

**WESSEX EXPLORATION PLC
(AIM: WSX)**

First Day of Dealings on AIM

The Directors of Wessex Exploration PLC (“Wessex Exploration” or the “Company”) are pleased to announce the admission of Wessex Exploration (AIM: WSX) shares to trading on the AIM.

Wessex Exploration is a hydrocarbon exploration company with its principal projects in offshore Guyane (formerly French Guiana) and Southern England. Although at an early stage in development the Directors consider that these assets offer potential upside for investors as the Company’s work programmes progress. Wessex Exploration has further projects in Juan de Nova (Mozambique Channel) and Western Sahara (Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic).

As previously announced, Wessex Exploration has raised £3m (before expenses) by the issue of 100,000,000 new Ordinary Shares. It is intended that the proceeds will be used to fund the exploration necessary to support the Company’s strategy.

All capitalised terms in this announcement are as defined in the Admission Document, dated 23 March 2011. The Admission Document, along with the information required by AIM Rule 26, is available from the Company’s website, www.wessexexploration.com.

This announcement and the Admission Document have been approved by Frederik Dekker, BSc. (Geology), MA (Geology) FGS, who is a registered professional geologist with the American Association of Petroleum Geologist (AAPG). Mr Dekker is the Managing Director of Wessex Exploration and has over 40 years of experience in the oil industry.

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