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

**Grant of Options**

Meridian Petroleum plc (AIM:MRP) announces that the new Chief Operating Officer of the Company has today been granted options entitling him to acquire 1,000,000 ordinary shares of 5p each in the Company under the standard terms of the Company's Unapproved Share Option Plan. The options have an exercise price of 9.25p per ordinary share (based on mid-market closing price on 12 December 2007) and are exercisable, subject to conditions, over the period 13 December 2007 to 12 December 2017.

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