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## **Non-Executive Director reappointments at the Tote**

Gerry Sutcliffe has reappointed Mrs Noel Harwerth and Ian Good CBE as Non-Executive Directors of the Horserace Totalisator Board (known as the Tote). Their second terms will run from 16 January 2008 until 15 January 2010.

### **Noel Harwerth**

Mrs Harwerth is Non-Executive Partnership Director of London Underground, serving on the boards of private sector companies such as Tubelines and Metronet. She is also Deputy Chairman of Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (Europe), and a Non-Executive Director of Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Group plc and Logica CMG. She has a lifelong interest in horses and racing.

### **Ian Good CBE**

Mr Good is Chairman of the Edrington Group, a premier league distiller with numerous brands including Famous Grouse. He is a chartered accountant who began his career with Price Waterhouse. He is also Chairman of Hamilton Park Racecourse, of the Robertson Trust, and of Scottish Racing Marketing Ltd. He is a Steward of The Jockey Club.

### **Background**

The Tote is a statutory authority, which was first established as the Racecourse Betting Control Board by the Racecourse Betting Act 1928. It was founded to enable racegoers to bet by means of a totalisator (i.e. horserace pool betting) for which it has the exclusive licence; and to raise money for racing.

It was given its present official name (the Horserace Totalisator Board) in 1961, but has always been known as the Tote. Since 1972, the Tote has also had the authority to conduct a fixed odds betting business and now competes widely in the bookmaking market.

A diverse and modern betting business with racecourse, pool, retail, telephone and internet divisions, the Tote's exclusive horserace pool betting operation is available in over 8,000 of the country's 9,000 betting shops and at each of Britain's 59 racecourses. This contributes to a turnover of more than £2.4 billion a year allowing British horseracing to benefit from direct payments of £11.2m in 2006-7.

Appointments to the Tote are made by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. All public appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the appointment process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for appointees' political activity (if any declared) to be made public. Ms Harwerth and Mr Good have declared no political activity. Non-executive Directors are offered £11,589 per year in remuneration.

The current Tote Board Directors are:

Peter Jones (Chairman)

Executive Directors

Trevor Beaumont

Carol Thompson

Joe Scanlon

Non-executive Directors

Leonard Cowburn

Paul Darling QC

Ian Good CBE

Noel Harwerth

Sir Eric Parker

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