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COMPASS GROUP PLC

Board Changes

Compass Group PLC is pleased to announce, with immediate effect, the appointment of Susan Murray as a Non Executive Director of the Company and that Peter Blackburn, who was appointed to the Board in 2002, will retire on 31 October 2007. The appointment forms part of an ongoing review of Board membership to ensure that an appropriate level of independent Non Executive Directors is maintained through orderly succession and without compromising the effectiveness of the Board and its committees.

Susan was a member of the Board of Littlewoods Limited from October 1998 until January 2004, latterly as Chief Executive of Littlewoods Stores Limited.

Prior to joining Littlewoods she was Worldwide President and Chief Executive of The Pierre Smirnoff Company, part of Diageo plc. She is a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, a council member of the Advertising Standards Authority and a Non Executive Director of Enterprise Inns Plc, SSL International PLC, Wm Morrison Supermarkets PLC and Imperial Tobacco PLC. She has also served as a Non Executive Director of Aberdeen Asset Management PLC.

Sir Roy Gardner, Chairman said:

"I am delighted that Susan Murray has agreed to join the Board as a Non Executive Director. Susan has a wealth of experience in high-profile marketing and management roles that will be invaluable to the Board. I would also like to thank Peter Blackburn for his contribution to the deliberations of the Board over the last five years."

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Note to Editors

Compass Group is the world's leading foodservice company. We specialise in providing food, vending and related services on our clients' premises and we generated annual revenues of around £11 billion in the year to 30 September 2006. The company operates across the following core sectors of Business and Industry (B&I), Defence, Offshore & Remote Site, Healthcare, Education, Sports & Leisure and Vending with an established brand portfolio. For more information visit www.compass-group.com.

There are no matters which require disclosure in respect of Ms Murray in accordance with LR 9.6.13 (2) to (6).

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