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The Rank Group Plc**Alun Cathcart to retire as non-executive Chairman**

The Rank Group Plc ('Rank' or 'the Group') announces that Alun Cathcart is to retire as non-executive Chairman following the appointment of a successor. The Group has commenced the search for his successor and expects to conclude this process by the time of its 2007 Annual General Meeting.

Alun Cathcart joined Rank as Chairman in May 2001. He has overseen a period of transformation as Rank has exited a number of non-core businesses to focus on building strong positions in gaming and leisure.

Alun Cathcart said: "Rank is now emerging from a period of transition with a clear strategy to drive the business forward. I have great confidence in the management team and in the prospects for the Group."

Ian Burke, Chief Executive of Rank, said: "Alun has led the board of Rank with distinction over the past five years, playing a major role in the transformation of the Group from a diversified leisure conglomerate to a focused gaming and leisure business. On behalf of the board of Rank I would like to thank him for his commitment and hard work."

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Notes to Editors**Biography of Alun Cathcart**

Alun Cathcart is Chairman of Avis Europe plc and Palletways Group Limited. He first joined Avis Europe in 1980, and as Chief Executive led the company through two successful flotations, in 1986 and 1997. He became a non-executive director of Emap plc in June 2005 and was appointed Chairman in July 2006.