

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR RELEASE ON 27 FEBRUARY 2008

Mecom Group plc

Board Changes

Mecom Group plc (“Mecom”) today announces the next stage in its establishment of an appropriate pan-European management structure with the appointment of Keith Allen as Chief Operating Officer for the Group and John Allwood as Group Finance Director, such appointments to take effect from 14 March 2008 although John joins the Board as a director of Mecom with immediate effect. The Group also announces that Jan Houwert is stepping down as Chief Executive of Koninklijke Wegener NV (“Wegener”), but will remain on the Board of Mecom as a non executive director.

Keith Allen joined Mecom in 2004 and was appointed Group Finance Director in June 2006. Before joining Mecom he worked extensively as a corporate and financial adviser to the media industry. The in-depth operational knowledge he has acquired of all of Mecom’s European businesses during the creation of Mecom Group will see him uniquely placed to support Executive Chairman David Montgomery in the next stage of the Group’s development and, in particular, the further integration of the acquisitions undertaken last year.

John Allwood, who joined Mecom in May 2007 with responsibility for the development of the Group’s enterprise initiatives (which he will retain for a limited period), is a chartered accountant with over thirty years’ financial experience in the media and telecommunications sector. Prior to joining Mecom, John held a number of senior executive positions in the media industry. Having joined the board of the Mirror Group plc in 1992 as Finance Director, he became Chief Executive in the lead up to its merger with Trinity in 1999. Following the merger, he joined France Telecom as Chief Executive of its “Orange” UK operations, before moving to Telegraph Media Group Limited in 2004 as Managing Director. His financial track record and experience of European business will be invaluable to Mecom.

Jan Houwert is stepping down as the Chief Executive Officer of Wegener at the general meeting of the shareholders of Wegener on 8 May 2008. Mr Houwert will remain on the Board of Mecom as a non-executive director, allowing the Group as a whole to benefit from his extensive experience of newspaper publishing. He will also continue to advise the Wegener Board and ensure a smooth transition to his successor, for whom a search process has begun. Mr Houwert’s change of status to non-executive director of Mecom will take effect on 8 May 2008.

As previously announced, Mecom will present its preliminary results for the 12 months ended 31 December 2007 on 13th March 2008.

David Montgomery, Executive Chairman of Mecom, said,

“We are delighted to welcome John to the Board and to continue to benefit from both Jan and Keith’s extensive experience. After a period of rapid growth and the acquisition over two years of businesses in five countries, Mecom’s focus now is on developing and strengthening its position as a major European regional newspaper publishing group and content business. In this we will now benefit not only from Keith’s extensive in depth knowledge of the Group, which he will apply in a commercial and strategic role focusing on optimising Group operations and leading the Group’s M&A activities, but also from John’s substantial financial expertise, allied with the knowledge of Mecom’s operations that he has gained since joining us.

“Having led Wegener for many years, Jan Houwert became an executive Director of Mecom last year. He has assisted us with the integration of Wegener into the Mecom Group and has now decided that it is the right time for him to step down from his executive responsibilities at Wegener. We welcome his decision to remain as a non-executive director of the Group.”

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At the date of his appointment as a director of Mecom Group plc (“Mecom”), Mr John Allwood’s interests in ordinary shares of 0.6085888p each (“shares”) in Mecom comprise:

- an option to acquire 174,419 shares at an exercise price of 86p per share, which was granted on 8 May 2007 and will be exercisable from 8 May 2010; and
- an option to acquire 843,750 shares at an exercise price of 35p per share, which was granted on 10 January 2008 and will be exercisable from 10 January 2011.

During the period of five years preceding his appointment, Mr Allwood was a director of the following companies:

Company name	Registered number	Date of appointment	Date of resignation
INDUSTRY IN EDUCATION LIMITED	2804425	10/09/2001	11/01/2005
ORANGE BRAND SERVICES LIMITED	2266684	13/07/2004	31/10/2004
ORANGE LIMITED	3110666	02/10/2001	31/10/2004
PAPER PURCHASE AND MANAGEMENT LIMITED	4306325	16/12/2004	17/12/2004
TRAFFORD PARK PRINTERS LIMITED	1985540	29/11/2004	07/03/2007
PAPER PURCHASE AND MANAGEMENT LIMITED	4306325	18/01/2005	14/03/2007
TELEGRAPH MEDIA GROUP LIMITED	451593	01/05/2005	28/02/2007
WEST FERRY PRINTERS LIMITED	1997219	07/12/2004	14/03/2007

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

About Mecom

Since its listing on AIM in March 2005, Mecom Group plc has made a number of significant acquisitions of European newspaper publishing businesses. The Group is now one of the largest regional newspaper publishing and content operating businesses in Europe. Headquartered in London, Mecom manages its operations on a country-by-country basis whilst leveraging the depth and experience of its country managers as well as its pan-European scale to strengthen its position in Europe and maximise the value of its content and media assets across all of its platforms.

The Group now owns over 300 titles in its five business divisions, with substantial operations in The Netherlands, Denmark, Norway, Germany and Poland, together publishing approximately 30 million copies a week with approximately 18 million unique website users per month.