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Legal Deposit Advisory Panel – Independent Member Appointments

Rickie Sehgal and **Judith Sullivan** have been appointed as Independent Members of the Legal Deposit Advisory Panel. Their four year terms of appointment will run from 27 November 2008 to 26 November 2012.

Rickie Sehgal is the CEO of Transputec Computers plc, an innovative IT solutions company he established in 1984. He is a Computer Science graduate from London University with over 26 years of experience in the information technology sector. Rickie is the founder of Global Reach, a joint venture of companies with partners throughout Asia, the UK, Europe and the US who benefit from multi-national collaboration to deliver complex international technology solutions. In 2005 he received the Non-Resident Indian Institute's prestigious Pride of India Award for business excellence - in recognition for his achievements in building economic and technology ties with India. An active member of the Asian community, Rickie Sehgal is Secretary General of the British Asian Conservative Link which encourages and supports greater political involvement among British Asians. He is also an executive member of the Council of Ethnic Minority Voluntary Organisations (CEMVO) who are committed to extending opportunities to people from the most disadvantaged communities in the UK, providing a voice for the minority ethnic voluntary and community sector. Rickie is a senior executive of the Hindu Forum of Britain which is the voice of UK Hindus to government, media and commerce. He has played a key role in organising the 2005 and 2006 Diwali in London celebration in Trafalgar square in collaboration with the Mayor of London's office which has now become a landmark event in London's festival calendar.

Judith Sullivan is an Independent Consultant on Copyright and Public Affairs. Prior to that she had worked for many years on IP policy development for the UK Government. Most recently she led the team responsible for delivering legislative changes to patents law in 2004 but prior to that in 2003 was Head of Copyright in the Intellectual Property and Innovation Directorate at the Patent Office as the UK implemented the EU Directive on copyright in the information society. She joined the Patent Office in 1975 after a period working for Glaxo Pharmaceuticals as a research chemist, starting as a Patent Examiner before becoming Assistant Director of the Copyright Directorate in 1996. Judith Sullivan has not carried out any political activity in the last five years.

Notes to Editors:

1. LDAP was set up to advise the Secretary of State on the implementation of the Legal Deposit Libraries Act 2003. The 2003 Act defines the deposit regime for print works in the six legal deposit libraries (the British Library; the National Library of Wales; the National Library of Scotland; the Bodleian Library, Oxford; the University Library, Cambridge; and the Library of Trinity College, Dublin), but it is generic in relation to non-print publications, allowing for all current and future non-print works to potentially be included in the Act through regulations.



2. These appointments have been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.