Rank Group

News Release

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The Rank Group Plc trading update
48 weeks to 25th November 2005

Since the half-year, the trading performance of the group has followed similar trends to those witnessed in the first half. Revenues are up year-on-year, but operating costs are higher and sportsbook margins remain weak. As a consequence we expect adjusted profit before tax for continuing operations to be slightly lower than in 2004.

Gaming

In Mecca UK, revenue for the year to date is broadly flat, driven by 6% growth in spend per head and a 6% fall in admissions. Operating margin remains under pressure from labour and energy related cost inflation. Top Rank Espana, the Spanish bingo operation, continues to deliver steady growth.

In Grosvenor Casinos, we have generated 3% growth in revenue for the year-to-date, with admissions up 9% but handle per head down 7%. Revenue growth has accelerated since the start of October as a result of higher admissions and increased contributions from slot machines. However, it is too early to ascribe with precision how much of this may be driven by the changes in gambling regulations, due to current levels of promotional activity in the business.

Since the half-year we have secured a licence for a new casino in Stockton-on-Tees, bringing the total of new licences granted this year to six. Applications are in place for a further four casinos.

Blue Square's performance has stabilised following a weak first half. In sports betting, win margins remain down year on year but we are generating strong customer and volume growth in on-line gaming, largely from our casino, poker room and bingo products.

Hard Rock

At Hard Rock we have generated 4% growth year-to-date in like-for-like sales (company-owned operations only) with food and beverage up 5% and merchandise ahead by 1%. Strong trading at the relocated Hard Rock Cafe New York (which opened in September) contributed to this performance.

Hard Rock Casinos and Hard Rock Hotels continue to drive revenue growth within franchised operations, albeit at a slower rate than in the first half (which benefited from the year-on-year impact of the opening of the Seminole casinos in May 2004).

Deluxe Film

Deluxe Film has performed well, with Film Laboratories delivering year-on-year growth in footage processed and distributed. Creative Services continues to be the main driver of profit growth and is well positioned to take advantage of developments in the digital sector of the market.

Sale of Deluxe Film and sale of Deluxe Media Services

We are making steady progress with the planned sales of both Deluxe Film and Deluxe Media Services. We have preferred but not exclusive bidders for each business.

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