

Acquisition of MVE Management GmbH ("Gardemann")

Lavendon Group plc, Europe's market leaders in the rental of powered access equipment, today announces the acquisition of MVE Management GmbH ("Gardemann"). The transaction is subject to shareholder approval and will be completed during early December 2006.

The acquired business will retain its existing brand name and independent "face to the customer". Over the next few months Lavendon Group, will take steps to identify and realise asset-sharing opportunities, and other synergies, across Gardemann and its existing German business, Zoom. Gardemann is, along with Zoom, two of only three genuinely national players in the platform rental market in Germany.

Maarten Mijnlief, currently joint Managing Director of Gardemann and CEO designate of Lavendon's combined German operations, said, "We have believed for some time that the German access market would benefit substantially from consolidation and were determined to play a role in that process. I am delighted that we have been able to take Gardemann into the Lavendon Group family, as I believe we are ideally positioned to gain a relevant size enabling us to provide our customers with superior service levels. I am looking forward greatly to the opportunity to lead the Group in Germany through what promises to be a very exciting period in the Group's development."

Lavendon's Chief Executive, Kevin Appleton said, "The acquisition of Gardemann will transform our business in Germany and create a position of clear market leadership at a time when activity levels in the German market are improving for the first time since the market downturn. The strategic and commercial case for combining Zoom and Gardemann is compelling and we look forward to building a strong operating base for future growth."

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