

### **Board Changes**

John Heywood, who has been a non-executive director since the Company's flotation in 1996, has today retired from the Board upon reaching the end of his third term of appointment.

Following John Heywood's retirement, the Board is pleased to announce the appointment of David Hollywood as a non-executive director of the Company with effect from 28 April 2006. David, aged 59 and a Chartered Accountant, has had a wide-ranging international career, culminating in 14 years as a main board director and Chief Executive of the Industrial Services Division of Brammer PLC, from where he retired in 2004.

Commenting on John Heywood's retirement and the appointment of David Hollywood, Lavendon's Chairman, John Gordon, said "The Board wishes John well for the future and thanks him for the significant contribution that he has made to the Group over the past nine years. David's appointment provides the Board with broad operational experience, both in the UK and overseas, which will be a valuable asset for the Group as it enters the next phase of its strategic development."

There are no further details to be disclosed in respect of David Hollywood pursuant to paragraphs LR9.6.13 R of the Listing Rules.

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