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Cove Energy plc

Appointment of Executive Chairman

Cove Energy plc (AIM: COV), the AIM quoted upstream oil and gas company focussing on exploration and appraisal in Mozambique and Tanzania, East Africa, is pleased to announce that Michael Blaha, currently the Company's non executive Chairman has been appointed Executive Chairman with immediate effect.

Michael Blaha's (55), entire 29 year career has been with the Royal Dutch Shell Group ("Shell") where he held senior strategic and executive positions in important oil and gas regions. His most recent role was Country Chairman for Shell in Algeria, prior to which he held the positions of Director External Relations for EP Africa from 2003-2005, Vice President EP for Russia (Salym, Sakhalin) from 2001 to 2003 and Vice President Iran (Soroosh and Nowrooz) from 1998 to 2001. Earlier in his Shell career he worked at the Shell head offices in The Hague from where he developed business in China, Iran and Russia. He has also held senior roles in the Philippines, Syria, Thailand and the UK. Mr Blaha is a Petroleum Engineer and has an MSc in Chemistry from Universiteit van Amsterdam.

Commenting, John Craven, CEO of Cove Energy, said:

"I am pleased and delighted that Michael is joining the Cove Executive team. His knowledge of the industry from the big oil perspective and his extensive contacts gained from his distinguished career at Shell will be invaluable in driving Cove's business forward. He also brings balance and complementary skill sets to the Board. We expect to have a fully funded five well exploration programme starting in a few weeks time in the Rovuma Delta Mozambique. Together with Michael, the Executives will be focussed on this high impact drilling campaign and developing other value accretive opportunities for our shareholders."

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Notes to Editors:

Cove Energy is an AIM traded resource company. Its strategy is to identify and acquire oil and gas assets in the early phase of the upstream life-cycle and mature them into marketable opportunities for the medium and larger oil and utility companies. The Company's initial

focus will be on Africa and the Mediterranean. The Company will be "opportunity driven" but the objective is to target assets in areas where larger oil companies are not yet active or have overlooked opportunities. Cove Energy will also seek out assets owned by companies in distress as a result, for instance, of the current global economic climate.

The Company intends to operate with a minimum level of staffing but with a larger experienced "virtual" skills-pool from where it can draw on relevant experience on a case-by-case basis. The Company intends at the outset to partner and joint venture with investors and associates who will support Cove Energy with commercial skills and influence in areas where the Company intends to grow its business.