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Peter Johnson to retire as non-executive chairman

The Rank Group Plc ('Rank' or 'the Group') announces that Peter Johnson has informed the board that, for personal reasons, he wishes to retire as non-executive chairman following the appointment of a successor. Peter Johnson has requested Richard Greenhalgh, Rank's senior independent director, to lead the search for a new independent chairman. A further announcement will be made when a successor has been identified and the date of appointment of Mr Johnson's successor agreed.

Peter Johnson joined the board of Rank on 1 January 2007 and became chairman on 1 March 2007.

Peter Johnson said: "When I joined the board of Rank, it was in its first year of operating as a focused gaming business. At that time the Group faced a number of challenges, most notably the British smoking ban. The Group successfully overcame the near-term issues facing its businesses in 2007 and is now delivering strong growth in earnings. Rank has a clear strategy to drive its businesses forward and I have great confidence in the management team and in the prospects for the Group."

Richard Greenhalgh, Rank's senior independent director, said: "Peter has been an outstanding chairman over the past four years. On behalf of the board of Rank I would like to thank him for his commitment and hard work. Whilst we understand and respect his decision, the board is extremely sorry to see him go."

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