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Mecom Group plc

Mecom further strengthens Board with three new Directors

Mecom Group plc ("Mecom") today announces that it has strengthened its Board further with the appointment of Jan Houwert as Executive Director, and Robert Pieterse and Richard North as non-Executive Directors, effective from 7 November 2007.

Jan Houwert, 58, joins Mecom from Koninklijke Wegener, where he was Chairman of the Management Board, having previously served as Vice-Chairman. Prior to his time at Koninklijke Wegener, he was Managing Director of Oostelijke Dagbladen Combinatie in Enschede. Mr. Houwert has also held various other management positions in the publishing sector.

Robert Pieterse, 65, also joins Mecom from Koninklijke Wegener, where he was on the Supervisory Board. He served as Chief Executive of international multimedia company Wolters Kluwer from 2000 to his retirement in 2003, and, since retirement, has taken on a range of non-Executive Directorships, which currently include Mercurius Groep, Essent, CSM, and Koninklijke Grolsch, and previously included Connexion Holdings. He is also on the Board of VEVO, the association of Dutch listed companies, and EALIC, the European Association of Listed Companies.

Richard North, 57, has wide-ranging experience in international consumer-facing businesses. He has been Chief Executive of Intercontinental Hotels Group and was previously Group Finance Director of Bass plc and The Burton Group Plc. He is currently Chairman of Woolworths Group plc and a non-Executive Director of Majid Al Futtaim Group LLC, while his former directorships include Six Continents Ltd, Mitchells & Butler plc, Logica CMG plc, Britannia Soft Drinks Ltd, Britvic Holdings Ltd, Britvic Soft Drinks Ltd, Orchid Drinks Ltd, Robinsons Soft Drinks Ltd, Six Continents Profit Share Scheme (as Trustee), Six Continents (NAS) Ltd, World Travel and Tourism Council, Leeds United PLC and ASDA Group Plc.

No further information is required to be disclosed under paragraph 17 of the AIM Rules.

David Montgomery, Executive Chairman of Mecom Group, said,

"I am pleased to welcome Jan, Robert and Richard to Mecom. We are fortunate to have gained the services of so experienced an Executive in Jan to help us forge a dynamic operating unit in the Netherlands.

"At the same time, Robert and Richard's role at non-Executives will allow us to leverage their knowledge of international media and consumer businesses as our pan-European group continues to grow and we further improve our services to readers and customers across all platforms."

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About Mecom

Mecom is one of the leading European regional newspaper publishers. The group owns over 100 titles in five countries and publishes approximately 17 million copies a week. Headquartered in London, Mecom manages its operations on a country-by-country basis with each territory headed by a chief executive who reports to David Montgomery. The Group's divisions comprise Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway and Poland.