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Exillon Energy plc ("Exillon" or the "Company")

Update on Formal Sale Process

The Board of Exillon notes the announcement earlier today by Seneal International Agency Ltd ("Seneal"), a company ultimately controlled by Alexei Khotin who is the ultimate beneficial controller of the RusOil group, that it has acquired 48,437,122 shares from Mr. Maksat Arip, which represents a 29.99% interest in the Company's share capital, at a price of 377 pence per Exillon share. The RusOil group stated it is currently reviewing potential opportunities, which include the possibility of making an offer for Exillon, however that no decision has yet been made with regard to further action.

Separately, the Board notes the announcement by Hanberg Finance Limited ("Hanberg"), a company ultimately owned by Mikhail Gutseriev, dated 3 December 2013, that it is currently in the process of considering making an offer to acquire the shares in the Company not already owned by Hanberg at a price of not less than 300 pence per Exillon share in cash.

Exillon continues to work on delivering an offer for the entire issued share capital of the Company, and will provide a further update to the market in due course. In the meantime, the Company urges shareholders to take no action.

There can be no certainty that any offers will be made by either Hanberg or Seneal, or any party acting in concert with either of them.

The Board of Exillon also reserves the right to reject any approach or terminate discussions with any interested party or participant at any time. There can be no certainty that any offer will be made, any sale concluded, nor as to the terms on which any offer might be made.

This announcement has been made without the prior approval of Hanberg or Seneal.

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