

H.R. OWEN PLC
("the Company")

Listing Rule 9.6 – Directorate Change

As announced at the Annual General Meeting held yesterday, John MacArthur has retired as Chairman and from the Board of H R Owen plc.

The Board would like to thank Mr MacArthur for the outstanding contribution he has made to the Company over many years, and wishes him a long and happy retirement.

The Board is pleased to confirm that Ramon Pajares, who is currently the senior independent director, shall act as Chairman until a new Chairman is found.

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