

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

Listing Rule 9.6 – Board Appointment

The Board of H R Owen plc is pleased to announce the appointment of Adrian Martin as a non-executive director, with effect from 20th July 2010.

Adrian's career includes 30 years of audit and corporate finance experience at BDO Stoy Hayward, where he was Managing Partner from 1992 until 2000. He was appointed as Chief Executive of solicitors Reynolds Porter Chamberlain LLP in 2002, stepping down in May 2008 whilst remaining as a consultant to the firm.

From 2000 to 2002, Adrian acted for a number of public and private companies as chairman, non-executive director and strategic adviser. He has significant experience as a non-executive director of listed companies, having served on the board of Carphone Warehouse Group plc from 2000 to 2008 and the boards of M&C Saatchi plc since 2004, Safestore Holdings plc and Morgan Sindall Group PLC since 2008 and RSM Tenon Group PLC since 2009. At Safestore, Morgan Sindall and RSM Tenon he is the Senior Independent Director. Since 2001 he has been honorary treasurer of the Disasters Emergency Committee, a UK national charity.

Adrian is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and will chair the Board's Audit Committee as well as serving on the Remuneration Committee.

Commenting on the appointment, Jon Walden, Chairman, said:

" I am delighted to welcome Adrian to our Board. He brings extensive non-executive experience working in a range of different environments and I am looking forward to working with him as we reshape the company for growth. "

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