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Marie Stevens is appointed as a Trustee of the Royal Armouries

David Lammy, Minister for Culture, announced today that Mrs Marie Stevens has been appointed as a Trustee of the Royal Armouries. Her term of appointment will run from 19 September 2005 to 18 September 2009.

Biographical notes

An experienced businesswoman and lawyer, Mrs Stevens is an expert on governance and regulation of the gambling industry. Appointed non-executive Chairman of 888.com in 2005, Marie helped steer this fast-growing international business to its London Stock Exchange IPO. Mrs Stevens served as a member of the Gaming Board for Great Britain between 1999 and 2003 and also co-founded Corporate Mosaic Limited and Gambling Governance Limited. Her legal career has included running a specialist solicitor's practice before becoming General Counsel for Ladbroke and Hilton Group plc from 1987 to 1997. Marie has also acted as consultant to Harris Hagan, Goldsmiths, Colgate-Palmolive Limited and TIL (Medical) Limited. Marie Stevens is a non-executive director of BetForum Limited. She has no undertaken any political activity in the last five years.

Background

The Royal Armouries cares for the national collection of arms and armour. It has a major museum at Leeds in addition to its traditional base at the Tower of London and the Museum of Artillery at Fort Nelson near Portsmouth. It promotes in the UK and worldwide the knowledge, appreciation and public enjoyment of arms and armour and of the Tower, through the collections of the museum and the expertise of staff, by making objects available for study, and by research and work to expand, care for, preserve, document and exhibit its collections.

Royal Armouries Trustees have a corporate responsibility for ensuring that the Royal Armouries fulfils its aims and objectives, particularly its duty to care for the national collection of arms and armour in the museum at Leeds, the Tower of London and the Museum of Artillery at Fort Nelson, near Portsmouth, and its role in promoting the knowledge, appreciation and public enjoyment of arms and armour in the UK and worldwide.

Trustees give their services on an honorary basis and receive no remuneration, except for expenses reasonably incurred in the performance of their duties.

This appointment has 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.