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RECOMMENDED OFFER BY MECOM FOR ALL WEGENER'S ORDINARY SHARES

PUBLICATION OF PROSPECTUS

Following the joint public announcement dated 17 August 2007 regarding the proposed combination of Mecom Group plc ("Mecom") and Koninklijke Wegener N.V. ("Wegener") by way of an offer by Mecom (the "Offer") for all the issued and outstanding (depository receipts of) ordinary shares in Wegener ("Ordinary Shares") at a price per Ordinary Share (ex dividend) of EUR 17.70 in cash or 14.287 Mecom shares (ex dividend), Mecom announces that it expects the prospectus relating to the Mecom shares to be issued in connection with the Offer (the "Prospectus") to be formally approved by the UK Listing Authority and published today.

It is expected that the Offer will be launched on 28 August 2007 and the offering memorandum setting out the terms and conditions of the Offer (the "Offer Memorandum") will be available on that day.

Further announcements relating to the Offer will be made when appropriate.

CURRENT TRADING

The Prospectus will include an update on current trading, which is set out below.

In the 6 months to 30th June 2007, overall core trading profit was in line with

expectations and ahead of the comparable (pro forma) figures for the prior period. Businesses in Germany, Poland, Holland and Norway are currently performing in line with or ahead of expectations. In Denmark, continued weaker market conditions are being addressed by the recently announced senior management changes. The group's interim results announcement and presentation will take place on 11th September.

This announcement is an advertisement and not a prospectus and investors should not acquire any securities referred to in this announcement except on the basis of information in the Prospectus. Copies of the Prospectus will, following publication, be available at the offices of Mecom, at Empire House, 175 Piccadilly, London, W1J 9EN.

This announcement does not constitute an offer of, or the solicitation of any offer to buy or subscribe for, any securities in Mecom or any securities in Wegener to any person in the United States or in any jurisdiction to whom or in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful and therefore persons into whose possession this press release comes should inform themselves about and observe any such restrictions.

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