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UK FILM COUNCIL REAPPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS

James Purnel, Minister for the Creative Industries and Tourism, has reappointed Nigel Green and Stephen Knibbs to the UK Film Council for second terms. The appointments will be for four years commencing 7 October 2005.

Biographical details

Nigel Green has long experience in film distribution. He is Chief Executive of Entertainment Film Distributors which is the most successful British distributor in the country in an industry dominated by American distributors. In 2005 Entertainment has already taken over £62 million at the UK box office. In addition to promoting and distributing international productions such as *Lord of the Rings*, *Million Dollar Baby* and the forthcoming Ang Lee film *Brokeback Mountain*, Entertainment has also handled many UK films including *Ladies in Lavender*, *Valiant* and *Phantom of the Opera*.

Mr Green holds no other public appointment and has undertaken no significant political activity in the last five years.

Stephen Knibbs is Chief Operating Officer at Vue Entertainment which bought the former Warner Village UK cinema circuit in 2003. Prior to that he spent 16 years at UCI Cinema working at various positions finishing as Senior Vice President for Northern Europe. He also sits on the Board of the Cinema Exhibitors Association.

Mr Knibbs holds no other public appointment and has undertaken no significant political activity in the last five years.

Notes to editors

The UK Film Council is the lead agency for film in the UK ensuring that the economic, cultural and educational aspects of film are effectively represented at home and abroad. It invests Government grant-in-aid and Lottery money in film development and production; distribution and exhibition; training and skills; life-long learning; and cinema heritage. It is Chaired by Stewart Till CBE.

The posts are not remunerated, though reasonable expenses may be claimed.

Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.