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**Cove Energy plc  
Directorate Change**

Cove Energy plc ("the Company" or "Cove Energy", AIM: COV), the AIM quoted upstream oil and gas company, is pleased to announce the appointment of Frank Moxon as an independent Non-Executive Director effective immediately. Frank has been appointed to Cove Energy's Audit, Nomination and Remuneration committees. Frank replaces Ivan Murphy who has left the Board with immediate effect.

Frank is an experienced financial and strategic adviser specialising in natural resources. He has senior management experience both within investment banking and as a non-executive director including finance/audit committee, pension and other trustee responsibilities.

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

- (i) Frank Hoyt Moxon aged (43)
- (ii) Current Directorships:
  - Hoyt Moxon Capital Limited;
  - Hoyt Moxon Limited;
  - Reach Volunteering;
  - The British Diabetic Association;
  - London Energy Group Limited;
  - Whetstone Minerals Limited; and
  - The Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment

Past directorships in the previous 5 years:  
None

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

The Directors of Cove Energy are actively seeking to appoint a further independent Non Executive Director to the Board.

Michael Blaha, Chairman of Cove Energy said:

"We welcome Frank to the Board as an independent Non Executive Director. We are committed to delivering best practice corporate governance and believe that Frank brings a lot to Cove Energy in this regard. He will be joined by a further independent Non Executive Director in due course."

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**Notes to Editors**

Cove Energy is an AIM quoted E&P company with a strategy 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 is on Africa and the Mediterranean. Current operations include the Mecupa-1 well in the Onshore Rovuma Block in northern Mozambique, where Cove has a conditional farm in agreement with Artumas to acquire a 10% participating interest in the Exploration and Production Concession Contract ("EPCC") covering the Rovuma Onshore Area.

In addition Cove, again in northern Mozambique, has a conditional farm in agreement with Artumas to acquire an 8.5% interest in the EPCC covering Area 1 Offshore of the Rovuma Block. A four well programme is planned through to end 2010 and the first prospect is planned to spud by early December 2009. The Belford Dolphin drillship is already in country and preparing to drill and set surface casing for the first two locations.

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation is the Operator of both Mozambique EPCCs.

Cove Energy has also acquired from Artumas a 16.38% interest in petroleum operations (other than exploration operations) and a 20.475% interest in the exploration operations in the Tanzanian Mnazi Bay concession, including the Mnazi Bay Production Sharing Contract which contains the Mnazi Bay and Msimbati gas fields. This transaction was completed together with M&P, M&P taking over the operatorship from Artumas.

The Company operates 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 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.

Cove Energy has a strong management team with a wealth of experience in oil and gas operations. Michael Blaha, Executive Chairman and formerly Country Chairman for Royal Dutch Shell Group in Algeria, is a petroleum engineer with twenty nine years industry experience, his entire career spent working at Shell. John Craven, Chief Executive Officer and formerly founder and until recently CEO of Petroceltic International plc, is a petroleum geologist with thirty five years experience in senior technical and commercial roles in upstream oil and gas exploration and production companies.

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