Rank Group

# News Release

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**Rank Group Plc trading update**
**25 weeks to 24 June 2007**

The Rank Group has maintained its solid start to the year, delivering 5% growth in like-for-like revenue for the first 25 weeks. All of our businesses grew like-for-like revenue against the same period in 2006. As a result of this revenue performance and of the cost saving measures introduced last year, the group delivered strong growth in operating profit in the period. However, as stated previously, the impact of changes to casino taxation and the anticipated effects of the smoking ban in England are likely to hold back profit performance in the second half of the year.

| | Like-for-like revenue (adjusted for club openings, disposals & closures) | Total revenue |
|---|---|---|
| Mecca Bingo | 1% | (2)% |
| Top Rank Espana | 3% | 3% |
| Grosvenor Casinos | 4% | 0% |
| Blue Square | 37% | 37% |
| Group | 5% | 2% |

**Mecca Bingo**

Mecca Bingo grew like-for-like revenue by 1% with a 7% increase in spend per head and a 5% decline in admissions. Our clubs in England and Wales grew like-for-like revenue by 3% with spend per head up 7% and admissions down 3%.

In Scotland, where we operate 14 clubs, Mecca Bingo's like-for-like revenue declined 10% since the start of 2007, with 3% growth in spend per head only partly off-setting a 13% decline in admissions. In the 12-week period from the end of March (which marked the anniversary of the ban's introduction in 2006) the rate of revenue decline slowed to 1%, and in recent weeks we have begun to see some early signs of recovery.

In Wales, where we operate three clubs, we have seen revenue fall by 5% on a like-for-like basis since the introduction of a smoking ban on 2 April 2007.

**Top Rank Espana**

Top Rank Espana, our Spanish bingo clubs business grew revenue by 3% as it continued to recover from the effects of the partial smoking ban introduced in 2006.

**Grosvenor Casinos**

Grosvenor Casinos grew like-for-like revenue by 4% with a 5% increase in spend per head and a 1% decline in admissions. This performance reflects a return to growth in admissions since the start of the second quarter (as we anticipated at the time of our AGM trading statement in May) and an acceleration in revenue growth. However, the impact of changes to casino gaming duty, which were implemented on 1 April 2007, diluted the business's profit growth in the period.

**Blue Square**

Blue Square maintained its strong rate of revenue growth with continued good performances in both gaming and in sportsbook.

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