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Nichols plc

BOARD APPOINTMENT

Nichols plc, the soft drinks group, announces that **Mr John Longworth** (aged 52) has been appointed to the Board as a Non-Executive Director.

John is currently a Non-Executive Director of the Cooperative Group and is also a Competition Commission panel member. He has a strong background and extensive experience in FMCG and the retail sector, as well as building strong brands on an international scale. Previous roles have included being a Main Board Director of Asda and a Director of Tesco Stores.

John will be replacing current Non-Executive Director **Jonathan Diggines**. Jonathan, who is Chief Executive of Enterprise Ventures has served since 1995, and is stepping down to enable the Board to be refreshed in line with ~~Best Practice~~

Nichols plc wishes to place on record its sincere thanks to Jonathan, who has been an excellent member of the Board and whose wise and valuable counsel has been much appreciated over the years.

Commenting John Nichols, Non Executive Chairman, said:

~~We~~ are absolutely delighted to have attracted someone of John's calibre to our Board. He brings with him a vast wealth of relevant experience that will help take us onto our next level of development and growth.

~~We~~ would also like to express our profound gratitude to Jonathan for all the help and guidance he has provided to me personally and to the Board over many years. He has made an enormous contribution and helped shape us into the strong and profitable Group we are today.

Notes:

Current directorships for John Longworth:
Co-Operative Group Non-Executive Director
Barts Hospitals Trust Executive Director
SVA Ltd (professional services business) Chairman

Previous directorships for John Longworth:
Tesco plc
York Hospitals Foundation Trust . Non Executive Director

There are no further matters in connection with the appointment of John Longworth that need to be disclosed under Schedule Two paragraph (g) of the AIM Rules.

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Notes to Editors:

Nichols plc is a highly focused soft drinks and dispensed cold drinks business, comprising two operations:

1. **Soft Drinks** (sales and marketing of the **Vimto** brand throughout the world, where it is now available in over 65 countries and of the **Panda & Sunkist** brands in the UK) and
2. **Dispense Operation** (namely the **Cabana, Beacon, Cariel, Ben Shaws** (dispense) & **Dayla** soft drinks on draught ~~dispense~~ businesses)