



16 February 2007

Compass Group PLC: Chairman's AGM Statement

Compass Group PLC holds its Annual General Meeting at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London, at 11am. At this meeting Sir Roy Gardner, Chairman, will provide shareholders with the following update:

Current Trading

"Trading in the first four months of the year has been encouraging and is marginally ahead of expectations.

Ahead of our interim results on 16 May 2007, there will be a pre-close trading update at 7am on 29 March 2007."

Sale of European Vending Business

"On 29 November 2006 we announced our intention to sell Selecta, our European vending business. The sale process is well underway and has generated significant interest. We expect to have completed this transaction by the summer of this year."

Ends

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