



Publication of a Prospectus

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EnQuest PLC, 14 October 2016

Announcement of Publication of Prospectus

Further to the Placing and Open Offer Announcement and Results of Placing Announcement made by the Company on 13 October 2016 ("the Placing and Open Offer Announcements"), the Company is pleased to announce that the Prospectus in respect of the proposed capital raise by way of a Placing and Open Offer has been approved by the UK Listing Authority and published.

Defined terms in this announcement shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Placing and Open Offer Announcements unless otherwise specified.

A copy of the Prospectus will be submitted to the National Storage Mechanism and will shortly be available for inspection at: <http://www.Hemscoft.com/nsm.do>. Copies of the Prospectus will also be available on the Company's website at: <http://www.EnQuest.com> and from the registered office of EnQuest: Cunard House, 15 Regent St, London SW1Y 4LR.

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Qualifying Shareholders should be aware that in the Open Offer, unlike in a rights issue, any Open Offer Shares not applied for will not be sold in the market or placed for the benefit of Qualifying Shareholders who do not apply under the Open Offer, but will be subscribed for under the Placing with the net proceeds retained for the benefit of the Company and Qualifying Shareholders who do not apply to take up their Open Offer Entitlements will have no rights under the Open Offer to receive any proceeds from it.

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to be published by EnQuest in connection with the Placing and Open Offer.

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You are advised to read this announcement and the Prospectus (once published) in their entirety for a further discussion of the factors that could affect EnQuest's future performance. In light of these risks, uncertainties and assumptions, the events described in the forward-looking statements in this announcement may not occur.

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