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Compass Group PLC Appoints Group's General Counsel and Company Secretary

Compass Group PLC today announces the appointment of Mark White as the Group's General Counsel and Company Secretary. Mark joins the business on 1st June and will report to Richard Cousins, Group Chief Executive, as a member of the Group's Executive Committee and to Chairman, Sir Roy Gardner, as Secretary to the Group Board.

In this new role Mark will be responsible for creating a corporate governance framework that ensures we operate to the highest professional and ethical standards in all governance and commercial matters across the Group. Within this he will provide input into all major company transactions and ensure that we have appropriate processes in place to identify and respond to risks and legal issues.

Mark, a qualified solicitor, has extensive international legal and business experience. He joins us from Wolseley plc, a world leading distributor and supplier of construction materials and services, where he is Group Company Secretary and Counsel. Previously he was Company Secretary at Enterprise Oil plc.

Commenting on the appointment: Richard Cousins, Group Chief Executive of Compass said: "We are very pleased to have appointed Mark, who will further strengthen the management team. He has the experience, which amongst other qualities will be invaluable in our determination to focus on corporate governance across the group".

Commenting on his appointment, Mark said: "I am delighted to be joining the business at this stage of its development and I look forward to working with Richard Cousins and Sir Roy Gardner as well as the other members of the Executive Committee and the Board."

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Notes to Editor:

Mark succeeds Tim Mason who will revert back to his role as Company Secretary for the UK & Ireland business, having done a tremendous job performing both that and the Company Secretary roles for Group for the last 21 months.