

# THE TAKEOVER PANEL

## **SERICA ENERGY PLC ("SERICA")**

## **SALAMANDER ENERGY PLC ("SALAMANDER")**

Following recent representations made by the advisers to Serica, the Panel Executive has been considering the application of Rule 2.4(b) of the Code to the approach by Salamander to Serica. Following discussions with all parties' advisers, the Panel Executive has ruled that, unless the Panel Executive consents otherwise, Salamander must, by 5.00 p.m. on 10 November 2008, either announce a firm intention to make an offer for Serica under Rule 2.5 of the Code or announce that it does not intend to make an offer for Serica. In the event that Salamander announces that it does not intend to make an offer for Serica, Salamander and any person acting in concert with it will, except with the consent of the Panel Executive, be bound by the restrictions contained in Rule 2.8 of the Code for six months from the date of such announcement.

Each of the parties has accepted this ruling.

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