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UK FILM COUNCIL REAPPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Andy Burnham, the Culture Secretary, today announced that Stewart Till has been reappointed as Chairman to the board of the UK Film Council for a second term. The appointment will be for one year commencing 30 July 2008.

Biographical details

Stewart Till was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of UIP from 2003 - 2006, the world's largest film distribution company, with offices in 35 countries, and was responsible for the international theatrical distribution of Paramount, Universal and Dreamworks' films. Previously Till was President of London-based PolyGram Filmed Entertainment, acquired by Seagram's Universal in 1999. Till joined PFE at its inception in 1992 and played an integral part in building the company into the first fully integrated global producer and distributor of films in 60 years. During his time with PFE, Till oversaw the international marketing and distribution of successful films such as *Notting Hill*, *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, *Bean* and *Sleepers*. He was responsible for acquiring films such as *Trainspotting*, *The Usual Suspects* and *Angela's Ashes*. Stewart Till is Deputy Chair of Skillset. He is also Vice-Chairman of Millwall Football Club. He is a trustee of the UK National Film and Television School Foundation and he co-chaired the Government's Film Policy Review Group with Film Minister, Tom Clarke CBE MP, advising then Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, Chris Smith. He also co-chaired the Action Committee with Minister for Film, Janet Anderson MP. Stewart Till was honoured with a CBE during the New Years Honours 2000.

Notes to editors

1. 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.
2. The post is not remunerated, though reasonable expenses may be claimed.
3. This reappointment 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. Stewart Till has not carried out any political activity in the last five years