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MERIDIAN PETROLEUM PLC
("Meridian" or the "Company")

Holdings in Company

Meridian Petroleum plc (AIM: MRP) was today notified that as part of a divorce settlement, Anthony Mason has disposed of 6,377,550 ordinary shares of 5p each in the Company at a price of 8p, being the mid-market closing price on 15th January 2008.

Following this settlement Maurene Singer has a beneficial interest in 6,377,550 Ordinary shares, representing 6.61% of the Company's issued share capital.

Mr Mason has confirmed that his total beneficial interest in the Company is now 17,614,784 shares, representing 18.24% of the Company's issued share capital.

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