News Release

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Rank appoints new Chairman

The Rank Group Plc ("Rank" or "the Group") is pleased to announce the appointment of Peter Johnson as Chairman, to succeed Alun Cathcart who retires from the Board at the end of February 2007.

Currently Peter Johnson is chairman of Inchcape plc and a non-executive director of Bunzl plc. He will join the Board as Deputy Chairman from 1 January 2007 and becomes Chairman on 1 March 2007.

Alun Cathcart has been Chairman of the Group for almost six years. Under his chairmanship, Rank has transformed itself from a broad-based conglomerate into a focused gaming and leisure business.

Ian Burke, Chief Executive of Rank said: "On behalf of the Board I wish to thank Alun for the leading role that he has played in re-shaping The Rank Group. Under his guidance the Group has sold a number of non-core businesses and established a leading position in the UK gaming sector.

"Rank is entering a new phase in its development, adapting to the range of social, regulatory and legislative influences that are changing the UK gaming market. Peter Johnson's depth of retail experience and his proven qualities of leadership are of great importance to the Group as we seek to grasp the opportunities and to overcome the challenges presented by our changing business environment."

Rank confirms that there is no information to be disclosed under the requirements of Listing Rule 9.6.13R in relation to this appointment. Peter Johnson does not have any interest in the shares of The Rank Group Plc.

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About The Rank Group Plc

The Rank Group is a leading leisure and gaming group with operations and franchise interests in more than 40 countries around the globe. In 2005 Rank generated revenue from continuing businesses of £810.3m and operating profit of £127.5m.

Rank's businesses include a number of established brands in gaming and leisure. These include Mecca Bingo, Top Rank Espana, Grosvenor Casinos, Blue Square and Hard Rock.

About Peter Johnson

Peter Johnson, age 59, is chairman of Inchcape plc. He joined Inchcape in 1995 as Chief Executive of Inchcape Motors Retail and became Chief Executive of Inchcape Motors International in 1996. He joined the Inchcape Board in January 1998 before becoming Group Chief Executive on 1 July 1999 until 31 December 2005 and Non-executive Chairman on 1 January 2006. He was appointed as a Non-executive Director of Bunzl plc on 1 January 2006 and Director and Chairman of Automotive Skills Limited in October 2003. He is a Vice President of IMI (The Institute of the Motor Industry) and was previously Sales and Marketing Director of the Rover Group, and Chief Executive of the Marshall Group. Peter was also a non-executive Director of Wates Group Limited from September 2002 to April 2006.