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Bowleven plc ('Bowleven' or 'the Company')

Update on the Proposed Acquisition of Licence Interests in Tanzania

Bowleven, the Africa focused oil and gas exploration group traded on AIM, announces that, further to the announcement of 19 November 2015, it has decided not to pursue its interest in the proposed acquisition from Aminex PLC of a 25% interest in the Kiliwani North Development Licence and a 50% interest in the Ruvuma PSA, in Tanzania, following the completion of due diligence.

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Notes to Editors:

Bowleven is an African focused oil and gas exploration group, based in Edinburgh and traded on AIM. Bowleven's strategy is focused on creating and realising material value principally through exploration led organic growth. Bowleven holds equity interests in two permits in Cameroon, with one located offshore in shallow water (operated by NewAge) and the other onshore (operated by Bowleven).

Bowleven also holds an equity interest in an onshore block in Kenya, operated by Adamantine Energy, and has been awarded three blocks in Zambia, with applications on two blocks pending.

Glossary of Terms:

The following are the main terms and abbreviations used in this announcement:

AIM the market of that name operated by the London Stock Exchange

Bowleven plc (LSE:BLVN) and/or its subsidiaries as appropriate

PSA Production Sharing Agreement