News Release

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The Rank Group Plc

Appointment to the Board

The Rank Group Plc ("Rank") announces the appointment of Mr. Richard Greenhalgh to the Board of Rank as a non-executive Director with effect from 1 July 2004. Mr. Greenhalgh will also immediately become a member of Rank's Remuneration Committee.

Mr. Greenhalgh, aged 59, is currently Chairman, Unilever UK, but will be retiring from this position at the end of June 2004. He has held a number of senior positions in a long international career with Unilever.

Alun Cathcart, Chairman of Rank, said "My colleagues and I are delighted to welcome Richard Greenhalgh as a member of the Rank Board. His extensive business experience, and in particular his expertise in human resource issues, will provide a valuable contribution to Rank's affairs and developments".

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Richard Greenhalgh was appointed Chairman of Unilever UK in 1998; a business comprising several large companies and two research laboratories that manufacture some of the UK's best known brands including Dove, Persil, Flora, Knorr, Magnum and Cornetto and which between them generate an annual turnover of approximately £2.5 billion.

He has worked for Unilever for over 30 years, largely in Human Resources, including in Africa and Continental Europe and was previously Deputy Director of Personnel for Unilever plc.

Outside of Unilever, Richard is Chairman of the National College for School Leadership; Chairman of Templeton College Oxford; and President of the British Quality Foundation.

He is also Chairman of the CBI Pensions Strategy Committee, a member of the UK Governing Body of the International Chamber of Commerce, the CBI President's Committee, a Trustee of the Council for Industry and Higher Education and on the Board of the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority.