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Horserace Totalisator Board: Appointment of Mark McCafferty

Mark McCafferty has been appointed as a Non-executive Director of the Horserace Totalisator Board ("the Tote"). His term of appointment will be three years from 23 February 2009, or until the Tote is sold.

Mr McCafferty has been Chief Executive of Premier Rugby Ltd since 2005, and is also a Board Director of European Rugby Cup Ltd. He has substantial experience with a number of well-known consumer brands in the leisure and sports fields. He was the Chief Executive at Avis Europe plc from 1999-2003, and previously its Group Managing Director. Between 1987 and 1998 he held a succession of Chief Operating Officer and Managing Director roles at Thomas Cook Group Ltd. He has also been a Non-executive Director of HMV Group plc (2002-2007) and Umbro plc (2004-2008).

Background

1. The Horserace Totalisator Board is a non-departmental public body founded to enable racegoers to bet by means of a totalisator (pool betting) and to raise money for horseracing. It is a statutory authority which was first established, as the Racecourse Betting Control Board, by the Racecourse Betting Act 1928 and given its present official name in 1961, but has always been known as the Tote. A corporate body, it runs in accordance with the provisions of the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 (as amended).
2. The appointment process has followed the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for political activity (if any declared) to be made public. Mr McCafferty has declared no political activity in the last five years.