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Thomas Cook Group Plc
Harriet Green appointed as Group CEO

Thomas Cook Group plc is delighted to announce today that Harriet Green will succeed Sam Weihagen as Group CEO. Harriet will join the Group and the Board on 30 July 2012 at which time Sam Weihagen will step down from the Board. Sam will remain with the Group until 30 September 2012 to ensure a seamless transition.

Harriet Green is currently CEO of Premier Farnell plc and a non-executive director of BAE Systems plc and the Fortune 200 company, Emerson Electric Co. Harriet has extensive experience of driving business transformation and change programmes globally. At Premier Farnell she has overseen a period of significant strategic change, driving industry leading returns and creating a cost-effective multi-channel operation where the majority of business is now transacted through ecommerce channels. Having lived and worked internationally throughout her career, Harriet believes in building strong, high performance teams and has sustained a focus on execution, operational excellence, employee engagement and innovation.

Frank Meysman, Chairman said:

"I am delighted to be able to announce the appointment of such an exceptional Group CEO. Harriet is an extremely successful executive with the right combination of international, business transformation and ecommerce experience that we need to take the Group forward, and build on our strong reputation and brand. I am confident that she will be an excellent leader for the Group management team as we continue our transformation.

The Board is incredibly grateful to Sam Weihagen for stepping into the role in August last year and providing the Group with the benefit of his experience through a difficult period, putting the Group on a firmer footing. He retires with our very best wishes for the future."

Harriet Green commented:

"Thomas Cook is an iconic brand in the leisure travel industry. I am very excited to be joining the team at this time, to lead the business forward as we rebuild shareholder value through innovation and a sustained focus on the needs of our customers, suppliers and employees."

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