

H.R. OWEN PLC
(“the Company”)

Listing Rule 9.6 – Board Appointment

The Board of H R Owen plc is pleased to announce that Debbie Hewitt has been appointed as a non-executive director with effect from 1st January 2009.

Debbie is also a non-executive director of Mouchel Group plc, the professional support services group, NCC Group plc, the IT consultancy group, Domestic and General Group Holdings Limited, the leading provider of warranties for domestic appliances, and Luminar Group Holdings plc, which is one of the UK’s largest operators of nightclubs. Until recently Debbie was the managing director of RAC plc and she has extensive executive experience in the motor industry.

John MacArthur, Chairman, commented: “Debbie has a wealth of experience in both the motor and other industries, and we are delighted to welcome her as a colleague.”

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