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Cove Energy plc

Appointment of Non-Executive Director

Cove Energy plc ("the Company" or "Cove", AIM:COV), the AIM quoted upstream oil and gas company focused on East Africa, is pleased to announce the appointment of Anthony Charles Golding to the Board as Non-Executive Director with immediate effect. Mr Golding, a lawyer is currently a consultant to leading law firm Thompson & Knight LLP. His practice is focused on corporate, finance and energy law with expertise in negotiations; mergers, acquisitions and disposals; private and public equity; and debt finance. He also held the position of Senior Associate, with law firm LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae from 2000 to 2005.

In addition Mr Golding spent 14 years with the UK Independent and Footsie 100 upstream oil and gas company London & Scottish Marine Oil plc (LASMO) where he held a number of legal posts including Group General Counsel and U.S. Business Manager from 1998 to 1999.

Anthony Golding will join the Company's Nomination, Audit and Remuneration Committees. As a result the Company's Nomination, Audit and Remuneration committees will now be comprised solely of independent, Non-Executive Directors.

Michael Blaha, Chairman of Cove Energy plc said:

"We are delighted to have appointed a person of Anthony's calibre who, with his combined legal and oil industry background will bring huge benefits to Cove. His appointment continues the undertaking given by the Directors to achieve an appropriate Board of independent Non-Executive Directors in keeping with best corporate governance practices."

The information in relation to Anthony Golding which is required to be disclosed pursuant to Schedule 2, paragraph (g) (i) – (viii) of the AIM Rules is as follows:

- (i) Anthony Charles Golding, aged 57
- (ii) Current directorships and partnerships:
 - Woodside Energy (UK) Limited
 - Woodside Energy (N.A.) Limited
 - Gascash Limited
 - Britannia Exploration, Inc

Past directorships and partnerships in the previous 5 years:
n/a

Save as disclosed above, there is no information in relation to the appointment of Anthony Golding which is required to be disclosed pursuant to Schedule 2 paragraph (g) of the AIM Rules.

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