued and outstanding.

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